Georgetown University Library: Linking to eResources

**Frequently Asked Question:** How do I create links to Georgetown University Library resources (including articles and ebooks) to embed into course syllabi, Canvas/BlackBoard, etc.?

**Answer:** When identifying course readings, it is best, whenever possible, to provide a link to the resource from the library’s database, rather than uploading a PDF. Downloading or making additional copies of a work may violate Fair Use. Generally speaking, research databases use permanent links or assign digital object identifier (DOI) to their online content. Regardless of the type of link, these providers restrict access to their content to persons affiliated with Georgetown University.

**Example: OneSearch from the Library’s Homepage**

Navigate to the Library homepage ([www.library.georgetown.edu](http://www.library.georgetown.edu)) and locate the desired resource using the OneSearch box.

From the search results page, select the quotation mark icon. This will provide you with a full citation for the source. Copy and paste the citation (following the style of your choice) into your working document (i.e. syllabus or Course Management System). Next, select “Preview” and locate “Permanent Link”. Copy and paste the permanent link to the resource into your document.
Example: EBSCOhost & ProQuest Database Content

Some research databases, including EBSCO and ProQuest, automatically generate permanent or stable links for you to copy and embed.

EBSCOhost:

After you have located your desired source in EBSCO, notice the Tools options along the right side. Select “Cite”. This will provide you with a full citation for the source. Copy and paste the citation (following the style of your choice) into your working document (i.e. syllabus or Course Management System). Next, select “Permalink”. Copy and paste the permanent link to the resource into your document.

EXAMPLE CITATION & LINK:
ProQuest:

After you have located your desired source in ProQuest, locate the grey legend and select “Cite”. This will provide you with a full citation for the source. Copy and paste the citation (following the style of your choice) into your working document (i.e. syllabus or Course Management System).

Next notice that it defaults to the “Full text” tab. Locate and select the tab labeled “Abstract/Details.” From the Abstract/Detail page, navigate down the screen and locate the field labeled “Document URL.” Copy and paste the Document URL into your document.

EXAMPLE CITATION & LINK:
Example: Other Commonly Used Databases with Permanent Links

**ScienceDirect Database:**

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**JSTOR Database:**

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**LexisNexis Database:**

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Example: eContent with Digital Object Identifiers (DOI)

Articles can be difficult to bookmark or link, since not all vendors/publishers offer permanent links. Some research publishers/databases assign digital object identifiers (DOI) to their content. A digital object identifier (DOI) is a unique alphanumeric string assigned the International DOI Foundation to identify content and provide a persistent link to its location on the Internet. All DOI numbers begin with a 10 and contain a prefix and a suffix separated by a slash.

Example DOI: 10.1080/01944360903146806

To link to an article with an assigned DOI, you will need to combine the Georgetown Proxy prefix:

http://proxy.library.georgetown.edu/login?url=

and

http://dx.doi.org/

and

the DOI.

Example: http://proxy.library.georgetown.edu/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/01944360903146806