Opening a new window from a flex / AIR application

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I was sure I had done this before, somewhere but I couldn't find the code anywhere. So I've knocked together a really quick and simple example.

I want to be able to open a new site in a pop up from an AIR application. To do this I need to use the 'urlRequest' function to create a url request. Then insert that into a 'navigateToURL' method, specifying that you want a new window '_new'.

Here is the complete example.

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<mx:Application xmlns:mx="http://www.adobe.com/2006/mxml" layout="absolute">

    <mx:Script>
        <![CDATA[

        public function goToUrl(link:String):void
        {
        var urlRequest:URLRequest = new URLRequest('http://' + link);
            navigateToURL(urlRequest, "_new");
        }

        ]]>
    </mx:Script>

    <mx:Canvas x="10" y="10" width="321" height="146" backgroundColor="#FFFFFF"
        <mx:Form x="10" y="52">
            <mx:FormItem label="URL">
                <mx:TextInput id="urlTxt"/>
                </mx:FormItem>
            </mx:Form>
        <mx:Button x="10" y="114" label="Go to" click="goToUrl(urlTxt.text)"
            <mx:Label x="10" y="10" text="New Window test" />
                </mx:Canvas>

</mx:Application>
```

Works like this.

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