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# Redirect Plugin

Create a redirect to another topic or website

I typically use this to make easy-to-type shortforms/acronyms of topic names. For example:

- Actual content appears under `Main.LightweightDirectoryAccessProtocol`
- `Main.LDAP` contains just a redirect tag. Referencing `Main.LDAP` anywhere or entering it in the *Jump* box takes one directly to `Main.LightweightDirectoryAccessProtocol`

## Syntax Rules

- Redirect to a topic within the web: `%REDIRECT{"SomeTopic"}%`
- Redirect to a topic in another web: `%REDIRECT{"Someweb.SomeTopic"}%`
- Redirect to any URL: `%REDIRECT{"http://wikipedia.org/"}`
- Pass parameters:
  - ◆ Url parameters are passed on:  
`http://iac-twiki.ethz.ch/Main/TopicThatContainsARedirect?q=LDAP"%`.  
The landing topic url will contain these parameters
  - ◆ Parameters can also be passed to the variable:  
`%REDIRECT{"Someweb.SomeTopic?q=LDAP"}%`
  - ◆ `REDIRECT` parameters override url parameters

## Prevent redirecting

To view the topic that contains a `REDIRECT`, pass parameter `noredirect=on` to the url. For example:

```
http://iac-twiki.ethz.ch/Main/WebHome?noredirect=on
```

## Wikipedia like "Redirected from..."

A redirect now appends the `redirectedfrom` parameter to the url which contains the `Web.Topic` that the user has been redirected from. This allows us to display Wikipedia like "Redirected from ..." text on the destination topic. You can use the `%URLPARAM{redirectedfrom}%` variable to access the parameter and create the "Redirected from..." text.

Below is an example you can put in your template:

```
%IF{ "$'URLPARAM{redirectedfrom}'" then="<span class='foswikiGrayText'>(Redirected from <a
```

Which will display the following on topics that have been redirected:

(Redirected from `Web.Topic`)

## Don't check that the target topic exists

If you pass the `dontcheck=1` parameter then Foswiki will let you redirect to a topic that doesn't exist. This is very useful as a way to wrap up data form creators for applications.

e.g. `RoleCreator`:

```
%REDIRECT{newtopic="%SCRIPTURLPATH{"edit"}%/%BASEWEB%/UnnamedRoleAUTOINC1?topicparent=Role
```

Now, for instance in WebLeftBar? you can just use:

```
* [[RoleCreator]][Create Role]]
```

## Test topics

If installed:

- RedirectPluginTest - this topic should redirect to landing page:
- RedirectPluginDestination

## Installation Instructions

You do not need to install anything in the browser to use this extension. The following instructions are for the administrator who installs the extension on the server.

Open configure, and open the "Extensions" section. Use "Find More Extensions" to get a list of available extensions. Select "Install".

If you have any problems, or if the extension isn't available in `configure`, then you can still install manually from the command-line. See <http://foswiki.org/Support/ManuallyInstallingExtensions> for more help.

## Plugin Files

File:	Description:
<code>data/System/RedirectPlugin.txt</code>	Documentation Topic
<code>lib/Foswiki/Plugins/RedirectPlugin.pm</code>	Plugin Modulde
<code>data/Sandbox/RedirectPluginTest.txt</code>	Test Topic
<code>data/Sandbox/RedirectPluginDestination.txt</code>	Test Topic

## Plugin Info

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25 Jun 2010:	(1.1) New release. Fixed Foswiki:Tasks/Item1527 - Foswiki:Main.ItaloValcy
07 Mar 2010:	Added facility to dontcheck destination topic exists - Foswiki:Main.MartinClever
09 Apr 2009:	Ported to Foswiki as 1.0; Update documentation - Foswiki:Main.AndrewJones
24 Nov 2008:	Ability to display Wikipedia like "Redirected from..." - Foswiki:Main.AndrewJones
22 Apr 2007:	Arthur Clemens: url parameters are now passed on. Adapted from TWiki:Main.JohnRouillard.
21 Apr 2007:	Arthur Clemens: fixed redirect to non-wiki word topics; added <code>noredirect=on</code> parameter; added support for TWiki:Codev.ShorterURLs.
10 Aug 2006:	Ability to redirect to URL restored by TWiki:Main/ThomasWeigert. Also added support for URL parameters. Fixed a few bugs.
09 Jun 2006:	Dakar port by TWiki:Main/MeredithLesley
20 Jun 2003:	Initial version

Dependencies:	None
Plugin Home:	<a href="http://foswiki.org/Extensions/RedirectPlugin">http://foswiki.org/Extensions/RedirectPlugin</a>
Support:	<a href="http://foswiki.org/Support/RedirectPlugin">http://foswiki.org/Support/RedirectPlugin</a>










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