

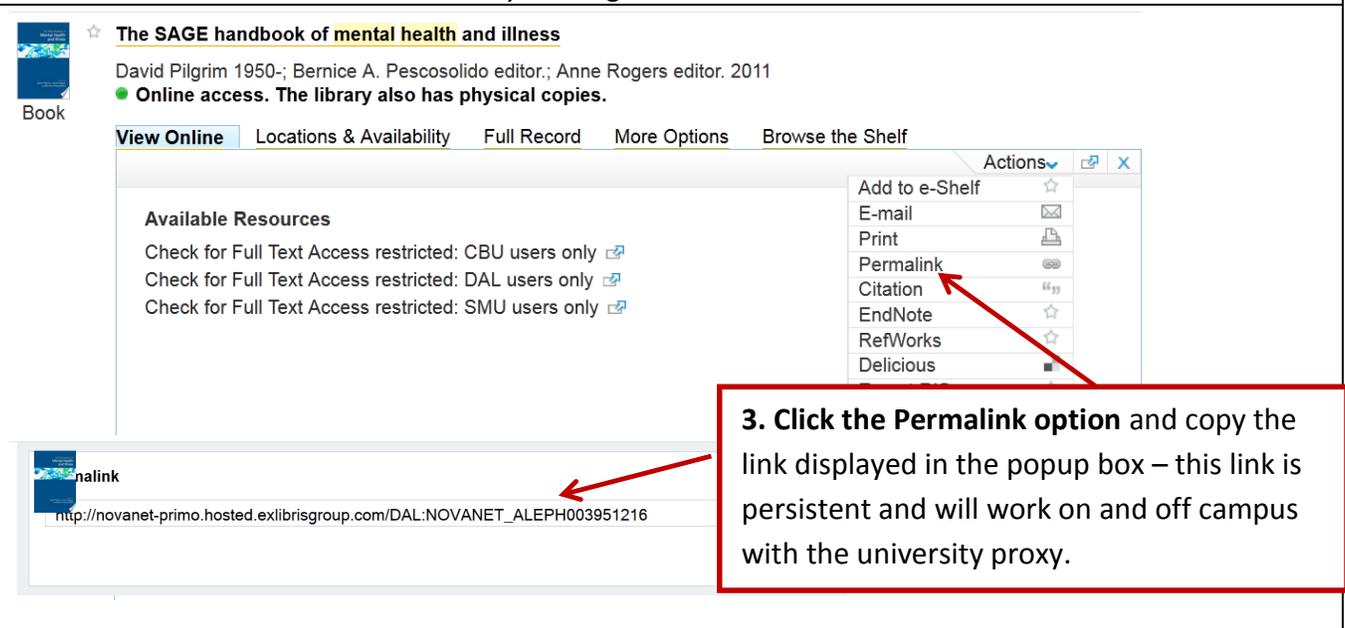
## Creating Persistent URLs (PURLs) to Dalhousie Library Readings.

Faculty often need to provide links to electronic resources as readings for students. But simply copying the URL from the address bar of a browser frequently will not work over time. Although it may appear to work initially, the links are not *persistent*.

The steps below show how to create durable or persistent links to articles and ebooks from licensed library content.

### eBooks:

1. Find the electronic book you want in the Dalhousie Library Catalogue from the search box on the homepage: <http://libraries.dal.ca/>
2. Go to the detailed record by clicking on the title of the item



The screenshot shows a library catalog record for "The SAGE handbook of mental health and illness" by David Pilgrim (1950-), Bernice A. Pescosolido (editor), and Anne Rogers (editor), published in 2011. The record indicates online access and physical copies. The "Available Resources" section lists three options for full text access, each restricted to a specific user group (CBU, DAL, or SMU users). The "Actions" menu is open, highlighting the "Permalink" option. A red arrow points from the "Permalink" option in the menu to the "Permalink" option in the "Available Resources" section. Another red arrow points from the "Permalink" option in the "Available Resources" section to the URL displayed in the browser's address bar: [http://novanet-primo.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/DAL:NOVANET\\_ALEPH003951216](http://novanet-primo.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/DAL:NOVANET_ALEPH003951216).

**3. Click the Permalink option and copy the link displayed in the popup box – this link is persistent and will work on and off campus with the university proxy.**

