



## How to Create a Stable Link to Library Resources

While you can always contact [library@usa.edu](mailto:library@usa.edu) to have a library team member give you a stable link to a specific library resource, we know that some people will want to do this on their own. Please use the following information as your guide in creating a stable link to a library online resource (article, eBook, etc.) to post in a Blackboard course or share with students or faculty members.

### General Information

- All links to library resources must start with the following prefix: <https://prx-usa.lirn.net/login?url=>  
This is what prompts the user to login before accessing the resource. It is called a “proxy”
- A link that does not start with that prefix may not work long-term
- Do not simply copy the link that shows up in the browser address bar
- Creating the link looks slightly different depending on which platform hosts the specific resource
- This guide assumes that you have already found the specific resource within the library resources and the resource is available through one of our various subscriptions
- Always test a link in a different browser or on a different computer before putting it in your course
- When in doubt, ask us for help! [library@usa.edu](mailto:library@usa.edu)

### eBooks

The best way to link to library eBooks is to find the link that has already been created for that book in our [Library Catalog](#). Search for the book in the Library Catalog and under holdings, find the “Click here” message. Do a right click over “here” and click “Copy Link Address”. That is the best link to use when connecting users to eBooks.

If you want to link a user directly to a particular chapter in the eBook, still copy the link from the Library Catalog, but then add the chapter details to the end as appropriate. For example, for the following eBook hosted on the R2 platform, *Musculoskeletal Examination* (2016), the best link (taken from the Library Catalog) is:

<http://prx-usa.lirn.net/login?url=https://www.r2library.com/Resource/Title/1118962761>

When looking specifically at chapter 3, the link in the browser bar is:

<https://0b34id8mm-mp01-y-https-www-r2library-com.prx-usa.lirn.net/resource/detail/1118962761/ch0003s0052>

Change just the end of the best link to match the end of the browser link:

<http://prx-usa.lirn.net/login?url=https://www.r2library.com/resource/detail/1118962761/ch0003s0052>

## EBSCO

EBSCO is the easiest platform for linking. When you are on the page for the record you want to share, simply click the Permalink icon on the Tools menu on the right side of the page. A permalink will appear above the record title. By default, that link will be correctly formatted. Simply copy it.

The screenshot shows the EBSCO database interface. On the left, there are options for 'Detailed Record', 'PDF Full Text', and 'PlumX Metrics'. The main content area displays the record title 'NIEHS: Making a Mark on Translational Research Science' and its details: Authors (Collman, Gwen W., Berridge, Brian R., Hall, Janet E., Woychik, Rick, Zeldin, Darryl C., Birnbaum, Linda S.), Source (Environmental Health Perspectives, August, 2018, Vol. 126 Issue 8, 081001(-80999)), Publisher (National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences), Publication Year (2018), and Subject Terms (Company business planning). On the right, a 'Tools' menu is visible, with the 'Permalink' icon highlighted by a red box. The Permalink text above the title shows a URL starting with 'http://prx-usa.lirn.net/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&'. Below the Permalink icon in the Tools menu, there is a 'Share' icon.

## Gale

If the item you want to share is located on the Gale platform, the best way to link is to click on the “Get Link” icon in the upper right:

The screenshot shows the Gale database interface. The top navigation bar includes 'My Library: University of St. Augustine', 'Change Databases', 'English', and 'Sign in with Google/Microsoft'. The main content area displays the record title 'Opposing Viewpoints' and a search bar. On the right, a 'Get Link' icon is highlighted by a red box. Below the 'Get Link' icon, there are icons for 'Cite', 'Send to...', 'Download', 'Print', and 'Highlights and Notes (0)'. The bottom navigation bar shows 'Advanced Search > Results > Document'.

