

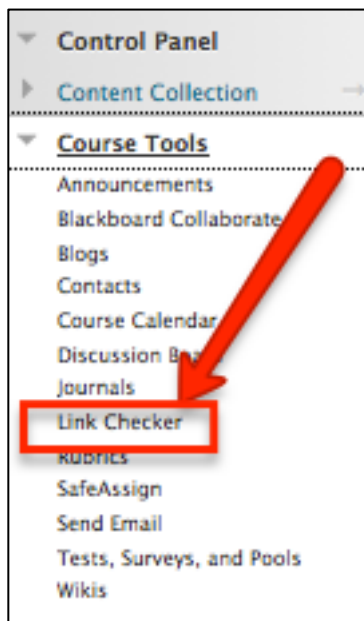
# Link Checker

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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 can 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 **Course Tools** and then **Link Checker**.



- The **Link Checker** will automatically begin checking all the external links in your course site, listing each link and where in 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 If a link is no longer valid, a red cross appears in the **Valid** column.

### External Links Validator

*This tool verifies that the links within course are valid.  
To disable a link, simply check the box in the "Hide" column of the Link you wish to hide.  
To make a link visible again, modify the individual item by navigating to the relevant course content area.*

*Note: This tool does not remove the link; it just makes it invisible to the users.  
It may take a few moments to verify the integrity of all of the links. Please be patient.*

#### 1. Examining Links

Title	URL	Location	Availability	Valid	Hide
Hunter College Library	<a href="http://library.hunter.cuny.edu/">http://library.hunter.cuny.edu/</a>	Course Information	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.

- Click the **Submit** button to save any changes. Click the **Cancel** button to return go back.

If you have further questions, faculty members can email [bb@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:bb@hunter.cuny.edu) or contact the [Technology Resource Center](#) at 212-650-3358 and students can contact the Student Help Desk at (212) 650-EMAIL (3624) or [studenthelpdesk@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:studenthelpdesk@hunter.cuny.edu) .