

URLs in JavaScript

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Examples of URLs

`http://www.example.com/index.html`

`https://github.com/`

`ftp://internet.address.edu/file/path/file.txt`

`whatsapp://send?text=Hello%2C%20World!`

`mailto:contact@myname.com`

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- **Fragment/hash** Client side; does not get sent with the request; Browsers scroll to position.

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Encoding table

space	!	#	\$	%	&	'	()	*
%20	%21	%23	%24	%25	%26	%27	%28	%29	%2A
+	,	/	:	;	=	?	@	[]
%2B	%2C	%2F	%3A	%3B	%3D	%3F	%40	%5B	%5D

Use

`encodeURIComponent()`.

Example:

`https://wa.me/1555555555?text=I%27d%20like%20to%20chat%20with%20you`

The location API

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- location.hash: "#cast".

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- `location.replace()`: similar to `.assign` but without history.

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- Tampermonkey extension: chromium, firefox.
- JavaScript.

Script code

```
// ==UserScript==
// @name          Wikipedia mobile
// @description    Redirect to mobile version of wikipedia
// @match          https://en.wikipedia.org/*
// @run-at         document-start
// ==/UserScript==

(function() {
    'use strict';
    if (location.hostname === 'en.wikipedia.org') {
        location.hostname = 'en.m.wikipedia.org';
    }
})();
```

Do you wish to add anything?

you can find the slides at: <https://github.com/aliveupstairs/talks>

Thank You