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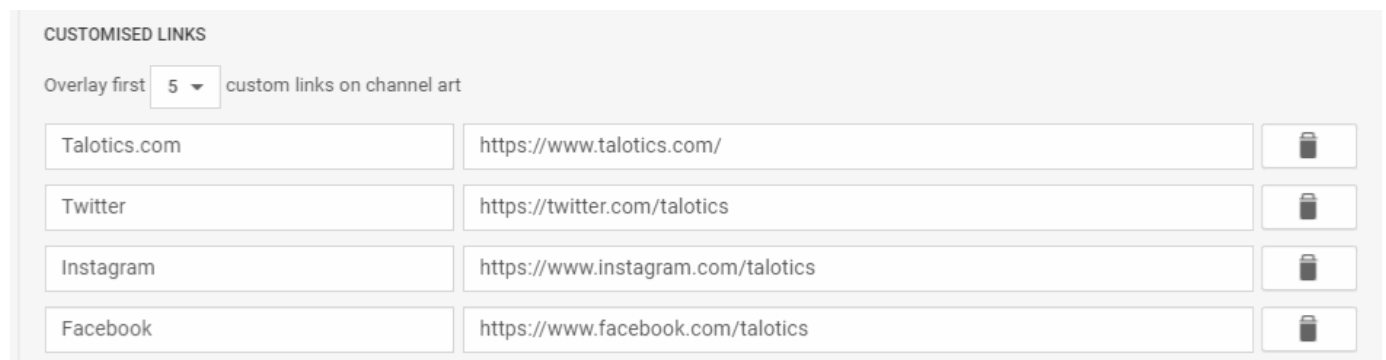
I assume you have customised your channel on YouTube to show links. If your main site links are the globe icon, then it is because YouTube could not find a `favicon.ico` file at the URL.

Globe Icons

I customise my YouTube Channel links to point to:

- my blog
- Twitter
- Instagram
- Facebook

Splendid.



The screenshot shows the 'CUSTOMISED LINKS' section of a YouTube channel's settings. It features a dropdown menu set to '5' with the label 'Overlay first' and the text 'custom links on channel art'. Below this is a table with four rows, each representing a different platform. Each row has three columns: the platform name, the URL, and a trash icon for deletion.

CUSTOMISED LINKS		
Overlay first 5 custom links on channel art		
Talotics.com	https://www.talotics.com/	
Twitter	https://twitter.com/talotics	
Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/talotics	
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/talotics	

But, when rendered on the Channel art. I see a globe for my blog. That doesn't look professional. How do I change it?



Create a Favicon

You need a `favicon.ico` file at the root of your web site directory.

The easiest way I know of, to create a `favicon.ico` file is to use the free favicon-generator.org/

Upload any image and it will generate a `favicon.ico` file that you can download and then add to your web host.

Make YouTube Use Favicon

If you have already added your site to YouTube then the easiest way I found to have YouTube refresh the favicon was to change the url on the link from `https://www.talotics.com` to `https://talotics.com`. Save. And then change the link url back again.

Since YouTube thinks you have changed the URL it goes off and looks for a favicon.



Unfortunately I think YouTube caches the favicon and I don't know how to change it, after it has been cached. But, anything is better than the little world icon, right?

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