



Persistent Links

What is a persistent link?

A persistent link is a permanent URL to a particular article within an electronic resource, like EBSCOhost, that can be saved and used for future reference. Persistent links are also referred to as PURLs, durable links, or stable links.

What does this allow me to do?

The directions provided below allow you to set up direct links, on an article level from within a course web or course reserve management system like Blackboard, Docutek Eres, Web CT etc or from a web site. It also allows access to the resource from both local and remote locations, provided they are a registered and an authorized user to MARVEL.

How can I create and use persistent links?

Persistent links that are provided on most vendor web sites accessed via MARVEL do not work because the link bypasses the MARVEL authentication system. To modify an existing persistent link, for future use, follow these steps:

1. Edit the existing URL (web address) by deleting this section: "prxy#.ursus.maine.edu"
2. Append the persistent URL in step one to the URL:
<http://libraries.maine.edu/mainedatabases/authmaine.asp?url=>

For example, if an article's persistent link from EBSCO host is:

<http://search.epnet.com.prxy1.ursus.maine.edu/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&an=16793723>

You would edit the URL to the following (from step1):

<http://search.epnet.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&an=16793723>

Append the edited persistent link to the URL provided in step 2 above. The resulting URL is:

<http://libraries.maine.edu/mainedatabases/authmaine.asp?url=http://search.epnet.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&an=16793723>

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