Persistent Links

Persistent links, also known as durable or stable links, are URLs (Uniform Resource Locators) that connect users directly to full-text articles by clicking on an embedded link within a website. Faculty might wish to provide a link to an article from within the Canvas learning management system or on a web page. It enables students to read relevant articles from within Canvas or on a web page without separate authentication and without searching the databases themselves.

Persistent links for resources access via Bankier Library collections consist of two parts. One is the address for the item desired and the other is a proxy script. The proxy script points the address to the Library’s proxy server. The proxy server allows a Library user (currently enrolled students, faculty and staff) to authenticate and use the resources from off-campus. The proxy server prefix format is as follows:

http://0-target-server.library.brookdalecc.edu/remainder-of-url

Below are some examples showing how to get the persistent links from different databases.

**EBSCO databases:**

1. Find the full-text article
2. From the search result screen, click on the title of the relevant article
3. Click on the “Permalink” icon on the right column
4. Highlight the URL, and then right click to copy the permalink link
5. Post the URL in your Canvas shell or website

**Encyclopaedia Britannica:**

1. Find the full-text article
2. Click on the “Share” link (found under the title area at the top of the page)
3. A window will open with the Permalink
4. Click on the “Copy link” button to copy the link
5. Post the URL in your Canvas shell or website

**Facts on File (Infobase Learning):**

1. Find the full-text article
2. Scroll down to the bottom of the article page to locate the “Record URL”
3. Copy the “Record URL” link and paste it in your Canvas shell or website
Gale/Cengage Learning databases:

1. Find the full-text article
2. From the search result screen, click on the title of the relevant article
3. Click on the “Bookmark” link
4. Copy the Bookmark URL
5. Post the URL in your Canvas shell or website

JSTOR database:

1. Find the full-text article
2. Click on the title of the relevant article.
3. Copy the Stable URL (found under the citation area at the top of the page)
4. Post the URL in your Canvas shell or website

LexisNexis Academic:

1. Find the full-text article
2. Click on the “Copy Document Link” icon (found in the title area at the top of the page)
3. A window will open with instructions on “Copy the URL of this link”
4. Right click the bold text and select “Copy Link Address” or “Copy Shortcut”
5. Post the URL in your Canvas shell or website

ProQuest databases (New York Times Historical Newspaper):

6. Find the full-text article
7. From the search results screen, click on the relevant citation
8. Click on the “Citation/Abstract” link (found in the banner area at the top of the page)
9. Copy the “Document URL” (found under indexing (details))
10. Post the URL in your Canvas shell or website

If you have questions about persistent links, or are trying to use a database not listed above, contact a librarian.