

Integrating Library Resources into edveNTUre

NTU Libraries offer many databases and journals to support learning and research. There are two common methods of adding journal articles into NTU's learning management system edveNTUre.

Method 1 : Add the persistent link of a journal article

If you share the article link as displayed in the internet browser, the URL link will expire after several hours because it is a dynamic link. The user will then be directed to the search page instead of the article. Therefore, it is more useful to locate and highlight the persistent article link created by the library databases if it is available. A persistent link is known by other terms such as a DOI link (ScienceDirect), Permalink (Ebscohost), stable URL (JSTOR), document URL (Proquest) and durable link (LexisNexis). It is usually displayed in the article detail page. Click on the links above to see where the persistent links are located.

Example of DOI link of a ScienceDirect article displayed on the right sidebar



The image shows a screenshot of a journal article page from Elsevier's Information Processing & Management journal. The article title is "Uncertainty in information seeking and retrieval: A study in an academic environment" by Sudatta Chowdhury, Forbes Gibb, and Monica Landoni. The article is published in Volume 47, Issue 2, March 2011, Pages 157-175. The DOI link is highlighted in a red box in the right sidebar: <http://dx.doi.org.ezlibproxy1.ntu.edu.sg/10.1016/j.ipm.2010.09.006>. The sidebar also shows the article history, including the date received (7 September 2010), accepted (13 September 2010), and available online (30 October 2010). There are also buttons for "Export citation" and "Find it @ NTU".

Note –

1. Some databases such as Factiva do not offer a persistent article link.
2. To enable users to access a journal article outside NTU campus, the proxy URL prefix "<http://ezproxy1.ntu.edu.sg/login?url=>" must be added to the article persistent link. Some databases may display the proxy information differently. For the above article from SciVerse ScienceDirect database, the correct URL is <http://www.sciencedirect.com.ezlibproxy1.ntu.edu.sg/science/article/pii/S0306457310000798>

Method 2 : Add RSS feed from a Journal or Database

Library databases can generate different types of RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication or Rich Site Summary). These feeds will be updated automatically and connect the user to the most current list of articles or table of content. The steps to add a RSS feed are –

1) Locate the RSS feed on the database. This may be indicated by an orange icon or text such as “subscribe to feed”.

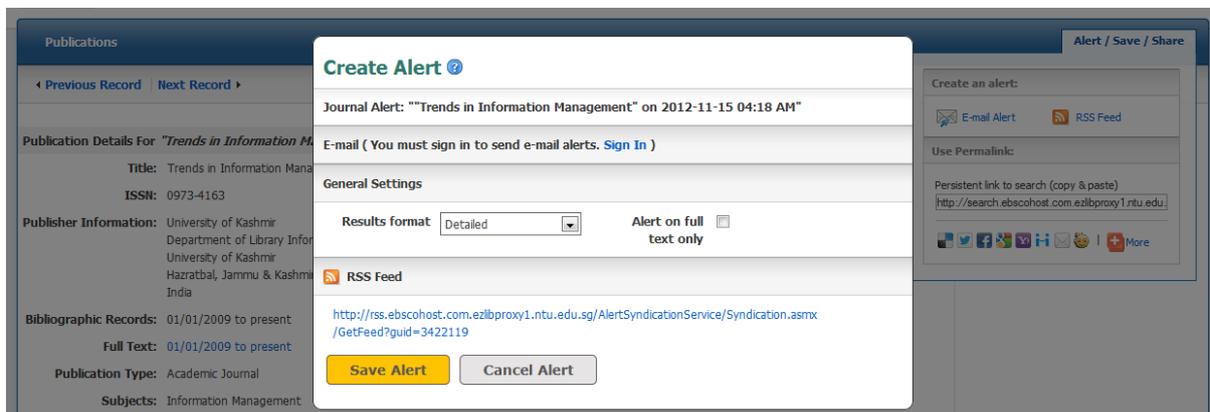


Example of the Ebscohost journal “Trends in Information Management”.

A screenshot of the Ebscohost website showing the publication details for "Trends in Information Management". The page includes a navigation bar with "Alert / Save / Share" options. A "Create an alert" dialog box is open, showing options for "E-mail Alert" and "RSS Feed". The dialog also displays a "Use Permalink" section with a persistent link to search: <http://search.ebscohost.com.ezlibproxy1.ntu.edu>. The background shows the publication details for "Trends in Information Management", including the title, ISSN (0973-4163), publisher information (University of Kashmir), and bibliographic records (01/01/2009 to present).

2) Click on the RSS feed button and create an alert. Save the alert and copy the RSS feed address eg.

<http://rss.ebscohost.com.ezlibproxy1.ntu.edu.sg/AlertSyndicationService/Syndication.aspx/GetFeed?guid=3421803>

A screenshot of the Ebscohost website showing the "Create Alert" dialog box. The dialog is titled "Create Alert" and displays the following information: "Journal Alert: ""Trends in Information Management"" on 2012-11-15 04:18 AM". It includes an "E-mail" field with a note: "E-mail (You must sign in to send e-mail alerts. Sign In)". Under "General Settings", there is a "Results format" dropdown set to "Detailed" and an "Alert on full text only" checkbox. The "RSS Feed" section shows the URL: <http://rss.ebscohost.com.ezlibproxy1.ntu.edu.sg/AlertSyndicationService/Syndication.aspx/GetFeed?guid=3422119>. At the bottom, there are "Save Alert" and "Cancel Alert" buttons. The background shows the same publication details as the previous screenshot.

3) In edvENTure, you can select “Build Content” and add a new item. Switch to HTML Source mode, paste the RSS feed address and click “Submit”.

* Indicates a required field.

Cancel Submit

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You are in HTML Source mode. Use the [<>] button to switch back to normal mode.

`http://rss.ebscohost.com.ezlibproxy1.ntu.edu.sg/AlertSyndicationService/Syndication.aspx/GetFeed?guid=3421803`

4) When users click on the link, they will be brought to the latest issue of the Journal.

Feeds from Library Databases

Build Content Assessments Tools Publisher Content

↑ **Feeds from Ebscohost**
<http://rss.ebscohost.com.ezlibproxy1.ntu.edu.sg/AlertSyndicationService/Syndication.aspx/GetFeed?guid=3421803>

↑ **Feeds from ScienceDirect**
<http://rss.sciencedirect.com.ezlibproxy1.ntu.edu.sg/action/htmlConfig/preview?feedId=HGDCJLClIDKPHHHJGEEIHEHHGEHILMJPJMMNJFJU>

As database vendors may change the way their database links and feeds are presented, do contact Yew Boon at ybchia@ntu.edu.sg if you need more information.