Guide to Providing Stable Online Access to Full-Text Articles

What is it?
- Durable or persistent links provide easy and stable access to online full-text articles available through Libraries electronic resources.

Why should I use a durable or persistent link?
- Many websites change the article web address frequently. For example, many newspapers will move the article from the latest news section to archives or some other area.
- Many websites use database to generate the content and the website address (such as those with asp, cfm, jsp or php) is not always valid over a long period of time (like a semester). Some of these article specific web addresses are good only for a day or two.
- Libraries may provide access to articles via some other databases. For example, not all articles are freely available on New York Times website but the Libraries have a subscription to a database that includes online version of article in the print edition.
- Many Libraries’ journal and database subscriptions include licensing rights for reserve reading use. Please consult campus copyright policy on whether you can post a full-text article on the course website with no access restriction at http://www.colorado.edu/copyright/fairuse/

How do I find these stable links for articles I want my students to read?

1. If you have the full citation, do a search in
   - Chinook Title Search (http://libraries.colorado.edu/search/t). If we have the electronic version, the search results will display the word “online” after the journal name.
   - E-journal Finder (http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/research/ejournalfinder.htm) to locate electronic version that are not available directly from a publisher.

2. If you do not have a full citation, you can utilize the online subject databases (http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/research/findarticles/index.htm) to find the full citation. Once you have located the citation, follow the “Find Full-Text” link to the online version.

After clicking on the “Find Full-Text” link, a second window will open with a list of databases that may contain the full-text. Sometimes you may need to then search for the title of the article to locate the online full-text.
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Note:

- We recommend you use persistent links offered by publisher if possible.

- To ensure seamless off-campus access to the reading list you have compiled using persistent links, please include the URL for Libraries’ Remote Access Information (http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/research/remote.htm) on your webpage.

- Persistent links in publisher websites or databases may be referred to as: Document URL, Stable URL, DOI, InfoMark ...

- In some cases, the persistent URL is only listed on the full citation screen.

- If the full citation screen includes only a DOI number (e.g. 10.1108/03074800410568789), all you need to do is to add “http://dx.doi.org/” in front of the numbers when creating a persistent link. Thus, using the same example, the URL for this DOI will be http://dx.doi.org/10.1108/03074800410568789

If you need further assistance in identifying persistent links from Libraries’ online resources, please contact any reference desk (http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/hours/), subject bibliographers (http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/services/bibliographers.htm) or joseph.yue@colorado.edu/303-492-8628.