Direct Linking to Online Full Text Journal Articles From Blackboard Courses is now available from many online databases on the Trexler Library “Finding Articles” page. All of the following databases now include stable URLs labeled “Persistent Link” or “Article URL” or “Stable URL” which allow you to link to specific articles.

- EBSCO Academic Search Elite
- EBSCO Business Source Elite
- EBSCO Clinical Pharmacology
- EBSCO Professional Development Collection
- EBSCO Health Source Nursing/Academic
- EBSCO Newspaper Source
- EBSCO Professional Dev. Collection
- ERIC
- JSTOR
- PsycInfo
- Wall Street Journal
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The following databases DO NOT yet have persistent URLs for this purpose:

- DIALOG
- Hoover’s
- Lexis-Nexis
- MLA International Bibliography
- Sports Business Research
- Value Line Investment
- Wilson Education Full Text

Follow these steps:

1. After finding a full text article you want your students to read from one of the databases mentioned above, click on the article title or the “Citation” button.
2. Copy the URL shown in a field labeled “Persistent Link” or “Article URL” or “Stable URL”. This URL will work for on-campus users, but you must go to step three below to create a URL that goes through our proxy server and is available to off-campus users as well.
3. Copy the “Stable URL” into the library’s “URL Converter” form which is located at http://nt1.desales.edu/lib/help/stableURL.htm or is a link on our “Finding Articles” page as well as on our library home page under “Faculty Resources”.
4. Open your Blackboard course and select “Control Panel”.
5. Select the Content Area where you wish to add the article link.
6. Select “Add Item”.
7. In the name box, use the pull-down menu and select the label you want to use for the reading, i.e. Required Reading or Additional Materials.
8. In the large comment box, paste in the converted URL for your article and any descriptive text you want to add. You may want to cut and paste the article title and the rest of the citation.
9. Make sure to click on “Smart Text” at the bottom of the box.
10. Click Submit.