Creating Links to Library Resources in Blackboard
A Guide for Academics

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It is possible to provide links to electronic journal articles, e-books and databases within Blackboard. However, when these links are copied at “article level” they are not stable. They may work today but not tomorrow, they may not work on all computers, and don’t provide off campus access to the material.

This guide provides advice on how to find a stable URL (also called a persistent URL or permalink). These links don’t go out of date, and will work from off-campus. Stable URLs are usually a combination of a base URL (e.g. for the database product) PLUS the number displayed for the individual item. This can be an ISBN, ISSN (for journals) or other allocated numbers.

To ensure your students can access these links while off campus, we advise that you recommend that they log in to UCD Connect first, and move into Blackboard from there.

Most Library resources can be accessed off-campus. Those products not providing off-campus access are clearly indicated in our database listing at findit @UCD Library\(^1\). Only those marked with the yellow C “on campus only” icon are not available off campus.

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\(^1\) [http://librarysearch.ucd.ie/V?func=home&force_login=y](http://librarysearch.ucd.ie/V?func=home&force_login=y)
1. Adding a link in Blackboard
   - Log into your Blackboard account and navigate to your course
   - Click the button for the course component where you want to add the links - e.g. "Assignments"
   - Position your mouse over the "Build content" menu and click on “Create URL link”

For the easiest access when off-campus, log in to the UCD Connect portal and follow on the My Library tab to online resources provided there. No further authentication will be needed if you are following this path.

2. Linking to electronic journals
   - Search for the e-journal title in findit @UCD Library
   - In Firefox, Safari and Google Chrome right click on the journal title and choose “Copy Link…”
   - Cut and paste the entire URL (which will be quite long) into Blackboard

3. Linking to e-books in subject or publisher databases which are not listed in the catalogue
   - Search for the database title in findit @UCD Library (e.g. Safari Books Online, LION, EBBO etc.)
   - Search for the book title you want to link to
   - The stable URL must always begin with this string
     http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=
   - Add the URL provided for the individual item to the string above (this is usually a unique identifier like ISBN or product number).
   - Always ensure there are no spaces in your finally constructed string, e.g. this ISBN 978-0-596-80427-5 becomes 9780596804275

   **Safari Books Online**
     plus
   - http://proquest.safaribooksonline.com
     plus
   - the ISBN which is shown when you click on the book title.

   **Example**
   This is the URL you need:
Literature Online (LION)
Browse to the desired title and select the “Durable URL” button at the top of the page


Women Writers Online
Locate the title page of the book on the screen and copy the URL from your web browser.


SourceOECD
Bring the reference for the full text in to your screen (not the PDF itself) and copy the URL from your web browser.

- http://lysander.sourceoecd.org/vl=8064894/cl=57/nw=1/rpsv/~6672/v2009n11/s8/p271

World Bank E-Library
Bring the title page of the item you are interested in to your screen and copy the URL from your web browser

- http://www.worldbank.icebox.ingenta.com/content/wb/bk17946

4. Linking to items in the library catalogue

- Search for the item in the Library Catalogue
- Display the full record details
- You’ll notice that the URL (address) commences with the string http://library.ucd.ie/iii/encore/record/C_R
- Copy the URL as far as the end of the b number that follows, such as http://library.ucd.ie/iii/encore/record/C_Rb1881676
- Paste this new URL into Blackboard.

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2 http://library.ucd.ie
5. Linking to major subscription databases

When linking to database titles, like JSTOR, Web of Knowledge, etc., it is important that the URL you provide is one that will work for students both on and off campus. Therefore it’s important to link through the UCD authentication system. Follow the ‘Generic guidelines’ to achieve this. If any of your resources do not work correctly please contact our E-Resource support team at Library.Systems@ucd.ie, listing the titles that you want to provide links for.

6. Linking to articles within databases

Generic guideline:
• Navigate to the article title launch page on your screen
• Do NOT just copy and paste the URL from your browser window - this is not likely to be a lasting workable link for students
• Look for the Permalink or DOI (Digital Object Identifier) or Persistent Link given in the bibliographic data or in a top or side panel and copy that
  o URLs need to be preceded with http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=
  o DOIs (Digital Object Identifiers) need to be preceded with http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/
• Always ensure there are no spaces in your finally constructed string
7. Appendix: Linking to specific UCD Library resources

Many of our electronic resources are provided on the same platforms. The procedure for linking to specific articles hosted on one platform is the same.

