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External Link Plugin

This plugin adds a visual indicator to external links, so users can distinguish outgoing links from site links.

This will only work for forced links marked up using the so-called double bracket syntax, like:

```
[[http://external.site][an external site]]
```

URLs that are just written in as http://external.site are left untouched.

Syntax Rules

Remember to use the double bracket link syntax.

Plugin Settings

Change default settings in configure.

Configure setting	Meaning	Default
`{MarkerImage}`	link marker image; see below for a list of images	
`{CssOnly}`	If set to `1`, does not add an image but writes CSS to the page; use if your users have modern browsers	0
`{Debug}`	If set to `1`, writes debugging info to `data/debug.txt`	0

Marker images

Code text	Image
`%PUBURLPATH%/%SYSTEMWEB%/ExternalLinkPlugin/external.gif`	
`%PUBURLPATH%/%SYSTEMWEB%/ExternalLinkPlugin/diagonal.gif`	

CSS Classes

This plugin adds one CSS class:

`.externalLink`	link class to mark outgoing links

Plugin Installation Instructions

You do not need to install anything in the browser to use this extension. The following instructions are for the administrator who installs the extension on the server.

Open configure, and open the "Extensions" section. Use "Find More Extensions" to get a list of available extensions. Select "Install".

If you have any problems, or if the extension isn't available in `configure`, then you can still install manually from the command-line. See http://foswiki.org/Support/ManuallyInstallingExtensions for more help.

Testing your installation

To test if the plugin is correctly installed, check the following links.

The links in the "If plugin enabled"-column should be marked with a marker if the plugin is functioning correctly.

Code text	If plugin enabled
`[[http://foswiki.org][foswiki.org]]`	foswiki.org

Unsurprisingly, local links won't be marked as being external. The following links should not be marked:

Code text	If plugin enabled
`[[%ATTACHURL%/bli.png][link to (nonexistent) local attachment]]`	link to (nonexistent) local attachment

Plugin Info

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