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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 tool to help with this process. It can be found at: [http://bit.ly/luIWH3](http://bit.ly/luIWH3)

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

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.

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 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.

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Where to Find Help

Library Home → Faculty Toolbox → Electronic Resource Tools → Instructional Guides → Article Linking

Phone Numbers:
- My extension: 5792
- Research Services: 3591
- Reference Desk: 3584