

URL Quiz Activity

Activity Instructions

At first glance, a URL might look like it was written without rationale, but most URLs are created with a combination of abbreviations (standard symbols) that are specific. Look at the example below. UNI is for the University of Northern Iowa and edu symbolizes an educational affiliation. The following exercise will demonstrate some standard abbreviations. Understanding these abbreviations will be beneficial when trying to locate a site..

Example:

University of Northern Iowa: <http://www.uni.edu>

Quiz

1. Apple Computer Company
<http://www.apple.com>

2. The White House
<http://www.whitehouse.gov>

3. American Red Cross
<http://www.redcross.org>

4. Navy
<http://www.navy.mil> or www.navy.com

5. University of Iowa
<http://www.uiowa.edu>

Notes for Trainers

This page is on-line for your convenience, located at:
http://www.uni.edu/ietti/teachtec/training/define/slide23_define.html

Let the teachers try this on their own. Then go through the examples together to discuss the standard abbreviations. Some abbreviations to discuss are *com* is commercial, *org* is an organization, and *mil* for military. This would also be a chance to discuss the difference between http, gopher, and ftp and how they function differently. For example ftp is File-transfer protocol. Gopher was originated in Minnesota and is used to access other on-line databases. Another possible topic is just typing in 'cnn' in the location box and the CNN homepage will come up; the whole URL is not needed.