### 'You can give them wings to fly': a qualitative study on values-based leadership in health care



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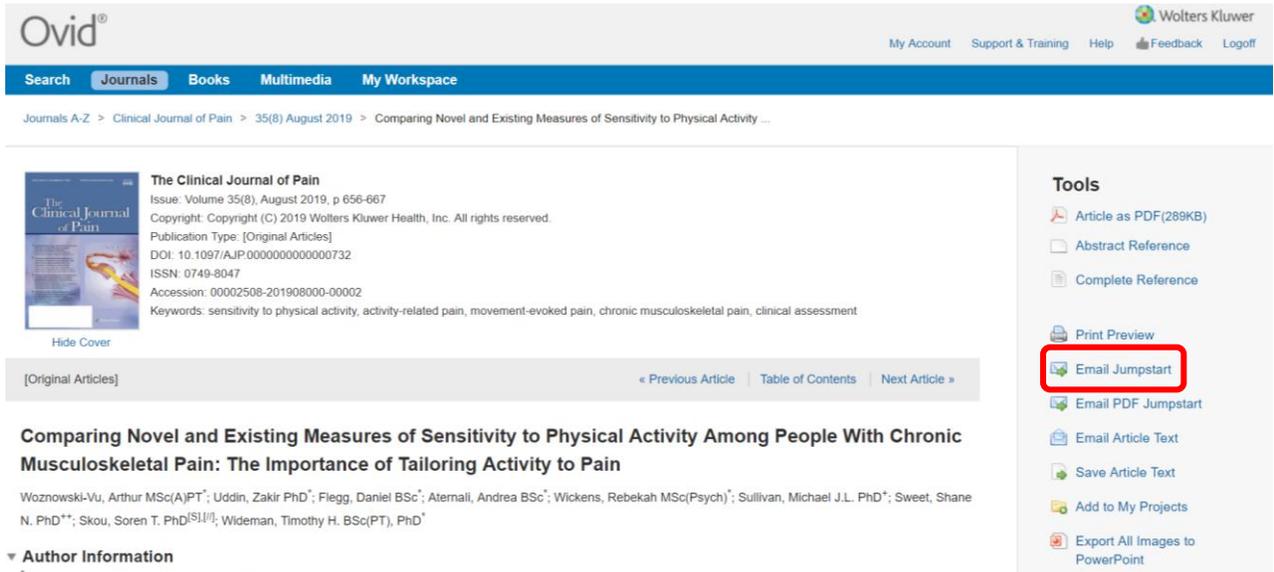
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**Lexile Measure:** 1430L  
**Content Level:** ▲ (Advanced)  
**DOI:** <http://dx.doi.org/10.1186/s12910-019-0374-x>

This will give you a non-proxied link. Add the proxy prefix (<https://prx-usa.lirn.net/login?url=>) to the front:

<https://prx-usa.lirn.net/login?url=http://link.galegroup.com/apps/doc/A590705690/OVIC?u=liRN55718&sid=OVIC&xid=024a33a9>

## Ovid

In Ovid, use the “Email Jumpstart” link to get a non-proxied link to the page:



The screenshot shows the Ovid website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Ovid logo and links for My Account, Support & Training, Help, Feedback, and Logoff. Below this is a search bar and a menu with options: Search, Journals, Books, Multimedia, and My Workspace. The main content area displays the journal cover for 'The Clinical Journal of Pain' and the article title: 'Comparing Novel and Existing Measures of Sensitivity to Physical Activity Among People With Chronic Musculoskeletal Pain: The Importance of Tailoring Activity to Pain'. The article's authors and their credentials are listed below the title. On the right side, there is a 'Tools' sidebar with various options: Article as PDF (289KB), Abstract Reference, Complete Reference, Print Preview, Email Jumpstart (highlighted with a red box), Email PDF Jumpstart, Email Article Text, Save Article Text, Add to My Projects, and Export All Images to PowerPoint. At the bottom of the article page, there is an 'Author Information' section.

