

## Tips & Tricks for using the Discussion Board

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### URL Shortening, by Old\_Joe

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Hi hawleyl from your question, I see that you are at least familiar with the concept of html. I don't know very much myself, but I can try to show you how to do your "URL short-name" here.

The basic statement is: `<a href="http://url">short-name</a>`

That statement is really two sections:

The first section, `<a href="http://url"`, deals with the actual Long-Name URL. The second section, `>short-name</a>`, deals with the desired Short-Name.

Using the Mutual Fund Observer Long-Name URL as an example, the first section would then look like this:

`<a href="http://www.mutualfundobserver.com/discussions-3/"` And if you wanted to short-name this as simply "MFO", for instance, the second section would look like this: `>MFO</a>`

So the whole thing would look like this:

`<a href="http://www.mutualfundobserver.com/discussions-3/">MFO</a>`

Giving it a try, we get:

MFO

and it works!

I suggest that you take the basic statement `<a href="http://url">short-name</a>` and paste it into a text document of some sort that you can easily access. When you want to use it just copy and paste it into an MFO text entry box, go to the site that you want to reference, copy their URL and paste it in place of `"http://url"`. Remember to keep the quotes or it won't work. Then replace "short-name" with your choice (no quotes here though, unless you actually want them), and that should do it.

Take Catch's suggestion and play around in this thread to get the feel of the thing.

Good luck-