## There are a variety of ways to create PURLs for journal articles. Here are two of the easiest ways:

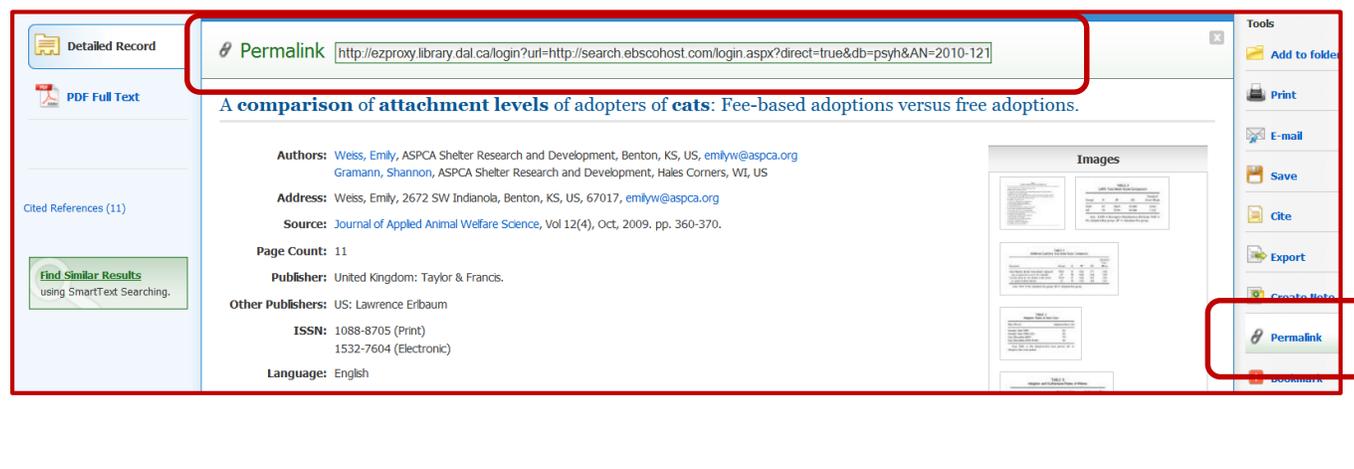
1. use a bibliographic database that has a Persistent URL utility built in
2. use the DOIs provided by publishers and adapt them for use at Dalhousie

### 1. Bibliographic databases with PURL utility features built in: (EBSCO, JSTOR, Project Muse, Proquest)

- a) Go to the database most likely to index the articles needed (e.g. for medical articles go to Pubmed, for psychology go to PsycInfo, for business go to ABI Inform).
- b) Find the record for the article and go to the detailed view
- c) Find the PURL utility, sometimes called *Permalink*, *Stable URL* or *Document URL* etc.

**NOTE:** Most PURL utilities include proxy information. If they do not (like JSTOR) remember to add the proxy prepend in front of the link: **http://ezproxy.library.dal.ca/login?url=**

**EBSCO:** On the detailed record select *Permalink* on the right hand menu and the URL will appear in a box above the record title



The screenshot displays a detailed record page from EBSCO. At the top, a 'Permalink' box contains the URL: <http://ezproxy.library.dal.ca/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=psyh&AN=2010-121>. Below this, the article title is 'A comparison of attachment levels of adopters of cats: Fee-based adoptions versus free adoptions.' The page includes metadata such as authors (Weiss, Emily; Gramann, Shannon), address, source (Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science), page count (11), publisher (United Kingdom: Taylor & Francis), and ISSN (1088-8705 for print, 1532-7604 for electronic). On the right-hand side, a 'Tools' menu is visible, with the 'Permalink' option highlighted by a red box.

**Proquest:** Scroll to the bottom of the detailed record to find and copy the “Document URL”

Place of publication	London
Country of publication	United Kingdom
Journal subject	<a href="#">Business And Economics--International Development And Assistance</a>
ISSN	01413929
CODEN	ABUSDU
Source type	Magazines
Language of publication	English
Document type	News
Document feature	Photographs
ProQuest document ID	324958777
Document URL	<a href="http://ezproxy.library.dal.ca/login?url=http://search.proquest.com/docview/324958777?accountid=10406">http://ezproxy.library.dal.ca/login?url=http://search.proquest.com/docview/324958777?accountid=10406</a>
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Database	ABI/INFORM Global

**JSTOR:** Copy the URL from the detailed record and add the proxy prepend  
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## Kangaroo Mice (Microdipodops megacephalus) of the Mono Basin: Phylogeography of a Peripheral Isolate

John C. Hafner, Emily Reddington and Matthew T. Craig

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## 2. Use the DOI (Digital Object Identifier) provided by publishers and adapt it for use at Dalhousie

Many publishers are adding DOIs to uniquely identify articles. It is important to note that **not all articles have DOIs**. There is a free DOI lookup at: <http://www.crossref.org/guestquery/>

- Go to the database most likely to index the articles needed (e.g. for medical articles go to Pubmed, for psychology go to PsycInfo, for business go to ABI Inform).
- Find the record for the article and go to the detailed view
- Click on the **GetIt@Dal** button (it may be on the brief or detailed record)

The **GetIt@Dal** screen will list a DOI when it is available.

Click on the **GO** button to see the DOI from the publisher.

Many databases such as PubMed are also now including DOIs on their records.

The screenshot shows the Dalhousie Libraries 'Find e-Journals' interface. The article title is 'Pet therapy in elderly patients with mental illness' from 'Psychogeriatrics [1346-3500] Moretti yr:2011 vol:11 iss:2 pg:125 -129'. Under 'Options for electronic Full Text', there is a section for 'Full text available via Wiley Online Library Permitted Use' with a 'GO' button. Below that, there is a section for 'Full text available via DOI' with a 'GO' button, which is highlighted with a red box. Further down, there are sections for 'Document delivery' (Request item via Document Delivery), 'Citation' (Save citation information and URL for embedding in a course or web page), and 'Download Record into RefWorks Direct Export Tool'. A list of related articles is also visible, including 'The effects of animal-assisted therapy on anxiety ratings of hospitalized psychiatric patients' and 'Therapeutic robot for nursing home residents with dementia: Preliminary inquiry'.

When a DOI does appear on an article record it can be adapted for use by adding the following Dalhousie prefix: **<http://ezproxy.library.dal.ca/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/>**

So a DOI may look like this: 10.1108/10176749910303496. But once it is adapted for use at Dalhousie it will look like this:

<http://ezproxy.library.dal.ca/login?url=http://dx.doi.org/10.1108/10176749910303496>