

How to Create a Link to your Blog

You can create a link to your Blog by choosing one of these two options:

1. **EITHER** add a text box with a link to your Blog **OR**
2. Add an RSS Feed from your Blog

In these examples we will add the link to our Profile Page. You can add the link to any of your pages.

Adding a text box with a link to your Blog

The screenshot shows the UAL system interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Workflow', 'Content', 'Portfolio', 'Groups', and 'Administration'. Below this, there is a sub-navigation bar with tabs for 'Pages', 'Collections', 'Shared', 'Shared with me', 'Skins', 'Export', and 'Import'. The 'Pages' tab is highlighted in green. A red arrow points from a box labeled '1. Click Portfolio and Pages' to the 'Portfolio' and 'Pages' tabs. Below the navigation bar, there is a search bar with the text 'Search:' and a search button. A red arrow points from a box labeled '2. Click your Profile page edit icon' to the edit icon on the right side of the 'Profile page' result in the search results section.

The screenshot shows the 'Jane Russell's Profile | Edit content' page in the UAL system. The top navigation bar includes 'Workflow', 'Content', 'Portfolio', 'Groups', and 'Administration'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Page', 'Collections', 'Shared', 'Shared with me', 'Skins', 'Export', and 'Import'. The main heading is 'Jane Russell's Profile | Edit content' with a '3' notification badge. Below the heading are buttons for 'Deploy page' and 'Show page'. A toolbar contains 'Edit content', 'Edit layout', and 'Choose skin'. A preview area shows a page titled 'About Me' with the text 'This is the profile page for Jane Russell'. A left sidebar contains a 'General Content' tab with a 'Text' block selected. A right sidebar lists 'How to Guides' such as 'Introduction to Dev Arts', 'How to Create a Page', etc. A red box with an arrow points to the 'Text' block in the sidebar, and another red box with an arrow points to the 'About Me' preview area.

3. Select Text block from the General Content tab and drag it onto your page

The screenshot shows the 'Text Configure' dialog box. It has a 'Block title' field containing the text 'Text'. Below it is a 'Block content' field with a rich text editor toolbar. A red box with an arrow points to the 'Block title' field, and another red box with an arrow points to the 'Block content' field. At the bottom, there is a 'Retractable' dropdown menu set to 'No' and a 'Save' button. A red box with an arrow points to the 'Save' button.

4. Add a title and paste your blog url in the block content

5. Click Save

Add an RSS Feed from your Blog

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with tabs for Workflow, Content, Portfolio, Groups, and Administration. Below this is a sub-menu with 'Pages' highlighted. A red arrow points from the 'Pages' sub-menu to the 'Portfolio' tab. Another red arrow points from the 'Pages' sub-menu to the 'Pages' sub-menu itself. A text box with the instruction '1. Click Portfolio and Pages' is positioned over these arrows. Below the navigation is the 'Pages' section header with a search bar and a 'Search' button. A red arrow points from a text box with the instruction '2. Click your Profile page edit icon' to a small edit icon on the right side of the 'Profile page' entry in the results list.

1. Click Portfolio and Pages

2. Click your Profile page edit icon

The screenshot shows the 'Jane Russell's Profile | Edit content' page. On the left is a sidebar with a 'General Content' tab selected. A red arrow points from a text box with the instruction '3. Select External feed block from the General Content tab and drag it onto your page' to the 'External feed' block in the sidebar. Another red arrow points from the same text box to the 'About Me' block on the main page, indicating where to drag the block. The main page shows a preview of the profile page with 'About Me' and 'workflow' blocks. On the right, there is a 'How to Guides' section with various links.

3. Select External feed block from the General Content tab and drag it onto your page

External feed: Configure

Block title

If you leave this blank, the title of the feed will be used.

Feed location *

URL of a valid RSS or ATOM feed

Insecure SSL mode No

Disable SSL certificate verification. This is not recommended but might be necessary if the feed is served using an invalid or untrusted certificate.

HTTP username

Username (HTTP basic authentication) needed to access this feed (if required)

HTTP password

Password (HTTP basic authentication) needed to access this feed (if required)

Items to show

Between 1 and 20

Show feed items in full No

Whether to show a summary of the feed items or show the full text for each one.

Retractable

Select to allow this block to be retracted when the header is clicked.

7. Click Save

4. Copy and paste your blog RSS feed URL into the Feed Location

5. Insert how many items you would like to show from your feed

6. Select Yes if you want to show full posts, including images, instead of just brief text extracts

You can usually find your blog RSS feed URL by selecting the icon below on your blog site, if it exists. If not, please check your blog documentation.

In WordPress blogs, the RSS feed is usually formed by adding '/feed' to the main blog URL (without the apostrophes), e.g. <http://myblog.arts.ac.uk/feed/>

In Tumblr blogs, the RSS feed is formed by adding '/rss' to the main blog URL (without the apostrophes), e.g. <http://science-junkie.tumblr.com/rss>

Further Support

Additional support is on hand should you require help. Contact the Digital Learning Support team at dlsupport@arts.ac.uk