Then, add the proxy prefix (<https://prx-usa.lirn.net/login?url=>) to the front:

<https://prx-usa.lirn.net/login?url=http://ovidsp.ovid.com/ovidweb.cgi?T=JS&CSC=Y&NEWS=N&PAGE=fulltext&AN=00002508-201908000-00002&LSLINK=80&D=ovft>

## ProQuest

On the page for the item in ProQuest, click on the button with three horizontal dots labeled “All Options”



The screenshot shows the ProQuest interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with "Basic Search", "Advanced Search", "Publications", "Browse", and "Databases (7)". Below this, there is a search bar and a "Search ProQuest" button. The main content area displays the document title "Linking to the library from course Web sites: Faculty perspectives" by Thistle, Dawn R. Simmons College, ProQuest Dissertations Publishing, 2004. 3157873. A red box highlights the "Options" button (three horizontal dots) in the top right corner. Below the document title, there is a search bar and a "Related items" section. The document page itself is visible in the center, showing the title and author information.

When the pop up box comes up, you'll see the stable link listed at the top:



The screenshot shows the "All save options" pop-up menu. At the top, there is a search bar containing the URL <https://search.proquest.com/docview/305100731?accountid=158603>, which is highlighted with a red box. Below the search bar, there are several sections of options:

- MOST POPULAR:** Download PDF, Order a copy, Cite, Email, Print, Save to My Research, Add to Selected Items.
- CLOUD SAVING:** Google Drive, Google Classroom, Microsoft OneDrive.
- CITATION EXPORT:** RefWorks, RIS (EndNote, Citavi, etc.), EasyBib.
- OTHER OPTIONS:** PDF, XLS (Microsoft Excel Format), RTF (Microsoft Word Format), TXT (Text only).

A "Close" button is located at the bottom right of the pop-up menu.

Click the link to automatically copy it. This is a non-proxied link. Add the proxy prefix (<https://prx-usa.lirn.net/login?url=>) to the front:

<https://prx-usa.lirn.net/login?url=https://search.proquest.com/docview/305100731?accountid=158603>

## Publishers' Web Sites for Journals

For any article on a publisher's website (e.g., IOS Press, MIT Press, Sage, ScienceDirect, Taylor & Francis, Thieme, or Wiley), the best way to set a permanent link is to put the proxy prefix (<https://prx-usa.lirn.net/login?url=>) in front of the DOI link.

You can typically find the DOI link easily on the article access page:

The screenshot shows the Wiley Online Library interface. At the top left is the 'Wiley Online Library' logo. To its right, it says 'Access by University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences'. Further right is a search box and a 'Login / Regis' link. Below this is a banner for a 'SPECIAL ISSUE' titled 'ADVANCES AND CHALLENGES IN PEDIATRIC CANCERS' from 'Cancer Reports'. The main article header for 'European Journal of Cancer Care' is visible, with the subtitle 'A multidisciplinary journal for cancer research - from prevention to palliation'. The article title is 'Prevalence of cancer and management in elderly nursing home residents. A descriptive study in 45 French nursing homes'. Below the title, the authors are listed: 'Evelyne Liuu, Nicolas Guyot, Simon Valero, Amelie Jamet, Houria El Ouazzani, Patrick Bouchaert, Jean-Marc Tourani, Virginie Migeot, Marc Paccalin'. The publication date is 'First published: 29 October 2018' and the DOI link 'https://doi.org/10.1111/ecc.12957' is highlighted with a red box. To the right of the article, there is a thumbnail of the journal cover for 'Volume 28, Issue 2' from 'March 2019' with the article ID 'e12957'. At the bottom right, there is an advertisement for 'Wiley Digital Archives' and 'Royal College of Physicians'.

For example:

<https://prx-usa.lirn.net/login?url=https://doi.org/10.1111/ecc.12957>

If the site only lists the DOI number (i.e., not as a hyperlink), simply put that number after <https://doi.org/>

Alternately, look for a “Share” button or icon – you may need to add the proxy prefix to the link it gives you.