

PART II: How to make a persistent URL

How do I make a persistent URL to an ejournal article? There are two ways to make persistent URLs to journal articles: via most of Dalhousie's databases or directly through our e-journals search page. First, let's make a persistent URL to an article found in a database. We'll use PubMed as an example. You can use this method to make persistent URLs for articles in most of Dalhousie's databases,

Your first step is to find the article you wish to link to. Once you have located the article, you will see a gold Get it @ Dal button. Clicking on this button makes a new window pop up. Toward the bottom of the window you will see an option that says "Save citation information and URL for embedding in a course or web page". Click on the green "GO" button next to this option.

Another window will pop up with citation information as well as a persistent URL for this article. In some cases, the URL may be very long, in the hundreds of characters. To shorten this URL, highlight it and copy it, and then open a new browser window and go to a handy web utility at tinyurl.com.

Paste your URL into the space on the form, and click the button. This will generate a new, permanent persistent URL that is much shorter. Copy and paste this new URL into your syllabus, BLS, email or web page!

If you are not sure which database indexes the article you need, then you can use Dalhousie's ejournal search page to make a persistent URL.

To begin, navigate to the 'Find e-journals' page at the url you see on your screen [<http://sfx7.exlibrisgroup.com/dal/az>]. Instead of searching for your journal by title, subject or publisher, click over to the CitationLinker tab on the right. Fill in the required fields in the CitationLinker form – journal title, volume, year and start page. When you are finished, click the green GO button on the right.

You will see a new popup screen. Look for the option that says "Save citation information and URL for embedding in a course or web page". Then click the GO button next to it. This generates a persistent URL that you can copy and paste directly into a web page or document. If it is very long, you can use Tinyurl.com to shorten your persistent URL.

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- Find the article in a Dalhousie database or input its citation information in the CitationLinker form on the e-journals search page.
- Click on the Go button beside the Save citation information and URL for embedding in a course or web page".
- Copy the URL given in the popup window titled "Capture Citation"
- Paste the url into your document, syllabus, email, website or BLS page. If you wish, process the URL at tinyurl.com first so that it becomes only 25 characters long.