Creating Electronic Reading Lists / Linking to Databases

Electronic reading lists provide students with links to full-text articles and e-books located in MiraCosta College Library online collections. Students accessing articles and e-books from off-campus will log-in using their SURF id and password, via the Proxy server.

This handout shows you how to find stable document URLs in the databases, and how to modify the URL so that the links work for your students from off-campus sites.

Create Your Electronic Reading Lists in 3 Steps

1. Find an article, e-book, or online video in one of the MiraCosta Library’s online resources
2. Locate and copy the stable URL/Permanent Link for the selected resource
3. Create a hyperlink to the stable URL in your course management site, on your course web page, etc., by adding the MiraCosta proxy server redirect to the URL for off-campus access with SURF id.

1. Start at the MiraCosta College Library Home page

   http://library.miracosta.edu

   - Find direct links to library databases under the tab “Articles/Databases” (always use the URLs on library web site to link to databases) and search for your content (articles, e-books, streaming video, etc.)

2. Locate the Stable URL/Permanent Link in the database

Different databases provide the “stable document URL” information in different locations on the interface. Most are either the URL in the address bar of the browser or under the permalink/cite/share feature at either the citation/abstract or full-text article view. The next page shows some examples of where to look. Some have icons similar to this: 📚. When using browser address bar URLs, it is always a good idea to test the links before posting. When in doubt, ask a Librarian! [library@miracosta.edu]

3. Add the Proxy Redirect to the Stable URL/Permanent Link

The MiraCosta proxy server redirect allows the user to enter their SURF id and password when off-campus and obtain full access to database content. Without this step, links will work only from campus computers.

   - The text of the proxy redirect is: .prox.miracosta.edu

This text must be added to the URL before the first “/” in the URL.

   For example:

   http://search.eb.com/eb/article-9052600

   becomes

   http://search.eb.com.prox.miracosta.edu/eb/article-9052600

Note: Some databases include ”.prox.miracosta.edu” in the stable URL on their web site, do not add it a second time.
Some examples of where to find Stable/Permanent URLs in library databases:

**EBSCO: Click “Permalink”**

![Image of EBSCO database with Permalink link](image)

**JSTOR: Locate “Stable URL”**

![Image of JSTOR database with Stable URL link](image)

**Britannica & Others: Click “Share”**

![Image of Britannica database with Share link](image)