WHAT ARE SHORTCODES

Shortcodes in WordPress are little bits of code that allow you to do various things with little effort. Shortcodes simplify the addition of features such as accordions, tabs, galleries, videos, and various other functionality without writing any code directly. The code of these features would normally require a lot of code editing, and those pages would have to be edited only by admin so the code is not stripped from the page.

In short, shortcodes allow us to add dynamic HTML and other markup directly into the post or page where the user wants them to appear, while still allowing editors to update the pages.

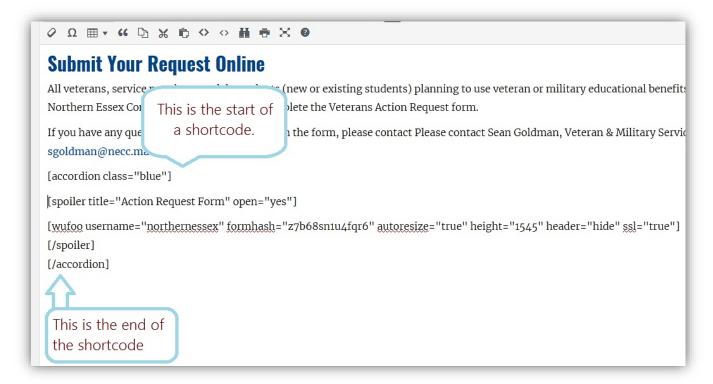
The example (left below) shows a page with interactive features on it. The buttons and an accordion are dynamically added by shortcode. The image on the right shows the page in editing mode before the code is rendered. Edit Page Add New Admissions & amp; Registration Get to Where You Want to Go! Every day, we help people like you achieve their goals, whether that is earning a degree, preparing for a new career, or gaining skills to improve their jobs and their lives. All you need to become a student at NECC is a high school diploma or GED/HISET — there is no application fee and no Get to Where You Want to Go! SAT scores are needed. Follow the steps below and start on your path to a better future! If you still need your GED/HISET, click here to learn more about our High School Equivalency program. [promosord url="https://ssb.necc.mass.edu/9030/pls/FROD/bwskalog p_disploginnew" icon="profile" title="First Time Students"]If you are attending NECC for the first time, or are returning after an absence, click here to begin the online application[/gromosord] (0) **Apply to Northern Essex** It's easy to apply to NECC. If you are a first time student, click on the "first time student" link above to get started. If you are one of the following types of students, click on the box that best represents you to get started. [bw ctaurl="/future-students/"]RETURNING TO SCHOOL AFTER TIME-OUT[/bw cta] [bw_cta url="https://ssb.necc.mass.edu:9030/pls/PROD/bwskalog.p_disploginnew"]GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS[/bw_cta] [bw_cta_url="/apply/international-students/"]INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS[/bw_cta] [bw_cta url="/apply/undocumented-daca-students/"]UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS[/bw_cta] [button class="primary" url="/succeed/academic-support-services/academic-advising/"]HELP ME FIGURE OUT MY STUDENT TYPE. **Apply for Financial Aid** Financial aid can help you pay for the costs of attending NECC - including tuition and fees, books, and other expenses (room and board, costs). Over 65% of our students receive Financial Aid, so apply today! [more_yellow reader="about applying for spoiler title="Take the Academic Placement Assess: Take the Academic Placement Assessment The Academic Placement Assessment, or ACCUPLACER, will help to accurately place you in the appropriate English, writing, and math classes to ensure your success. [more_yellow reader="about Accuplacer testing" url="/apply/assessment/"]

What Does Shortcode Look Like?

The shortcode can be identified by the brackets on the left and right.

<mark>[</mark>accordion<mark>]</mark>

Most shortcode has a start and an end.



Notice in the example above the shortcode can have attributes such as class, title, open. There are many more attributes that you may see in the shortcodes on your pages. These attribute can affect the look and accessibility of the feature it is creating, so please do not change any part of the short code.

Be aware that accordion shortcodes have hidden headings for accessibility. Accordions must be edited in the HTML text editor because of this. If you try to edit an accordion shortcode in the visual editor you may accidently delete the heading or forget that it is there and add content that is not relevant to the heading.

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[accordion class="blue"][spoiler title="Action Request Form" open="yes"]

<h2 class="screen-reader-text">Veterans Action Request Form</h2>

[wufoo username="northernessex" formhash="z7b68sn1u4fqr6" autoresize="true" height= 1545 neauer= niue ssi= true"]
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Please do not edit any shortcodes. Especially the accordions.