



Search for Article/ Article Linker

What is Article Linker?

Article Linker provides direct links from a citation in one database to the full text of the article in another database, at the publisher's site, or to other possible formats, if available.

How does Article Linker work?

When you click on the Search for Article button in an Article Linker-enabled database, the database provider sends a URL to Article Linker that contains information (metadata) about the item, e.g. the [DOI \(Digital Object Identifier\)](#), author, article title, publication title, publication date, volume, issue, page numbers, etc. in a structured format. Article Linker then uses these metadata to determine what options to show in the Article Linker window.

How do I use Search for Article / Article Linker?

Click on the Search for Article button to open an Article Linker menu in a new window. Depending on the item, the Article Linker window will have different options that will lead you to the full text of the item or to other options for retrieving the item if full text is not available.

Can I use Search for Article / Article Linker from off campus?

Yes, it will work from off campus. Please [contact a librarian](#) if you still have any problems after reading these instructions, or if you get any error messages.

What are all the links in the Article Linker window?

The links may be to the publisher's website, other databases that have the full text of the item, or if the full text is not available, to the library catalog or Google Scholar. There is also a link which will populate a form for an [Interlibrary Loan \(ILL\)](#) request.

Why does the number of options in the Article Linker window vary?

Number of options depends on the item and how many places the Kettering University Library has access to the item.

Why don't I get a link that has full text for my article?

In some cases, the Kettering University Library does not have full text for an item. The item may be available in print so please use "Search the library's catalog" option to search for the title of the book or journal (the article title cannot be searched). If the book is available through the PALnet catalog or if the Library has a print copy of the Journal for the year the article was published, please [visit the Library](#) to retrieve what you need. If you are unable to find the item in full text online or in the Library Catalog, please try a Google Scholar search to see if the item is freely available on the web. If you still are unable to find the item, please use the "Article" or "Book" request option to fill out an [Interlibrary Loan \(ILL\)](#) request.

Why does the menu offer several full text links for the same article?

If an article is available full text through several different databases, the menu will have more

than one link. If one database is experiencing problems, you may still be able to get the item with another link.

I clicked on the full text link and only got to the journal's home page or another database's search screen. What do I do now?

Article Linker will get you as close to the article as it can, depending on what the publisher provides. You may need to navigate through the publisher's site or the database to get to the article you need. *Remember that all the citation information is available in the Article Linker window to help you locate the article on the publisher's site or within the database.*

Why did I get a message saying "Sorry, could not find anything matching..." when I clicked "Search the library's catalog"?

If the Kettering University Library does not own a book or subscribe to a journal, this is the message you will receive from the library catalog.

Why does a form pop up on the screen, with instructions to include a Journal, ISSN, DOI, or PMID?

This is due to a cataloging or indexing error on the database vendor's part. Please email or print the citation and abstract and send it to our [Interlibrary Loan \(ILL\) department](#).

Why do I fail to see the Article Linker window when I click on the Search for Article button?

First check to see if you already have an Article Linker window open as it will always use the open Article Linker window instead of just opening window after window. Also, if nothing happens when you click on the Search for Article button, you may have a pop-up blocker enabled on your computer. You will need to disable that option before using Article Linker.

Why are there multiple windows?

Multiple windows allow you to keep your original search active in one window, as well as the Article Linker window and the window with the full text of the item at the same time. You may need to refer back to the Article Linker window for the citation information so that you can "drill down" to the full text if the link doesn't take you directly there.

Why don't I see any Search for Article buttons?

There are two possible reasons you do not see Search for Article buttons.

1. The database you are using is not Article Linker-enabled.
2. You do not have JavaScript enabled in your browser. If JavaScript is not enabled, the Search for Article buttons will not appear. You will need to change your JavaScript settings to use Article Linker.