

## How to launch external http url from Dashboard

There are two ways you can launch external URL from Dashboard

### Using a Button

- Create a button using the parameter editor as shown below
- In this case we will create a button to launch <http://www.yahoo.com>

The screenshot shows the 'Parameter Editor' dialog box with the following configuration:

Property	Value
Parameter Name	
Connection	
MaxRows	ALL
Enable ALL Value	N
User Editable	N
Display Column	Launch Yahoo
(ID1)Internal Column1	'ID1'
(ID2)Internal Column2	'ID2'
(ID3)Internal Column3	'ID3'
(ID4)Internal Column4	'ID4'
(ID5)Internal Column5	'ID5'
Last Saved Value	ALL
Description	Author,Description etc
Include In Report	Y
Reporting Sequence	1
Background Color	
Font	Arial:12
Font Color	
Owner	apps
Pattern	NONE
DataType	BLET
Run Dynamic Java Script	Y
Dynamic Java Script	
ID	p52

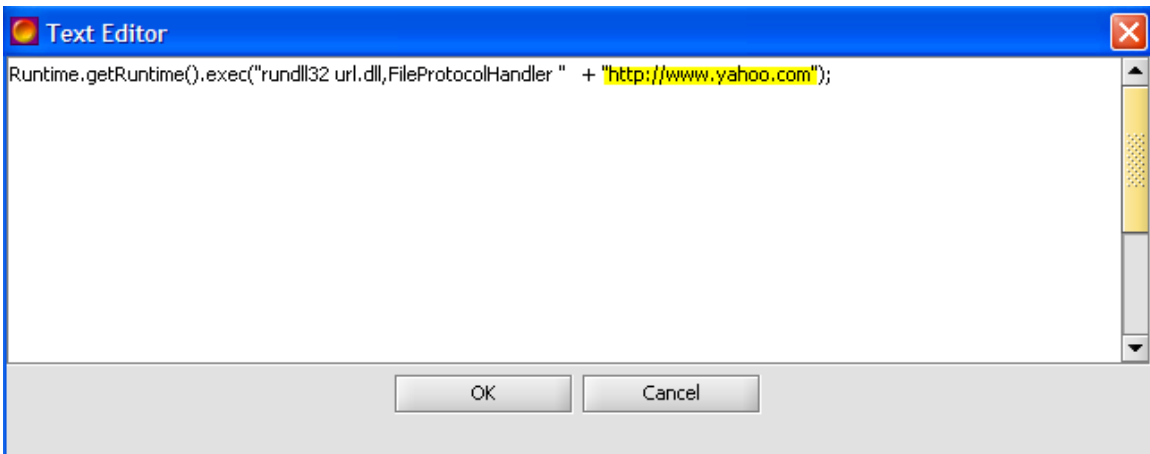
Annotations in the image:

- 'Erase parameter' points to the empty 'Parameter Name' field.
- 'Enter Button Name' points to the 'Launch Yahoo' value in the 'Display Column' field.
- 'Type BLET' points to the 'BLET' value in the 'DataType' field.
- 'type null in the query editor' points to the 'null' text in the query editor field.

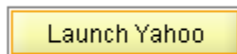
Buttons at the bottom: 'Apply Display Settings', 'Full Apply', and 'Close'.

- Remove the Parameter Name: This is optional but it is good so that the button appears to be separate from parameter
- Enter the Button name in the “Display Column” property

- Change the DataType property from 'PLET' to 'BLET', just place your cursor in the field and type 'BLET' (all uppercase)
- Enter 'null' in the Query Editor
- Select 'Y' for "Run Dynamic Java Script"
- Edit the "Dynamic Java Script" window and type the following code
- `Runtime.getRuntime().exec("rundll32 url.dll,FileProtocolHandler " + "http://www.yahoo.com");`
- Replace the <http://www.yahoo.com> with any URL of your choice. This URL could be a link to your internal application or any outside URL to some news site etc



- Click OK
- Click 'Full Apply' on the parameter editor
- The button should appear as below



- Click on the button and it should open the link in a browser.

## Second method

Consider the following Qlet

Property	Value
Qlet Name	New Qlet0
Connection	link-obyone1525dev - de...
Max Rows	100
Run On Start	Y
Description	Author,Description etc
Include In Report	N
Reporting Sequence	1
Include In Auto Refresh	N
Owner	apps

select bug\_id,bug\_number from ad\_bugs

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Bug Id	Bug Number
582	1899014
583	1880630
24424	2115451
24849	2024660
24850	2031541
24851	2079068
24852	2199130
24853	2151546
24889	2096076
24890	2233049
24891	2232160
25014	2354921

- In the above Qlet, we need to add a column that will launch the application URL and pass Bug\_id as parameter
- We will modify the query as shown below

```
select bug_id
,bug_number
, 'http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=' || bug_id as Link
from ad_bugs
```
- In the above query, we added a third column and named it as “link”

- The “||” is the concatenation operator in Oracle. If using any other database check the right operator. Check the appendix for concat operations in other databases

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Bug Id	Bug Number	Link
582	1899014	<a href="http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=582">http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=582</a>
583	1880630	<a href="http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=583">http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=583</a>
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24849	2024660	<a href="http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=24849">http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=24849</a>
24850	2031541	<a href="http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=24850">http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=24850</a>
24851	2079068	<a href="http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=24851">http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=24851</a>
24852	2199130	<a href="http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=24852">http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=24852</a>
24853	2151546	<a href="http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=24853">http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=24853</a>
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24890	2233049	<a href="http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=24890">http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=24890</a>
24891	2232160	<a href="http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=24891">http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=24891</a>
25014	2354921	<a href="http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=25014">http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=25014</a>
25054	2267886	<a href="http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=25054">http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=25054</a>
25074	2136300	<a href="http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=25074">http://my-application.com/index.php?bug=25074</a>

- You can minimize the width of the link column

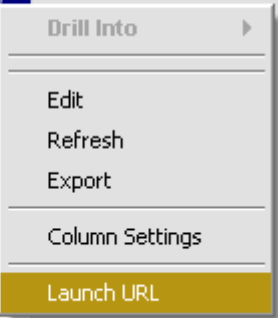
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- Now right click on the Link column

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- As you see the “Launch URL” is automatically enabled
- You can click on it and it will open the corresponding link