



University Libraries

Creating Links to Library Subscribed Articles

Adding links to WSU subscribed e-journal articles to your web documents, handouts, or BlackBoard so that WSU students can access them from home requires a bit of modification to the article's URL. The proxy server URL must be added to the article's permanent URL before the student will be recognized as an authorized user. Without this authentication, the student will not be granted access off-campus.

The University Libraries has a new tool to help with this process. It can be found at:

<http://bit.ly/lulWH3>

Library Website → Faculty Toolbox → Electronic Resources Tools → Article Linking Tool

The screenshot shows the University Libraries website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the WSU logo and the text "WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY". To the right, it says "Abalah's hours today: 8am - 5pm" with a link to "See all hours". Below this is a search bar and a "Search website:" dropdown menu with options for "Libraries" and "WSU". The main navigation bar includes links for "Home", "Off-campus / Distance Users", "Student Toolbox", "Faculty Toolbox", "Gifts & Friends of the Library", and "University Home". The main content area is titled "Electronic Resources" and features a sidebar with "Links to Resources" (including Database Problem Form, Database Trials, Electronic & Other Resources, Resource of the Month, Resources by Subject, and Subject Librarians) and "Tools for Subject Librarians" (with a GORI logo). The main content area has a heading "Electronic Resources" and a description: "The Electronic Resources unit of Technical Services is charged with the responsibility of effectively implementing and managing WSU Libraries' electronic resources." Below this, there are two highlighted tools: "Article Linking Tool" (described as "Create a link to an article from a library subscribed e-resource for use in BlackBoard, web pages, and handouts.") and "Current Trials" (described as "See what trials are currently being held.>").

WSU Web Documents & Handouts

When creating links to articles for web documents or handouts use the *Web Documents or Handouts* tool. This will convert the article's URL to one that will allow off-campus access to current WSU students.

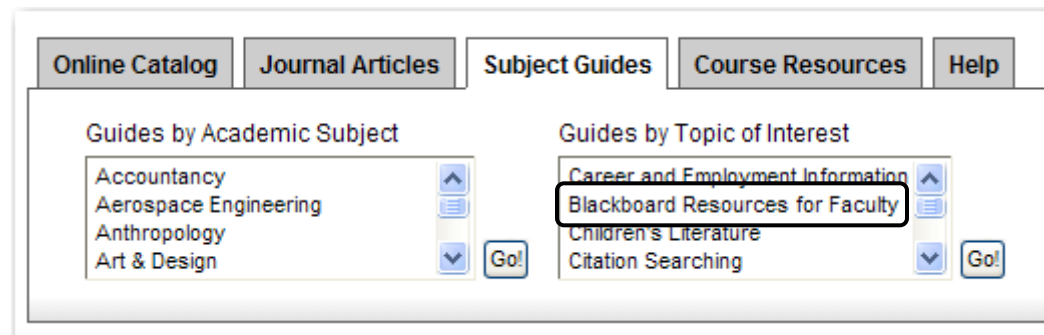
To create links for WSU web documents or handouts use this link creating tool.

BlackBoard

Students using BlackBoard from off-campus have the additional challenge of accessing Library subscribed articles and databases from links in BlackBoard. They either will not be able to access the item or will be asked to reenter their myWSUid and password, which is an additional barrier to accessing the information they need.

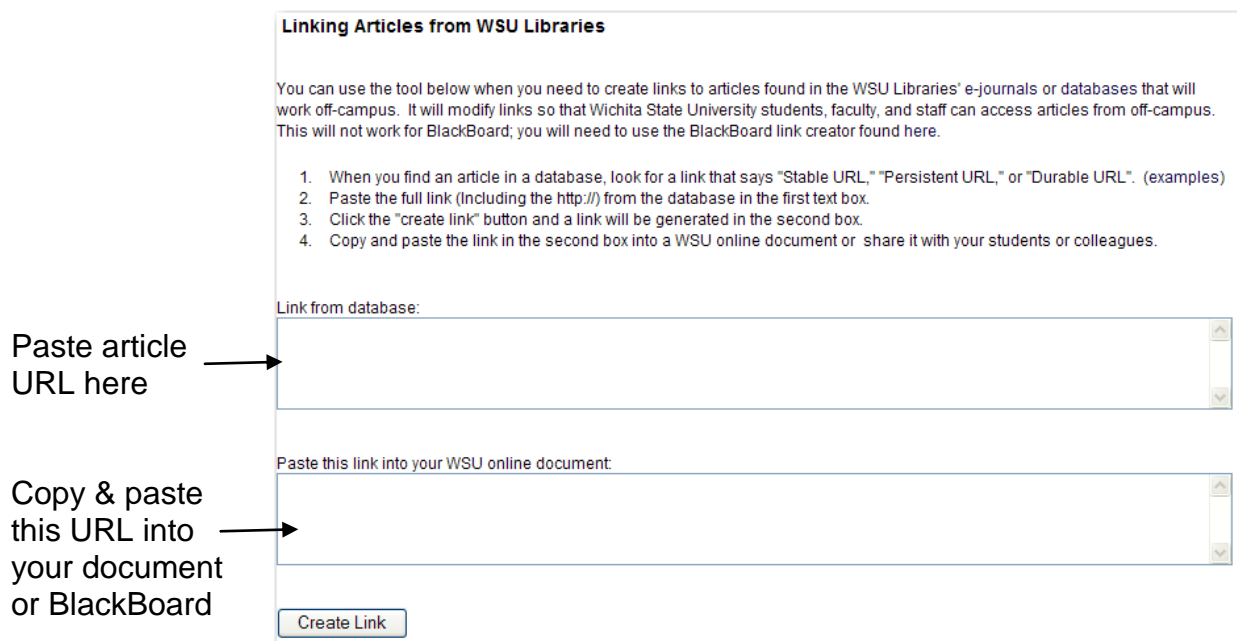
Using the BlackBoard link creator, you will generate a link that will enable easier access for your students to the Library subscribed content you want them to see within BlackBoard.