ACM Digital Library
- Select an article
- Right click on the doi and copy the link, e.g.
  http://dx.doi.org/10.1145/1822348.1822364
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=

Example:

American Chemical Society Journals
- Copy the DOI of the article, e.g. 10.1021/ma061959v
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example:
http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/10.1021/ma061959v

American Medical Association – JAMA articles
- Select an article
- Copy the doi (right hand side), e.g. 10.1001/jama.288.8.963
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example:

American Medical Association – Archives articles
- Select an article
- Open the full text PDF
- Prune the URL back to eliminate all from the ? onwards, e.g.
  http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/reprint/163/2/249?maxtoshow=&hits=10&RESULTFORMAT=1&title=cats&andorexacttitle=and&andorexacttitleabs=and&andorexactfulltext=and&searchid=1&FIRSTINDEX=10&sortspec=relevance&resourcetype=HWCIT will be:
  http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/reprint/163/2/249
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=

Example:
American Meteorological Society Journals
- Select an article
- Copy the complete doi, e.g. 10.1175/1520-0493(1915)43<564:ISOEAM>2.0.CO;2
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example: 

American Physical Society (APS)
- Select an article
- Copy the DOI (below abstract), e.g. 10.1103/PhysRevLett.103.082301
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example: 

American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Journals
- Select the abstract level of an article
- Copy the doi (below abstract), e.g. http://dx.doi.org/10.1115/1.4003769
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=

Example: 
http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/10.1115/1.4003769

American Society of Plant Biologists
- Select an article
- Copy the doi, e.g. 10.1105/tpc.13.6.1401
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url= http://dx.doi.org/

Example: 

Annual Reviews
- Select an article
- Copy the DOI, e.g. 10.1146/annurev.micro.50.1.707
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example: 
BioMed Central Journals
- Select an article
- Copy the doi, e.g. 10.1186/1471-2105-9-88
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example

BMJ Journals
- Select an article on the reference level
- Copy the doi, e.g. 10.1136/bmj.329.7463.467-a
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example
http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bmj.329.7463.467-a

Cambridge Journals Online
- Select an article
- Copy the DOI, e.g. 10.1079/AHRR200355
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example

EBSCO Host
- Select an article
- Click on “Permalink” on the right hand side and copy the link, e.g. http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&AN=64432424&site=ehost-live
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=
Example:

Economist Historical Archive 1843-2007
- Select an article
- Copy the Document URL at the bottom of the page
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=

Example

Emerald Management Xtra
- Select an article in Abstract or HTML view
- Copy the DOI (Permanent URL), e.g. 10.1108/14684521111113560
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example

European Business ASAP
- Select an article
- Check that at the top of the display you see this icon

Example

FIAF - International Index to Film Periodicals
- Select an article
- Click on Durable URL at the top right and copy the URL provided in the pop up window, e.g. http://gateway.proquest.com/openurl?url_ver=Z39.88-2004&res_dat=xri:fiaf&rft_dat=xri:fiaf:fulltext:004/0364142
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=

Example
General Business File ASAP (Gale)
- Select an article
- Check that at the top of the display you see this icon
- This means that you can copy the URL from the browser as this will not change
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=

Example

GeoScienceWorld (GSW)
- For GeoRef journal articles click on GeoRef Record and then on Full Display,
  for other journals click on Full Text
- Copy the DOI, e.g. 10.1016/j.apgeochem.2011.05.021
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example

Highwire Press
- Highwire Press includes journal articles from different publishers so a single
  guideline cannot be given
- In most cases you will see a DOI at the Full Text level.
- Copy the DOI, e.g. 10.1177/0968051907084435
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example:

Hindawi Publishing Corporation
- Select an article
- Copy the DOI, e.g. 10.1155/2008/634216
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example:
IEEE Xplore
- Select an article
- Copy the DOI (Digital Object Identifier), e.g. 10.1109/77.920215
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example:
http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/77.920215

IMechE Journals Collection
- Select an article by displaying the abstract or select the Table of Contents for a specific journal issue
- Copy the DOI, e.g. 10.1243/146441902320992437
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example:

Ingentaconnect
- Select an article
- Copy the DOI, e.g. 10.3152/147154706781783056
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example:

Inspec (Ovid)
- Select an article
- Copy the DOI (Digital Object Identifier), e.g. 10.1134/S0031918X08060082
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example:

Intermid and Internurse
- Open the full text of an article
- Copy the URL from the browser window
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=

