How to Create a Persistent Link in Blackboard
to an Article in a Library Database

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What is a persistent link?

It is a link that takes the user directly to the article. Without a persistent link, the student would be taken only to the search page of the library database and would have to enter the article’s author, title, etc. in order to get the article.

To create the link:

Note: If you are off-campus, go first to http://library.wheaton.edu, click on the “Off-Campus Access” link on the upper left, and follow the instructions.

1. Find out whether the article is available in full text in one of the library’s databases by using the Citation Linker feature on the library’s website at http://library.wheaton.edu/citation_linker.

2. If the article is available, create the persistent link by following the steps outlined in the rest of this document. These steps show you how to create persistent links in some of the databases that the library uses, including ATLA and other Ebscohost databases, JSTOR, Lexis-Nexis, WorldCat Local, and others. If the article you need is in a database not covered by these instructions, please contact us at research.help@wheaton.edu (x 5169).

3. If you need help with putting the links in Blackboard, please contact Julie.Giles@wheaton.edu in Media Resources (x 5334).

After creating the link:

1. While at a computer on campus, test the link in Blackboard to ensure that it works.

2. If possible, test the link using a computer off-campus also.

3. Beside each link you create in Blackboard, state the full bibliographical information for the article. This way, your students will be able to track down the article even if the link fails for some reason during the course.
Creating links to articles found through WorldCat Local

1. Click the title of the desired article in the search results list to view the article details.

2. Click the “Permalink” link in the upper right of the item record, copy the URL that is provided, and paste it into your Blackboard content links:

3. Add the proxy URL prefix to the beginning of the article URL. The proxy URL will always be the same:

   http://ezproxy.wheaton.edu/login?url=

   The proxy prefix added onto the beginning of the article URL will send your off-campus students through an authentication process before viewing the article, allowing them to be recognized by the database vendor company as an authorized user.

   The finished persistent URL to the article in the example above should look like this example:

Creating links to articles found in an Ebsco database (20 different databases including Academic Search Premier, ALTA, ERIC, etc.)

1. Click the title of the desired article in the search results list to view the article details.

2. Click on the “Permalink” link on the right side of the screen and the persistent link will appear above the article title:

3. Copy the URL of the persistent link, and paste it into your Blackboard content links.

4. Add the proxy URL prefix to the beginning of the article URL. The proxy URL will always be the same:

   http://ezproxy.wheaton.edu/login?url=
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Creating links to articles found in the JSTOR database

1. Click the title of the desired article to view the article details.

2. Copy the stable URL provided in the item description and paste it into your Blackboard content links.

3. Add the proxy URL prefix to the beginning of the article URL. The proxy URL will always be the same:

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4. The finished persistent URL to the article in the example above should look like this example:


Creating links to articles found in the Gale Literature Resource Center

1. Click the title of the desired article to view the article information.
3. Copy the Bookmark URL and paste it into your Blackboard content links:

![Bookmark URL](https://go.galegroup.com/ps/i.do?id=GALE%7CH14201000899&v=2.1&u=wheat&it=r&p=LitRC&sw=w)

Email the Bookmark URL to yourself or to others.

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http://ezproxy.wheaton.edu/login?url=
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The proxy prefix added onto the beginning of the article URL will send your off-campus students through an authentication process before viewing the article, allowing them to be recognized by the database vendor company as an authorized user.

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**Creating links to articles found in the New York Times Online (by ProQuest) Database**

1. Click on the Abstract of the desired article to display the article details.
2. On the article display page, copy the “Document URL” found near the bottom of the first screen of the article display, and paste it into your Blackboard content links.

THE SURRENDER; Full Details of the Great Event from an Eye-Witness. The Interview Between Grant and Lee. The Dignified and Amiable Character of the Scene. Signing of the Articles of Capitulation by Lee. He Expresses Thanks for the Generous Conditions. The Surrender Received by the Rebel Army with Cheers. Social Meeting of Prominent Officers of the Two Armies. A Second Interview Between Grant and Lee on Horseback. General Lee Announces that He Will Resist Himself for a Complete Cessation of Hostilities. The Number of Men Surrendered 18,000 to 20,000. ANOTHER ACCOUNT, THE SURRENDER.

From Our Own Correspondent, New York Times (1857-Current file). New York, N.Y. Apr. 14, 1865, pg 1, 2 pgs

Abstract (Summary)

Lt.-Gen. GRANT and staff arrived at City Point this morning at half-past four o’clock, having left Appomattox Court-house—the scene of the surrender of Gen. LEE and his army—on Tuesday morning at daylight. They came on horseback to Burkeville Station, on the Southside Railroad, and thence by rail to City Point. Appomattox Court-house is one hundred and three miles west of Petersburg, and only twenty-two miles east of Lynchburg. Gen. LEE did not arrive with them, but when the details of the surrender are complete, will proceed direct to Richmond.

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Creating links to articles found in Lexis-Nexis

1. Click the title of the desired article from the search results list to view the article details.
2. Note article information:
   - Newspaper/Magazine Title
   - Article Title
   - Article Author (if available)
   - Date the Article was published

3. To create the persistent URL, you will use the Durable Links tool that Lexis Nexis provides: [http://www.amdev.net/lna_article_link.php](http://www.amdev.net/lna_article_link.php). Fill out the form--you do not need the CSI number.

4. Copy the article link that is created, and paste it into your Blackboard content links.

5. Add the proxy URL prefix to the beginning of the article URL. The proxy URL will always be the same:


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   For help creating links for legal briefs or specific sources (e.g., The New York Times), please visit the Lexis-Nexis support wiki at [http://wiki.lexisnexis.com/academic/index.php?title=LexisNexis_Academic_URL_API_Specification](http://wiki.lexisnexis.com/academic/index.php?title=LexisNexis_Academic_URL_API_Specification) or contact us at research.help@wheaton.edu (x 5169) for assistance.