

# Configuring Web links (LinkOuts) to external sites

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## Introduction

When users right-click a gene model or other item in the display, IGB displays a menu with links to external Web sites. These links to external Web sites are called "LinkOuts."

You can create new LinkOuts using the Web links tool.

## LinkOut contents

A LinkOut consists of

- **URL** the Web page IGB will open when users right-click an item
- **Name** the LinkOut name displayed in the right-click menu
- **Pattern** the pattern IGB matches against track id or item id to create the LinkOut

Every item in the IGB display has an **id** or identifier.

IGB uses this id to create the URL.

## How to create a new LinkOut

Click **Tools > Web Links** to open the **Web Links** tool.

Use the Web Links tool to create new LinkOuts. Use the existing LinkOuts as a guide to making new ones.

To find out an item's id

- Click the item to selected it
- Click the **Selection Info** tab or Info button in the **Selection Info** box (top right)

## Links to documentation on Java regular expressions

Java Regular expression: <http://docs.oracle.com/javase/1.4.2/docs/api/java/util/regex/Pattern.html>

Regular Expression Online Generator: <http://txt2re.com/>

Regular Expression Online tester: <http://www.regexplanet.com/advanced/java/index.html>