

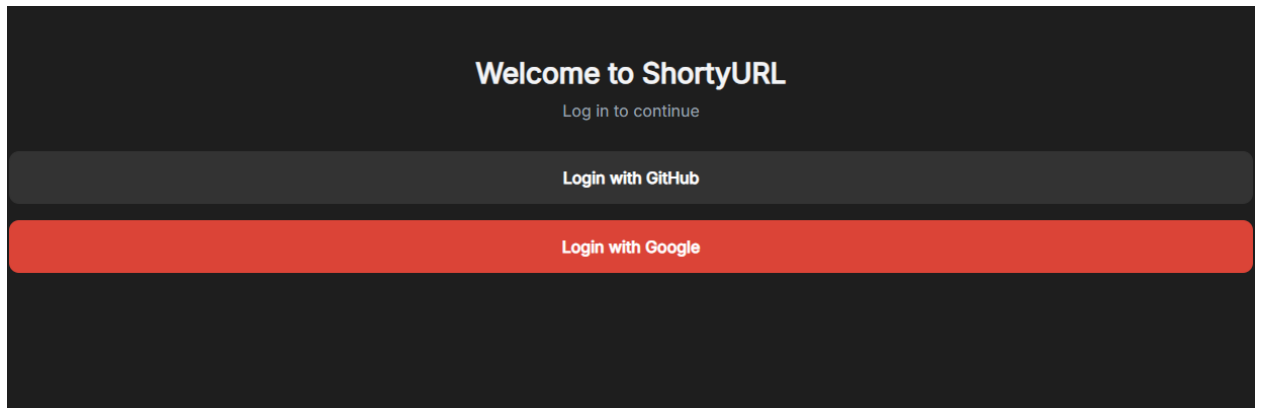
User Guide for Application Users

Introduction

This guide is intended for end users of the Shorty URL Shortener web application. It provides step-by-step instructions for logging in, creating short URLs, managing analytics, and using other key features of the platform.

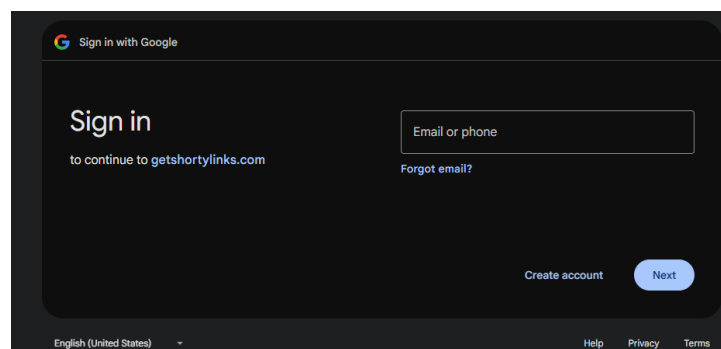
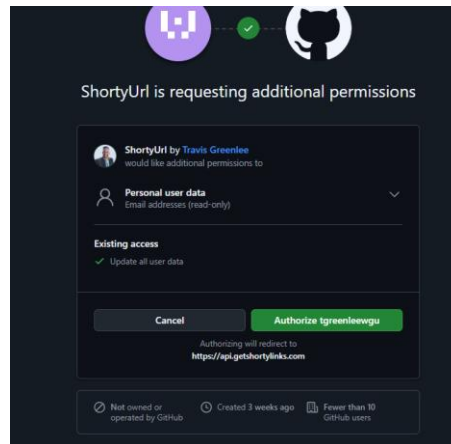
Accessing the Application

1. Open a web browser and go to: <https://getshortylinks.com>
2. You will be redirected to a login screen. Choose either GitHub or Google to sign in.

