

Dealing with Long URLs

Something to keep in mind when you're adding/editing content on the site: long URLs can cause formatting problems. For example, look at the third citation on this page: <http://www.healthandenvironment.org/asthma/references?>

See how it's pushing the disease menu to the left?

The solution in this case might be to make the word "PDF" the link text. That is, it's not necessary to display the URL itself to create a link. As long as the full URL is entered in the "Link URL" field in the window that pops up when you use the link tool, the link will work. Make sense? So the link text -- the text the user sees on the screen that's colored green and underlined -- could be anything. It could be "PDF" or "Download this report" or even a part of the URL. The only place the full URL is needed is when you go to create the link and you enter the "Link URL".

Just telling you this for future reference. I fixed some of the formatting problems that resulted from moving the content over, in instances where very long URLs were displayed in the content. But I'm leaving this one in so you so you can see what I mean and avoid displaying long URLs in the future.