

If you would like to insert within your course content timely and reputable articles from journals, magazines or newspapers, but have been concerned with copyright issues or linking difficulties here is an answer for you. It is not only possible to create lasting links in Blackboard to articles from many of the databases to which the Learning Resource Centre/Library subscribes.

The two major database vendors at Algonquin which permit the creation of reading lists are EBSCO and Proquest. The databases provided by each vendor cover a wide range of topics and titles and provide full-text content to many major Canadian newspapers, leading journals and well known magazines.

A library account is necessary for you to be authenticated to use these databases off campus. If you are working from home, make sure you have a Library account and have remote access to the Learning Resource Centre/Library databases. Once you have created and placed the links in Blackboard all you and your students will require to view the material is your Blackboard login.

Capturing Links from EBSCO Databases

1. Choose EBSCO database (All EBSCO databases may be searched concurrently)
2. Do your search
3. Add each article to your saved folder by clicking the ADD icon that is to the right of each article citation.
4. *Note: At times clicking on the title of the article will immediately reveal a description that includes an annotated bibliography as well as the durable link. This enables you to cut and paste the link into Blackboard immediately as required.*
5. When you are finished adding and searching, click on "Folder has items"
6. Choose E-MAIL to send your links to yourself and generate the persistent link
7. (Proquest calls them "durable links") to your articles. For Peace of mind, the e-mailing feature creates a record of the links you have created in case of errors or if changes are necessary!
8. When you get your e-mail, highlight the "persistent link" from http to the end of the address.

For example:

<http://search.epnet.com/login.aspx?direct=true&AuthType=cookie.ip.url.uid&db=aph&an=2845412>

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Capturing Links from Proquest Databases

1. Choose Proquest database (All Proquest databases may be searched concurrently)
2. Search the database
3. Evaluate and choose full-text articles by marking them.
4. Once searching and marking is completed go to MARKED LIST at the top button bar on the search page. Click MARKED LIST.
5. Once in the marked list you can review your article choices, delete any that no longer suit your search.

6. Choose MY RESEARCH SUMMARY to generate durable links (EBSCO calls them "persistent links") to articles.
7. Highlight the durable link from http to the end of the address.

For example:

<http://proquest.umi.com/pqdweb?index=0&did=000000466058261&SrchMode=5&Fmt=3&retrieveGroup=0&VInst=PROD&VType=POD&ROT=309&x=-&VName=POD&TS=1098730437&clientId=28716>

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Link as an External Link

1. Make sure you have enabled your External Links button.
2. Under Control Panel, click External Links and then click to Add External Link.
3. Enter a name for the link and a description.
4. Type or paste your durable/persistent link into the URL field. Make Sure http:// does not appear twice.
5. Select YES for "Launch item in external window".
6. Click on Submit and OK

Link as a Course Document File.

1. Under Control Panel, click Course Documents and then Click Add Item.
2. Enter a name for the link
3. Type or paste your durable/persistent link into the text box. You must add hypertext to your link as follows.

Example : `LRC`

4. Select YES for "Launch item in external window"
5. Click on Submit and OK

Link to a Document (Course File)

You can paste the durable/persistent links into the body of a Word document. If cut and paste using the icons in Word does not work use the keys - ctrl and C to copy. Use ctrl and V to paste. A student would then use ctrl and click to open it. If you wish to use a word or the title of the article as the link (and hide the long URL) go to the place in your document where you want to put the link - right click and choose Edit Hyper Link from the drop down list. In the Address box enter (ctrl V or paste) the durable/persistent link. In the Text Box enter the name or word you want to use to describe the link. This is the word the students will see in the document as the link to the article.