Example:
http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://www.intermid.co.uk/cgi-bin/go.pl/library/article.cgi?uid=11125;article=BJM_11_3_154_159

These links should be regularly checked to ensure that they have not altered.
IOP Journals (Institute of Physics)
- Select an article
- Copy the DOI, e.g. 10.1088/0264-9381/26/23/235001
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example

Journals@Ovid full text
- Select an article
- Copy the DOI, e.g. 10.1227/NEU.0b013e318218cfa0
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example
http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/10.1227/NEU.0b013e318218cfa0

JSTOR
- Select an article
- Copy the Stable URL, e.g. http://www.jstor.org/stable/30008261
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=

Example

Lyell Collection Online
- Select an article
- Copy the DOI, e.g. 10.1144/GSL.SP.2003.216.01.22
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example

MathSciNet
- This product provides Article links to full text on other platforms, so a single guideline cannot be given for linkage
- Where present click on Article for the material of interest and then follow the guidelines given here for the publisher platform where the full text is presented
MD Consult Journals

- This product provides material in various formats, this guideline is for linking to journal articles only and even then there is variation
- Select an article
- Copy the DOI, e.g. 10.1016/j.hoc.2008.04.005
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example

If no DOI can be found copy the URL from the web browser and prefix it with the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=

Example

If you use the browser URL please check these links regularly as they may not be permanently valid.

Nature Publishing (NPG)

- Copy the DOI, e.g. 10.1038/nprot.2009.160
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example

Optics Infobase (OSA)

- The journals in this service are not all presented in a standard manner
- For most articles a DOI is displayed on the abstract level
- Copy the DOI, e.g. 10.1364/JON.7.000947
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example

- If there is no DOI available, copy the URL from your browser address box, e.g. http://www.opticsinfobase.org/col/abstract.cfm?uri=col-7-10-886
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=

Example

If you use the browser URL please check these links regularly as they may not be permanently valid.
Oxford Journals
- Select an article at abstract level
- Copy the DOI, e.g. 10.1093/camqtly/bfp026
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example

Project MUSE
- Select an article
- Copy the DOI displayed under each journal title, e.g. 10.1353/ol.2000.0002
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example

- If there is no DOI available, select Summary of the article and copy the URL from your browser address box, e.g.
  http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/ethnohistory/summary/v049/49.1mcmillan.html
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=

Example

If you use the browser URL please check these links regularly as they may not be permanently valid.

ProQuest
Accounting & Tax
Applied Social Sciences Index & Abstracts
Aqualine
ASFA Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts
Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals
Banking Information Sources
Biological Sciences
British Humanities Index (BHI)
Design and Applied Arts Index (DAAI)
Environmental Index Statements
Environmental Science and Pollution Management
ERIC
GeoRef
Irish Times
Library and Information Science Abstracts (LISA)
Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts (LLBA)
National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS)
Abstracts Database
Philosopher's Index
Physical Education Index
PILOTS
ProQuest Dissertations & Theses: UK & Ireland
ProQuest Dissertations & Theses A&I
ProQuest Historical Newspapers
PsycARTICLES
PsycINFO
Social Services Abstracts  Worldwide Political Science Abstracts
Sociological Abstracts  Zoological Record Plus
Technology Research Database

- Click on the title of the article
- Scroll down to the Indexing (Details) part
- Copy the Document URL
  http://search.proquest.com/docview/432350888?accountid=14507
- If the proxy string is not already attached, add the URL to the proxy string
  http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=

*Example*

**Royal Society of Chemistry**
- Select an article
- Copy the DOI displayed under each journal title, e.g. 10.1039/b717812c
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

*Example*

**Sage Journals Online**
- Select an article
- Copy the DOI, e.g. 10.1177/00220345950740080301
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

*Example*

**ScienceDirect Journals (Elsevier)**
- Select an article
- Copy the DOI, e.g. 10.1016/S1385-299X(01)00070-8
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

*Example*
http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S1385-299X(01)00070-8
SpringerLink
- Select an article
- Copy the DOI, e.g. 10.1007/BF00314212
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example
http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/BF00314212

Taylor & Francis Online
- Select an article
- Copy the DOI displayed at the Abstract level of a specific article, e.g. 10.1080/10934520903139928
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Example
http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10934520903139928

Wiley Online Library
- Select an article
- Copy the DOI, e.g. 10.1002/cne.903350210
- Add it to the string http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/

Examples
http://eproxy.ucd.ie/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/cne.903350210