

Uniform Resource Locator (URL)

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A **Uniform Resource Locator (URL)**, otherwise known as a Universal Resource Locator, is the address of a resource on the Internet and the protocol used to access it.

It indicates the location of a web resource like a street address indicates where a person lives physically — because of this, an **URL** is often referred to as: “web address”.

A **URL** contains the following information:

- The [Protocol](#) used to access the resource.
- The location of the server (whether by [Internet Protocol Address \(IP Address\)](#) or [Domain Name](#)).
- The [Port Number](#) on the [Server](#) (optional).
- The location of the resource in the directory structure of the Server.
- A fragment identifier (optional).

A **URL** is a type of uniform resource identifier (URI). In common practice, the term URI isn't used, or is used synonymously with **URL**, even though this is technically incorrect.

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