



Link to Full-Text Articles: Instructions for Selected Databases

The ability to link directly to an article, and the URL syntax for doing so, can vary considerably from publisher to publisher. Direct links to articles may be called persistent links, durable links, PURLs, or stable URLs. A direct link can also be created by using an article's Digital Object Identifier (DOI). See the back side of this handout to link to an InfoLink window.

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- Click on the title of the article to locate the persistent link

Example: <http://proxy.lib.uiowa.edu/login?url=http://search.epnet.com/direct.asp?an=12398730&db=afh>
This link automatically allows for UI off-campus access.

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- Click on ARTICLE INFORMATION at the top of the page to find the Stable URL. Example: <http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0028-2480%28196723%291%3A1%3C3%3AAPFMTT%3E2.0.CO%3B2-W>
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Digital Object Identifiers

The best and most reliable way to create a direct link is to make use of the DOI (digital object identifier). DOI is a de facto standard that cuts across most academic publishers, and the syntax for linking to an Elsevier DOI is no different than any other DOI from any other publisher.

Within [Elsevier's Science Direct](#), when you are viewing the article's ABSTRACT or ABSTRACT + REFERENCES, you will see toward the top (just above the article title): doi: [some long number here]
Example: 10.1016/S0022-0248(01)01064-8

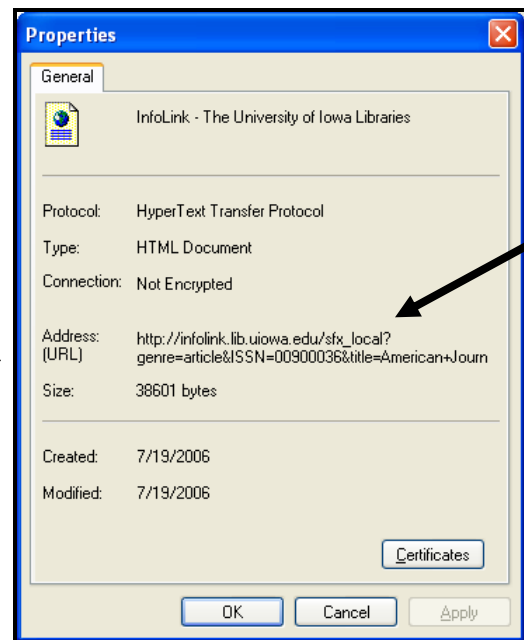
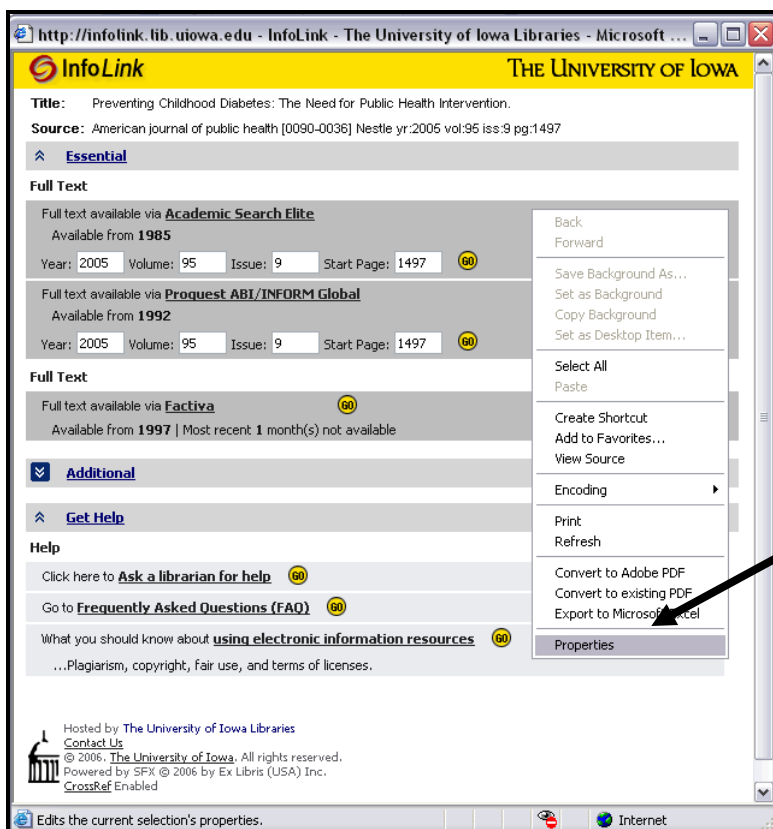
- To create a link to any DOI, you can use this syntax: http://dx.doi.org/PUT_YOUR_DOI_HERE. For off-campus access, add <http://proxy.lib.uiowa.edu/login?url=>

Example: [http://proxy.lib.uiowa.edu/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0022-0248\(01\)01064-8](http://proxy.lib.uiowa.edu/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0022-0248(01)01064-8)

Link to Full-Text Articles Using InfoLink

This sheet explains how to create a link to an InfoLink window, which allows you to see if a journal (or article) is available electronically or in print. The ability to link directly to an article, and the URL syntax for doing so, can vary considerably from publisher to publisher. Not all InfoLink windows will take you directly to the article. InfoLink may be most useful when: multiple full text options are available, a direct link to the article is not available, or it is desirable to link to the UI Libraries' catalog record for an item.

- Find a citation for the article in a database (such as EBSCOhost or PubMed). Right click on the InfoLink window. Select Properties. Copy the URL from the Properties window. Use the URL as a link on your web page.



Example:

http://infolink.lib.uiowa.edu/sfx_local?genre=article&ISSN=00900036&title=American+Journal+of+Public+Health&volume=95&issue=9&atitle=Preventing+Childhood+Diabetes%3a+The+Need+for+Public+Health+Intervention.&spage=1497&ISBN=&sid=EBSCO:afh&pid=<authors>Nestle%2c+Marion</authors><ui>18105098</ui><date>20050901</date><db>afh</db><isbn></isbn>

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