

The **Link Checker** tool can be used to validate all the external links in your Blackboard course site to ensure that there are web pages associated with the listed URLs. The **Link Checker** will display all broken links so that you may modify or delete them. Since external web sites can be deleted or moved without your knowledge, we recommend running the **Link Checker** periodically to keep your links up to date.

To use the **Link Checker** tool, follow the instructions below:

1. Login to your Blackboard course site and go to the **Control Panel**.
2. Click on **Link Checker** (under **Course Tools**).

<a href="#">Course Information</a>		<b>Assessment</b>
<a href="#">Course Materials</a>		<a href="#">Test Manager</a>
		<a href="#">Survey Manager</a>
		<a href="#">Pool Manager</a>
		<a href="#">Course Statistics</a>
		<b>Help</b>
		<a href="#">Support</a>
		<a href="#">Manual</a>
<b>Course Tools</b>		
<a href="#">Announcements</a>	<a href="#">Advanced Group Management</a>	
<a href="#">Staff Information</a>	<a href="#">SafeAssign</a>	
<a href="#">Send Email</a>	<a href="#">Configure Wiki Tool</a>	
<a href="#">Discussion Board</a>	<a href="#">Assess Wikis</a>	
<a href="#">Collaboration</a>	<a href="#">Recycle Wikis</a>	
<a href="#">Blackboard Scholar®</a>	<a href="#">Manage Podcast</a>	
<a href="#">Self and Peer Assessment</a>	<a href="#">Configure Blog Tool</a>	
<a href="#">Link Checker</a>	<a href="#">Recycle Blogs</a>	

3. The **Link Checker** will automatically begin checking all the external links in your course site, listing each link and where on the course site it is located. If a link is valid, **Link Checker** places a green check mark in the **Valid** column. If a link is no longer valid, a red cross appears in the **Valid** column

2 Examining Links						
Title	URL	Location	Availability	Valid	Hide	
edublogs.org	<a href="http://edublogs.org/">http://edublogs.org/</a>	<a href="#">Bookmarking</a>	Visible	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	
The Fischbowl	<a href="http://thefischbowl.blogspot.com/">http://thefischbowl.blogspot.com/</a>	<a href="#">Bookmarking</a>	Visible	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Blog'Whats	<a href="http://davidwarlick.com/2cents/2006/06/29/blogwhats-in-gaston-county/">http://davidwarlick.com/2cents/2006/06/29/blogwhats-in-gaston-county/</a>	<a href="#">Bookmarking</a>	Visible	✗	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Students Reflect on Blogging	<a href="http://remoteaccess.typepad.com/remote_access/2006/06/students_reflec.html">http://remoteaccess.typepad.com/remote_access/2006/06/students_reflec.html</a>	<a href="#">Bookmarking</a>	Visible	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	

If an invalid link is encountered, you can hide the link by checking the **Hide** check box, or you can modify the link by clicking on the **Location** link to navigate directly to the content area within Blackboard with the broken link. Hiding the link does not remove it from the content area. The tool just makes the link **unavailable** to students.

4. Click the **Submit** button. Click the **OK** button to return to the **Control Panel**.

If you have further questions or need assistance, please email [bb@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:bb@hunter.cuny.edu) or contact the [Technology Resource Center](#) (C104 Hunter North) at 212-650-3358.