Writing Links in Comments

A common frustration for commenters is how do you write links in comments on blog posts.

Inserting links in posts ([http://help.edublogs.org/2009/07/29/how-to-insert-links-in-your-post/](http://help.edublogs.org/2009/07/29/how-to-insert-links-in-your-post/)) is relatively easy because your Visual Editor provides an Insert/Edit Link button but this tool isn’t available for writing comments on posts. This is where a basic knowledge of HTML helps because you use HTML to write links in comments.

Here is an example of a comment that has use HTML to create a link:

![Comment Example](image)

What is HTML?

HTML is short for “Hyper Text Markup Language” which is a language used to tell a browser how to organise the layout of a web page it has downloaded from the Internet. It influences if text is bold, italics, a heading, bullet points.

When you write a post or page inside your blog dashboard you don’t worry HTML because the Visual Editor does it for you. If you click on the HTML tab it shows the HTML code in your text.

Here is the HTML you use to write links:

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<a href="http://theedublogger.edublogs.org">check out The Edublogger</a>
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Make sure you close the tag with `</a>` and enclose the website URL with quotation marks (needs to look like this “http://theedublogger.edublogs.org/”)

Please note:

- If you write several links in a blog comment it may be held in moderation for the blogger to approve – this is done to minimise people writing spam comments
- While Edublogs blogs allow you to use HTML in comments there are some blog platforms that don’t allow HTML