

URL (Uniform Resource Locator)

Uniform Resource Locator is a compact string of characters used to represent a resource available on the Internet. In popular usage and many technical documents, it is a synonym for [Uniform Resource Identifier \(URI\)](#).

Every URL begins with the scheme name that defines its namespace, purpose, and the syntax of the remaining part of the URL. Most Web-enabled programs will try to dereference a URL according to the semantics of its scheme and a context-vbn. For example, a Web browser will usually dereference a <https://example.org/> by performing an HTTP request to the host example.org, at the default HTTP port (see Port 80). Dereferencing the URL bob@example.com will usually start an email composer with the address bob@example.com in the *To* field.

example.com is a domain name; an IP address or other network address might be used instead. In addition, URLs that specify https as a scheme (such as <https://example.com/>) normally denote a secure web site.

The hostname portion of a URL, if present, is case insensitive (since the DNS is specified to ignore case); other parts are not required to be, but may be treated as case insensitive by some clients and servers, especially those that are based on Microsoft Windows. For example:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/> and <HTTPS://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/> will both open same page.
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Url> is correct, but <https://en.wikipedia.org/WIKI/URL> will result in an HTTP 404 error page.

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