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Subject: Passing URLs from `_cm_formatData`  
Posted by [johnfr](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2013 13:54:37 GMT  
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I have tried following the example shown in the FAQ on how to create an HTML link within each row in a list.

The code I currently have is as follows:

```
function _cm_formatData ($rowdata, &$css_array)
// perform custom formatting before values are shown to the user.
{
  if (!isset($rowdata['person_name'])) {
    // merge rank first_name and last_name into person_name
    if (isset($rowdata['firstname']) AND isset($rowdata['lastname'])) {
      $rowdata['person_name'] = $rowdata['rank'] . " " . $rowdata['firstname'] . ' ' .
$rowdata['lastname'];
      $rowdata['hyperlnk'] .= 'http://www.bdnw.org.uk';
    } // if
  } // if

  return $rowdata;
} // _cm_formatData
```

The name concatenation works fine, but the url simply appears as [url=www.bdnw.org.uk]in the output screen - not a clickable thing in sight!  
Grrrrr.

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Subject: Re: Passing URLs from `_cm_formatData`  
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Did you follow all the instructions in FAQ133 items 4 and 5?

In particular you must have the field's control type set to 'hyperlink' in the `$fieldspec` array.

There are also two ways to display the hyperlink:

- 1) As a complete hyperlink, with the field's value containing the hyperlink as in 'http://www.example.com'.
- 2) As a label, with the field's value containing 'label [url=http://www.example.com]'