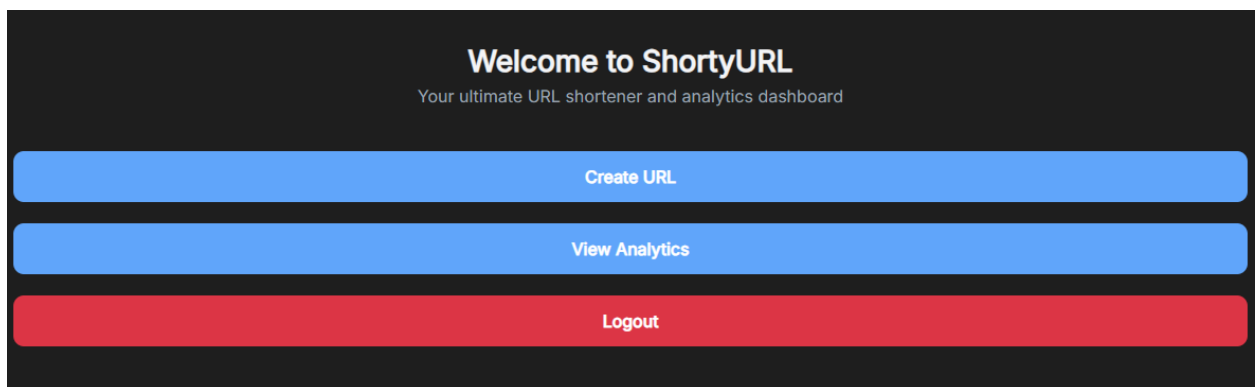


Logging In

1. Click the GitHub or Google login button.



2. Authorize the app using your selected account.
3. Once authenticated, you will be redirected to the home screen.



Using the Home Screen

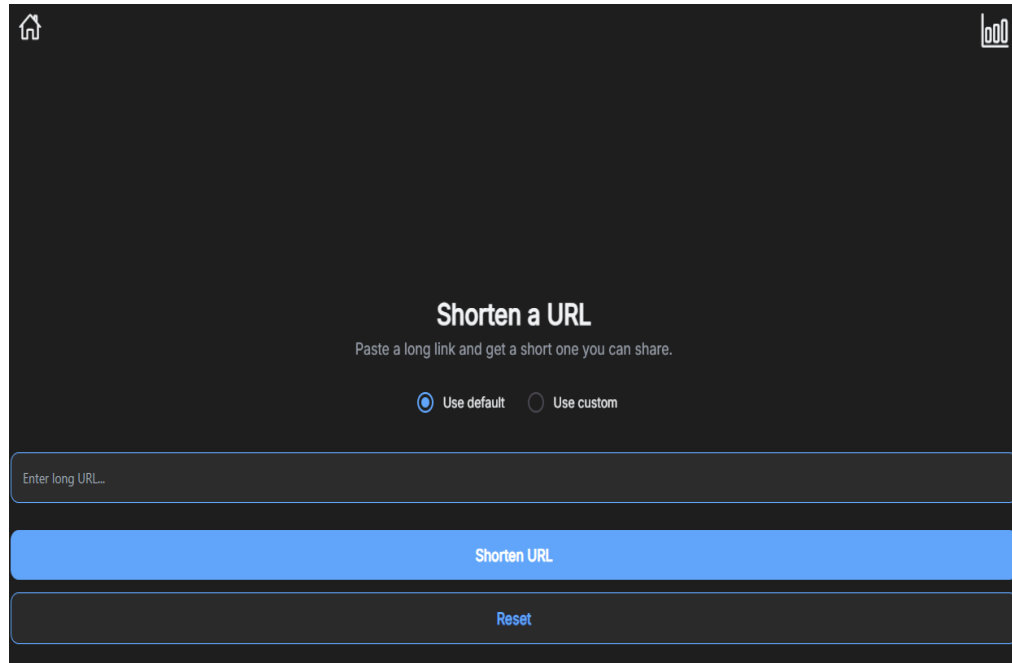
After logging in, you'll see the home screen which offers navigation options:

- Create a new short URL
- View your analytics

- Log out

Creating a Short URL

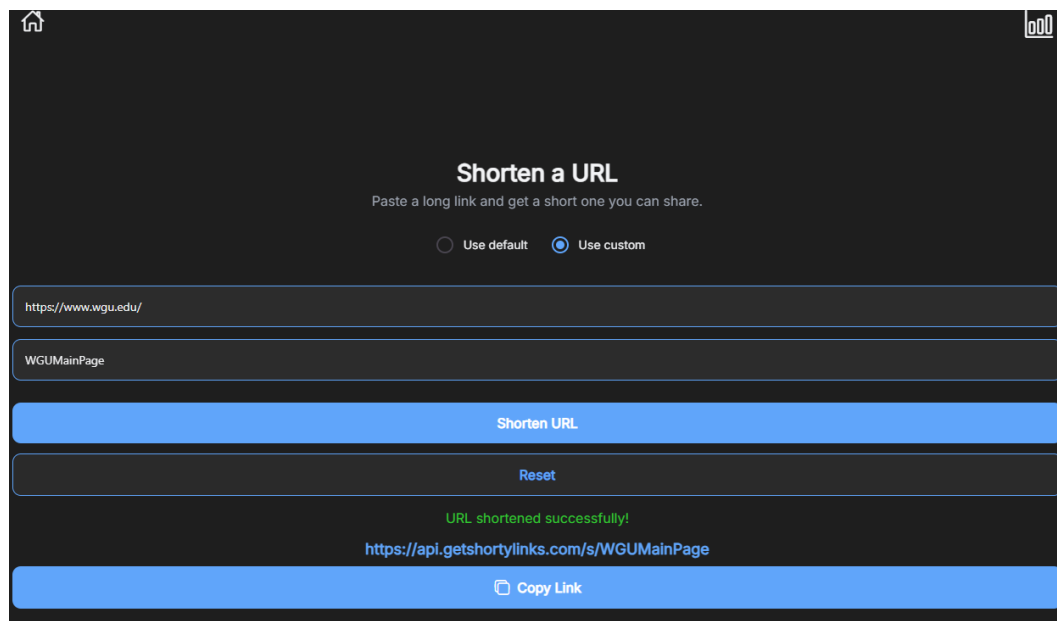
1. Click the 'Create URL' button on the home screen.



