Alexander Street LTI App Configuration on Moodle

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Test Environment

A Moodle test environment can be created using an <u>Amazon AMI on the Amazon</u> <u>Marketplace</u>. This AMI is maintained by Bitnami. This is the environment that Alexander Street used to test our LTI apps on Moodle and prepare this documentation.

Normally to follow these instructions, you would log in as an administrator to your institution's installation of Moodle.

Installation of the Alexander Street LTI Applications

Moodle allows LTI installation using the configuration XML provided for each of our LTI apps. It does not however have a feature for discovering the configuration through EduAppCenter, so you have to use the URL for the LTI configuration file, as shown below.

Alexander Street Video: https://video.alexanderstreet.com/lti-configuration.xml

Alexander Street Music and Text: https://search.alexanderstreet.com/lti/config.xml

Go to Site Administration \rightarrow Plugins. There is a menu of links on this page; choose Activity Modules \rightarrow External Tools \rightarrow Manage Tools

B Dashboard	New Site
Site home	Dashboard / Site administration / Plugins / Activity modules / External tool / Manage tools
🛗 Calendar	
🎦 Private files	
	Manage tools
🖋 Site administration	Add tool
	Tool URL Add
	Alternatively, you can configure a tool manually.
	Manage preconfigured tools
	Manage external tool registrations

Paste the URL of the configuration into the form. Alternatively, you can configure the tool manually, for example if you want different settings than provided by the default configuration XML.

The LTI app requires an institution-specific consumer key and secret. Contact ProQuest customer service to obtain your consumer key and secret.

After the tool is installed, you can change some of the settings using the gear icon.





Testing

Installing Embeds or Links into Course content

Create a Course with Site Admin \rightarrow Courses \rightarrow Add a new course

From **Site Home**, select the course.

Click the gear icon in the top right to **Turn editing on**



Edit settings

- Turn editing on
- Course completion
- **T** Filters
- Gradebook setup
- Backup
- 1 Restore
- 1 Import
- Are Share
- 🗲 Reset
- More...

Rows in the course structure will have links for Add an activity or resource



These links popup the following menu, on which you will find **External Tool** as an option. Select this and press **Add** at the bottom.

Add an activity or resource

ACTIVITIES



The external tool activity module enables students to interact with learning resources and activities on other web sites. For example, an external tool could provide access to a new activity type or learning materials from a publisher.

To create an external tool activity, a tool provider which supports LTI (Learning Tools Interoperability) is required. A teacher can create an external tool activity or make use of a tool configured by the site administrator.

External tool activities differ from URL resources in a few ways:

- External tools are context aware i.e. they have access to information about the user who launched the tool, such as institution, course and name
- External tools support reading, updating, and deleting grades associated with the activity instance
- External tool configurations create a trust relationship between your site and the tool provider, allowing secure communication between them

More help

Add

Cancel

A page like the following will open, and you can select any of the **Preconfigured tools**.

Environment	101 /-101 / Topic 1 / Adding a new External tool to Topic 1
🛃 Adding a new	External tool to Topic 10
 General 	
Activity name	0
Preconfigured tool	 Automatic, based on tool URL Alexander Street Music and Text Alexander Street Video
Tool URL	0
Show more	
Privacy	
Grade	
Common module	settings

Select Alexander Street Video and the **Select Content** button becomes enabled

Environment 101 Dashboard / Courses / ENV-101 / Topic 1 / Adding a new External tool to Topic 1				
 Adding a new External tool to Topic 1₀ General 				
Activity name	0	Watch this video		
Preconfigured tool	0	Alexander Street Video 🔹 🕂 🔿 🗙		
Tool URL	Ø	Select content		
Show more				

Pressing **Select Content** will open the Search Tool and you can search for and select content to embed or link to.



Copying an LTI Link from video.alexanderstreet.com into the LMS Manually

Steps for the Administrator

In order for this to work, the administrator needs to configure a tool that will match this link. This only needs to be done once. In **Manage External Tools**, add the following configuration manually

 Tool setti 	ngs	
Tool name	00	Alexander Street Video Linł
Tool URL	9 🕜	https://video.alexanderstreet.com
Tool description	on 💡	Configuration to allow links to be added manually
Consumer key	/ 🕜	7
Shared secret	•	•••••• <i>è</i> (1)
Custom parameters	0	
Tool configuration usage	Ø	Do not show; use only when a matching tool URL is entered \$
Default launch container	ר 🕜	Embed, without blocks 🗢
		Content-Item Message ! ?
Content Selection URL	! ?	
Icon URL	<u>!</u> 🕜	

I called the tool, Alexander Street Links. I select "Do not show; use only when a matching tool URL is provided"; this will prevent this configuration from appearing in places where a full Launch URL is required. I add my consumer_key, secret, secure icon URL and a description. The consumer key and secret are applicable to the whole institution and are provided by ProQuest customer service.

After saving this configuration, users can now insert LTI links into a page for URLs they've obtained from the site.

Steps for the Instructor

In my example, I copied the URL from Our Blue Planet using the Share feature of the player page.

https://video.alexanderstreet.com/embed/our-blue-planet-2?context=channel:blue-planet-ii

Now I go to a topic in a course with the Edit mode turned on, where I can 'Add an activity or a resource'. I select External Tool from the menu of options.

For the activity name, I enter Our Blue Planet.

I click 'Show more' to make the description available and past

Narrated by David Attenborough, Produced by Will Ridgeon, Orla Doherty, Produced by British Broadcasting Corporation, Tencent, Westdeutscher Rundfunk, France Télévisions, CCTV-9, In Blue Planet II, (London, England: BBC Worldwide, 2017), 50 minutes

For Preconfigured tool, I select "Automatic, based on URL"

Into Secure Tool URL, I enter the video's URL

https://video.alexanderstreet.com/embed/our-blue-planet-2?context=channel:blue-planet-ii

After entering this, Moodle indicates that this URL has matched a tool provider. So I don't need to provide a consumer_key and secret, this is already configured into the matched tool.

General		
Activity name	0	Our Blue Planet
Activity description	1	Image: Image
Preconfigured tool	Ø	 Display description on course page ! ? Display activity name when launched ! ? Display activity description when launched ! ? Automatic, based on tool URL + * * *
		Select content
Tool URL	0	1
Secure tool URL	10	https://video.alexanderstreet.com/embed/our-blue-planet-2?context=channel:blue-planet-2?context=channet-2?context=
Launch container	! 7	Default 🗢
Consumer key	10	
Shared secret	<u>!</u> 🕜	Click to enter text 🖋 👁
Custom parameters	10	

Now you can save this activity, and it will appear under the topic.



Moodle Documentation

BitNami documentation (about the AMI)

https://docs.bitnami.com/aws/apps/moodle/

IMS Global document on ContentItemSelectionRequest

http://www.imsglobal.org/specs/lticiv1p0/specification-3

Moodle Documentation

https://docs.moodle.org/36/en/Managing_a_Moodle_site

Moodle Documentation on External Tool

https://docs.moodle.org/36/en/External_tool

Moodle Support

Dev Pages (on Help)

https://docs.moodle.org/dev/Main_Page

Issue Tracker

https://tracker.moodle.org/secure/Dashboard.jspa