
OPAC: Create External Link Footer Tab

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To create footer tabs that link to another server, I use a simple CGI script.

redirect.cgi

```
#!/m1/shared/bin/perl -w

local ($buffer, @pairs, $pair, $name, $value, %FORM);

# Get
$ENV{'REQUEST_METHOD'} =~ tr/a-z/A-Z/;
if ($ENV{'REQUEST_METHOD'} eq "GET") {
    $buffer = $ENV{'QUERY_STRING'};
}

# Split information into name/value pairs
@pairs = split(/&/, $buffer);
foreach $pair (@pairs) {
    ($name, $value) = split(/=/, $pair);
    $value =~ tr/+/ /;
    $value =~ s/%(..)/pack("C", hex($1))/eg;
    $FORM{$name} = $value;
}

$page = $FORM{page};

print "Location: $page\n\n";
```

Save this as /m1/voyager/**xxxdb**/tomcat/vwebv/context/vwebv/htdocs/vwebv/redirect.cgi

Set owner and permissions:

```
cd /m1/voyager/*xxxdb*/tomcat/vwebv/context/vwebv/htdocs/vwebv
chown voyager:endeavor redirect.cgi
chmod 755 redirect.cgi
```

Let's make a footer tab that links to Google.

Create the new tab/button in /m1/voyager/**xxxdb**/tomcat/vwebv/context/vwebv/ui/**skin**/webvoyage.properties

```
#####
#
#   Footer
#
#####
page.footer.buttons.google.button=Google
page.footer.buttons.google.message=Visit Google today!
```

Tell the tab/button what to do in /m1/voyager/**xxxdb**/tomcat/vwebv/context/vwebv/ui/**skin**/internal.properties

```
#####
#
#   Footer
#
#####
page.footer.buttons.google.action=redirect.cgi?page=http://www.google.com
```

Display the new tab/button in /m1/voyager/**xxxdb**/tomcat/vwebv/context/vwebv/ui/**skin**/xsl/userTextConfigs/pageProperties.xml

```
<!-- ## Footer Tab Display Order ## -->
<footerTabDisplayOrder>]
  <tab name="page.footer.buttons.google.button"/>
</footerTabDisplayOrder>
```

Call the redirect script with

<http://your.domain/vwebv/redirect.cgi?page=http://www.google.com>

where page= the page to which you'd like to link.

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