Creating a Secure Link for External Content

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Step 1: Create a New Asset
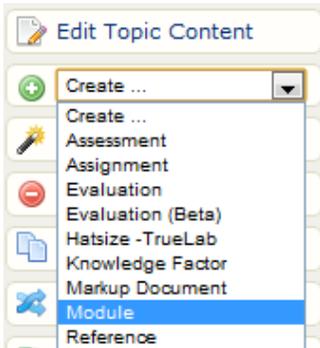
Click a product to open it and then select an asset from the Create menu based on your needs. Leave the new asset blank of any content and styling. For this example, a module was created so that grading could be used if required.

Step 2: Enter HTML Code
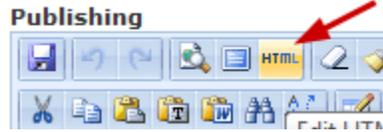
Open the asset, and then from the content editor, click the HTML button. Enter this code:

<p><iframe style="width: 100%; height: 1000px;" frameborder="0" height="240" src="**http://tinyurl.com/bpydrvu**" width="320"></iframe></p>

The URL in this code links to an Informetica manual, so make sure to replace the URL (shown in bolded text, between the quotes) with your own item's source page.

Step 3: Change the Asset Status to Popup
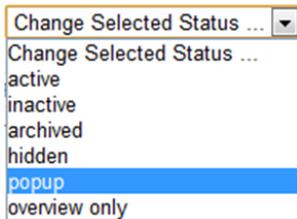
Select the asset from the Manage Assets page to highlight it and then use the Change the Selected Status drop down menu to select popup.

Step 4: Create the Link

Decide where you want your users to be able to click to access the external content. For example, the link could be added to the introduction page of a course.

Type in the text that will be a link into the content editor, e.g., "Click here to launch the manual."
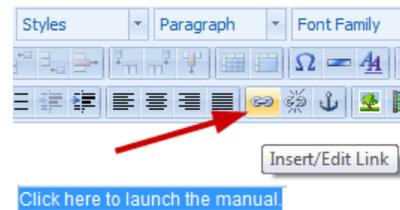
Next, highlight the text and click the link button from the publishing tools.

Step 5: Make the Link a Popup
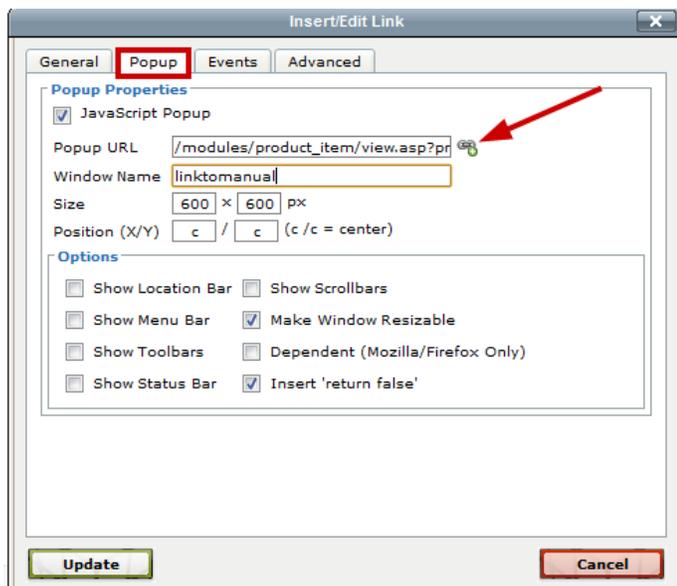
Click the Popup tab at the top of the Insert Link form and then for Popup URL, click the chain (indicated with an arrow in the example) to select the asset from a menu. For the Window Name, create a name with no spaces as some browsers don't react well with spaces. It is recommended to keep the items checked as in the example. If the popup window is resizable, then the pixel size is not important. Click update.

Ta-Dah! Now users can link to this item without ever seeing the source URL. Instead, the popup will have an Informetica system URL. Users must be logged into Informetica and enrolled to the product to access the item.

ⓘ User activity reports can capture how long a user spends viewing the popup (in this case it is an Informetica Manual flipbook).

For more detailed coverage of asset types to help you decide which one you may like to create in Step 1, please see the Assets chapter of the Site Manager, Desktop Manager or Publisher Manual.