Background

A **permalink** or **persistent link** is a URL that points to a specific journal article, search results, or blog entry. Many database providers provide them for linking inside a learning management system (LMS).

At this time, most of our databases will provide permalinks that start with [http://search.ebscohost.com](http://search.ebscohost.com). This is because we currently must send our patrons directly to Ebsco, our database provider, to authenticate into password-protected resources. This will change once we have a proxy server and single sign-on to all Cummings online services.

**Finding Permalinks in EBSCO**

EBSCO provides permalinks on the article level. When you are on the article page, click **Permalink**. It is on the right side.

This will make a box pop up in EBSCO. Copy and paste the permalink.
Using Permalinks in Brightspace

To add permalinks as content in a Brightspace course, follow these steps:

- Choose the week to which you wish to add the link.
- Click on the New menu.
- Select Create a Link.

- A pop-up window will appear, where you can add the link.

Tips:

- Identify the item clearly with the title of the article, just in case the link does not work.

- Checking the box for Open as External Resource means a new tab will appear in the browser for the article, leaving the Brightspace course open in the first tab. This means, however, that you will not be able to track who has clicked on the link.