

Link Confirmation for DNN

Administrators Guide

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The Purpose of This Document

This document serves as an administrators guide to the Link Confirmation module. Care should be taken when using this module to ensure security context is validated to prevent unauthorized access. Should assistance be needed please do not hesitate to contact us.

Document Revision History

Revision Date	Provider Version	Minimum DNN Version	Notes
2/17/2012	01.00.00	6.x	Initial module and documentation release
5/11/2015	01.00.00	6.x	Updated for new document format

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Link Confirmation Overview

The Link Disclaimer module is a fully featured module allowing you to inject a confirmation page when redirecting users to locations outside of your site. With an easy setup process that allows you to manage links to external destinations you can not only configure the confirmation, but you can easily change the target of existing links in a central location without searching your entire site to find the items to correct.

Key Features

The following attributes list the high-level features of the current module release.

- Centralized administration of all links for a Portal from a single location
- Fully customizable header to accommodate even the most lengthy legal disclaimers
- Fully compatible with DNN 6.x and later UI styles
- Link destinations can be changed without changing links on a particular page

Pre-Requisites for Use

The Link Confirmation Module requires usage with DNN Version 06.00.00 or later and Microsoft SQL Server 2005 or later.



Module Installation and Configuration

Installation & configuration of the module is a simple process. Before starting we strongly recommend taking a complete database & website backup should any errors be encountered.

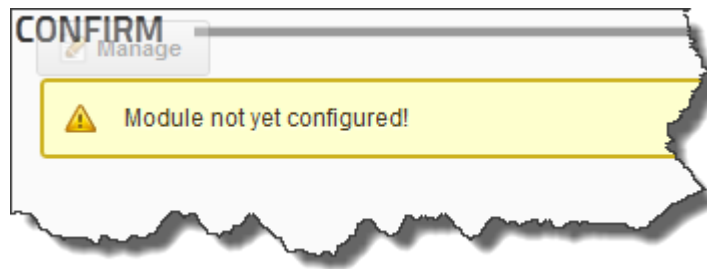
Once installed the initial setup involves setting the destination page to confirm prior to the users navigating to the external link. Additionally links can be managed.

Installing to DNN

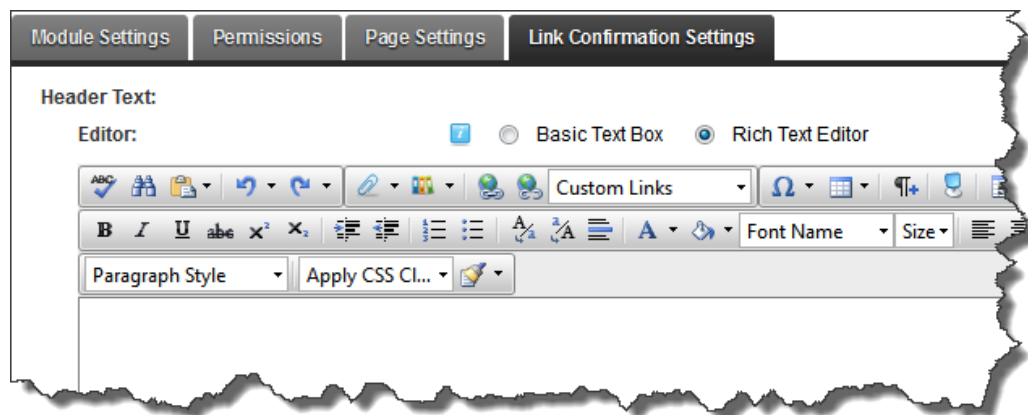
Base installation follows standard DNN module installation steps. When logged in as a "Host" user navigate to "Host" -> "Extensions" and use the "Install Extension" option to browse to the _install.zip file.

Initial Module Configuration

Once the module has been installed, create a new page within DNN to be used as the "Exit" page for the site. This is the page that will show users the notice prior to navigating to the other location. Once the page is created you may add the "IP Based Auto Login" module to the page and the following display will appear.



Using the standard DNN Action menu process navigate to the settings for the module where you will see an interface similar to the following.



Within this editor you supply the content that is displayed to the user when they are preparing to leave your website to navigate to the external resource. Within this editor you may use the following special token values.



Token	Replacement Value
[DESTINATION]	The URL destination for the user to be taken to.
[LINKNAME]	The administration "Friendly Name" as defined when creating the link

This completes the standard configuration.

Managing Outbound Links

Once the module is properly configured using the steps above, a new "Action Menu" item for Manage Links will become visible. Selecting this link will display the following:

MANAGE LINKS

Existing Links

Link Id	Link Destination	Link Name		
2	http://www.dotnetnuke.com	DotNetNuke	Edit	Delete
1	http://www.google.com	Google	Edit	Delete

Add/Edit Link

Link URL:

Link Name:

Using this screen you see all existing links as well as adding a new link, these link definitions are what can be used to link the users to the external sites. This administration process allows you to have central management of all link assets making changes of destinations a breeze in the future.

Each link is comprised of the target URL which must be a full URL starting with http:// or https:// and a "Link Name". The link name is to make it easier for you to manage/identify links when generating links.

Once all of your links have been added you can return to the main module view to generate the link for usage across the site.

NOTE: The link definition here is global and allows you the ability to change links in the future without any risk of causing issues to links on content pages.



Generating Links to Destination

Now that you have defined links for navigation, the final step is to generate the link that can be used across the rest of the site. To do this while you are logged in with edit rights a new "Link Builder" section will appear within the module such as the following.

CONFIRM Manage

Link Builder

Select a link below and click "Generate" to see how to link users to the location.

Link:

Generated Link: http://localhost/dnntest/GettingStarted/tabid/55/link/2/Default.aspx

Simply select the link you would like to generate and then select "Generate Link" to build the proper link. Once created simply copy the value displayed after Generated Link you can use this to link users to the environment.

End-User Experience

After properly establishing a link within your web application when followed by a user they will see the following simple interface.

CONFIRM Manage

You are about to leave our site and go to <http://www.dotnetnuke.com>.
(Ok for yes, Cancel to return to previous page)

The two lines of text here are examples of the text configured under "Settings". The OK and Cancel buttons are automatic. When selecting OK they will be taken to the final location, when selecting cancel the user is returned to prior page.



Support & Contact

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