Button

The Button widget is a very powerful tool. It currently has three complex tasks turned into simple button pushes.

Using the widget you can:

1) Duplicate a page duplicate a page from anywhere in FrogLearn onto the current site.
2) Copy a page's contents into the current page
3) Allow the end user to gain access to a site you specify

While these probably sound complicated, the button widget makes them very easy to set up and use.

Duplicate a page

Let's look at copying a page first. Here I have a site called '*Contents for the button widget*'.   I have created several pages, each with their own content. You can probably tell that I've create a bank of reusable layouts.

I'll now switch to this empty site and add a Button widget.

You can see I can **name** it and choose a **colour**. Then I select the **Link Action**. For this widget, I'll choose **Duplicate a page** and then using the Page selector, I'll navigate to the other site.

The page selector does not have a search tool and if I haven't created the site I have to check it's been shared with me. Selecting the site opens a cut-down version inside the Site Picker and now I select the page I wish to duplicate. When I save my changes and leave the editor, I now have a widget ready for me to click.

I'm prompted to name my page, I'll call it '*Lesson'* and click **confirm**. The site reloads and there is my new page.

Copy Page Content

The second option in the button widget allows me to copy a page's contents into the same page. Let's add a new widget to this page. I'll drag it into the empty layout box on the lesson page. I'll name it add table and choose **Copy Page Content**.

I'll now pick the page I want to use. Same process as before, this time I'll use '*Contents to copy*'. Note how this page makes use of three layout boxes.

I'll also open **Advanced** and say that I want the contents to appear **Above** the button widget. When I leave the editor and click the button, the site reloads and the contents has been added to the page.

If I open the editor again, you'll see it's added the entire contents of the page to a single layout box. It is a limitation with the button widget, but hopefully you'll not find it too limiting.

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Here are some other ways you could use it, I've set up an information box, so that I can add key text quickly and for student blogs, I've got a page with a noticeboard widget all set up. This way each half-term, the students can click a button on their ePortfolios and have a new blog page.

One final idea is to have a page with all the different options set up. Then I could create a template for lessons for staff to use which already includes the buttons. Teachers would then be able to quickly add in additional structures to their site.

Hopefully you can see just how powerful this widget is, but there's another feature to look at as well.

Site Acesss

Site Access allows the user to gain access to another site. This features allows you to create a subscription-type button where you can provide a link to a site, which when clicked, opens the site and sets the user to have view or contribute access.

You could use it in your Library site, where each book has its own site and your students sign up to review and discuss books. Or you could use it within an independent study course. When the students complete their first phase, they gain access to the second phase by clicking the button. They would not have been able to find or view the second site, as it would not be shared with them until they click the button widget.

Users require Contribute rights to the site the button is sitting on in order for them to see the button at all and you cannot use the button widget to change the current site's permissions for the same reason.