Another point of access to information regarding linking in BlackBoard is through the 'Blackboard Resources for Faculty' subject guide. This is located on the Libraries' home page.



Using the Link Creator

Locate the article's permanent URL then follow the onscreen instructions. You will be copying the article's URL into the first box, clicking the "Create Link" button, and then using the resulting URL, appearing in the second box, in your web document or handout.



Locating the Article URL

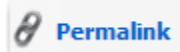
The article URL you are looking for is a permanent URL. This can be labeled as a stable URL, a durable URL, a persistent URL, etc. If you are linking to a database, please contact me or a Research Services Librarian for the URL.

Most articles will have a link to their permanent URL. You may have to explore the page to find this information. The way the URL is displayed varies as well. The following will give you a few examples of the types found. If you have any questions about which URL to use, contact me or a Research Services Librarian.


Using the resulting browser URL or the URL given by hovering over a link is not a good practice for linking to articles. Often times these links are dynamic and will not return you to the desired article later. Always use the permanent URL as your link.

Permalink Example

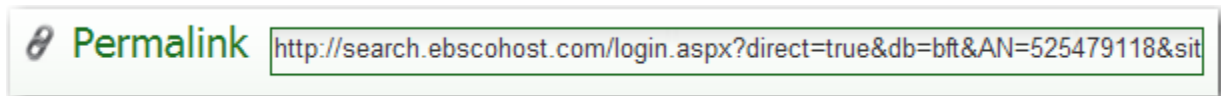
EBSCOhost provides a *permalink* to their articles. To get to the permalink, you must first click on the article title and once the Detailed Record is displayed, the permalink icon



can be found in the 'Tools' section on the right-hand side of the screen.

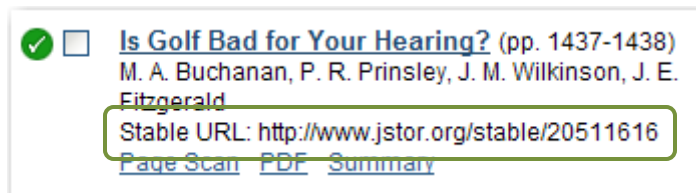
If the full text article is already displayed, a smaller version of the permalink icon  is displayed in the 'Tools' section.

Clicking on either one will produce a persistent URL that can be used for retrieving the article later. This will be displayed at the top of the page. Copy and paste this URL into the Article Linking Tool.




Stable URL Example

JSTOR offers a *stable URL*. They provide a *stable URL* to the issue in addition to individual articles within an issue. There are two locations where the article URL can be found. The first is found when searching the contents of a journal issue; the article URL is located under the brief article information.



The second is found once the full text of the article is displayed; the article URL is located at the top of the page, within the publication description.

Document URL Example

ProQuest calls theirs a *document URL*. The link can be found either using the “Cite” button  Cite or by using the URL provided in the “Document URL” line located in the *Indexing (details)* section. To link to this article, copy and paste the URL.

ProQuest Document ID	862369455
Document URL	http://search.proquest.com/docview/862369455?accountid=15042
Copyright	Copyright Indiana University Press Summer 2011

Where to Find Help

This handout is available on the Libraries’ website at: <http://bit.ly/kJyHBL>
Library Home →Faculty Toolbox→Electronic Resource Tools →Instructional Guides→Article Linking

Phone Numbers:

My extension: 5792
Research Services: 3591
Reference Desk: 3584