Persistent links to specific journals or even specific articles can be embedded in WebQuests and other web-based teaching materials, in courseware, PowerPoint presentations, and in pathfinders. The “Capture Citation or URL” function of Find It and Journals A-Z allows you to capture an OpenURL that will link to the journal or article permanently.

Why use the “Capture Citation or URL” option?
- The OpenURL that is generated contains metadata about the object as well as information about your specific institution for authentication.
- Unlike persistent links copied from individual databases, an OpenURL is proxied to allow access to remote users.
- OpenURLs are permanent since they are not attached to a specific database or vendor.

Creating a link to a specific article

1. Locate the complete citation information for the specific article you wish to link to. Make sure that full text of the article is available.

2. Click on the “Journals A-Z & Citation Linker” link on the GALILEO homepage <http://www.galileo.usg.edu>. Enter the citation information into the “Find Citation” form and click the “Find Citation” button.

**Example:** (a) *American History*; (b) The Creation of America’s Interstate Highway System; (c) June 2006; (d) Volume 41; (e) Issue 2; (f) Pages 32-39, 8p; (g) Snyder, Logan Thomas.

![Find Citation](image)
3. An SFX menu will appear. Test to make sure that full text is actually available by clicking one of the options under the "Online" heading, for example, MasterFILE Premier.

4. If you are able to access the full-text article, go back to the SFX menu and select the link to "More Options."

5. Click on "Save persistent URL or citation."

6. Copy the very long URL and paste it into the webpage or other online tool.

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**Tiny URL**

If the OpenURL is too long to fit into the URL field in the product you are using, visit TinyURL to create a shortened URL: [http://www.tiny.cc/](http://www.tiny.cc/). GALILEO hopes to create a programmatic solution to the long OpenURL.
Creating a link to a specific journal

1. Click on the “Journals A-Z & Citation Linker” link on the GALILEO homepage <http://www.galileo.usg.edu>. Enter the name of the journal into the “Find Journal” form and click the “Find Journal” button. Alternatively, you can browse alphabetically to find the journal title.

   Note the “Starts with,” “Contains,” and “Exact” buttons. Choose “Contains” if you are not absolutely sure of the title.

2. Choose the journal title from the list of “Full Text Options.” Be sure to click on the SFX logo rather than the journal title to capture the URL.

   Note: To see more information about the journal titles listed, click on “Switch to Detail View.”
3. An SFX menu will appear. Test to make sure that the journal is actually available by clicking one of the options under the "Online" heading, for example, ProQuest Research Library.

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