The screenshot shows a dark-themed web interface for shortening URLs. At the top left is a home icon, and at the top right is a QR code icon. The main heading is 'Shorten a URL' with a subtitle 'Paste a long link and get a short one you can share.' Below this are two radio buttons: 'Use default' (selected) and 'Use custom'. There is a text input field labeled 'Enter long URL...' which is currently empty. Below the input field is a large blue button labeled 'Shorten URL'. At the bottom is a dark button labeled 'Reset'.

2. Enter the original (long) URL you want to shorten.

3. Optionally, enter a custom short code.

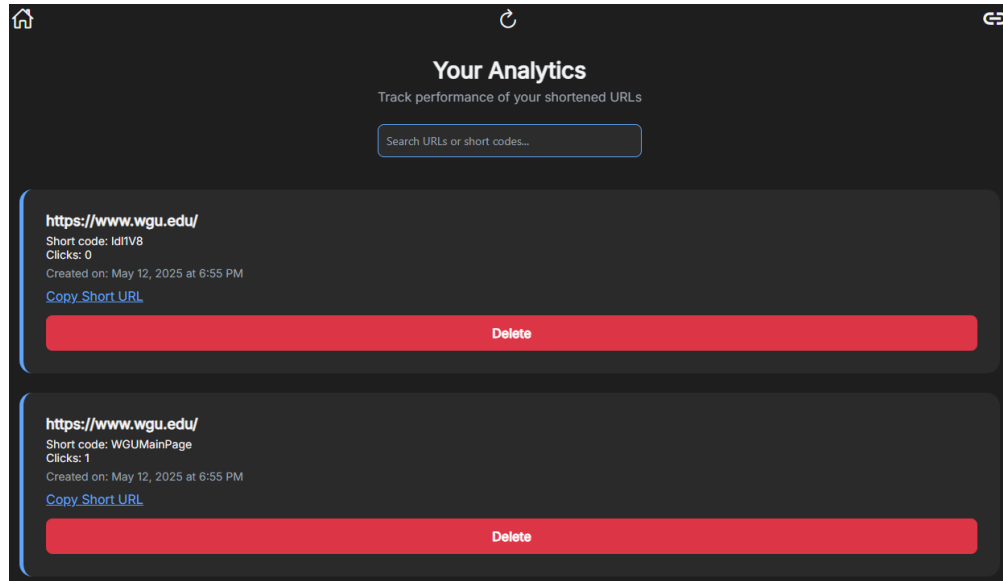


This screenshot shows the same 'Shorten a URL' form, but now the 'Use custom' radio button is selected. The 'Enter long URL...' field contains the text 'https://www.wgu.edu/'. Below it, a new text input field is visible, containing the custom short code 'WGUMainPage'. The 'Shorten URL' button remains blue. Below the 'Reset' button, a green message states 'URL shortened successfully!'. Underneath this message, the shortened URL is displayed: 'https://api.getshortylinks.com/s/WGUMainPage'. At the bottom, a blue button labeled 'Copy Link' with a copy icon is shown.

4. Click 'Shorten'. A new short URL will be generated and displayed.

Viewing Analytics

1. From the home screen, click on the 'Analytics' button.

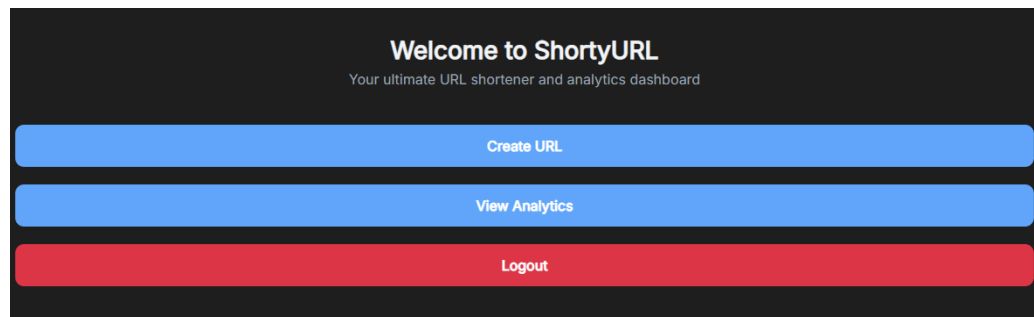


2. You will see a list of all URLs you have created.

3. Each entry shows the original URL, short URL, creation date, and number of clicks.

Logging Out

1. Click on the 'Log Out' button on the home screen.



2. You will be redirected back to the login screen.

Conclusion

The Shorty URL Shortener makes it simple to create, track, and manage custom short links. With support for GitHub and Google login, users can securely manage their own links and analytics.