# Linking to a Library Database: OCLC FirstSearch

This handout demonstrates how to create a link in Moodle to an article stored in one of the OCLC FirstSearch databases. Some full-text databases included ERIC (education), GPO (government publications) and MEDLINE (medicine).

Finding an Article or Abstract

1. Access the OCLC FirstSearch system through http://www.gtu.edu/library/find-articles .

2. Select **On-campus** if you are in your campus office or in a computer lab, or select **Off-campus** if you accessing the databases from outside the consortium network.

3. Search for the article or abstract in the appropriate database as you normally would.

4. Select the full-text link for the article or abstract (do not select the citation link).
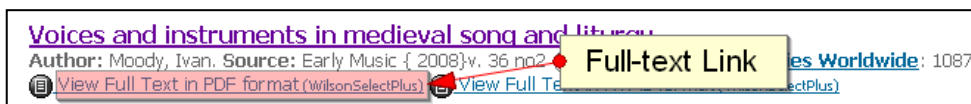
5. In the upper-right-hand corner of the screen (in the black bar), click the **Link Pickup** button.

6. Highlight the URL underneath **IP-address recognition URL** and Copy the link to your computer's clipboard.

Adding the Link to Moodle

1. Go to the appropriate course in Moodle and turn editing on.

2. From the **Add a resource…** drop-down menu, select **Label**.

3. Since students will be accessing the article from both on-campus and off-campus locations, you will need to create two links in the label.

4. Type the author and title of the article or abstract, followed by a colon and the text "On-campus or Off-campus."
For example:

> Ivan Moody, "Voices and Instruments in Medieval Song and Liturgy": On-campus or Off-campus

5. Highlight the text "On-campus" or "Off-campus," depending on the location from which you originally accessed the article or abstract. Thus, if you are working from your campus office, highlight the text "On-campus."

6. Click the **Insert/edit link** button 🔗 from the text box toolbar.

7. Right-click and paste the link in the **Link URL** field.

8. Select **Open in new window** from the **Target** drop-down menu.

9. Click the **Insert** button.

10. Repeat steps 6 through 9 to create the link for the other location.

    a. In step 7, you will need to change the link slightly to accommodate the other access location.

    b. An **on-campus** link looks like the following:
       http://firstsearch.oclc.org/FSIP?sici=0306-
       1078%28200805%2936%3A2%3C323%3AVAIIMS%3E&dbname=WilsonSelectPlus_FT

    c. An **off-campus** link looks like the following:
       http://0-firstsearch.oclc.org.grace.gtu.edu/FSIP?sici=0306-
       1078%28200805%2936%3A2%3C323%3AVAIIMS%3E&dbname=WilsonSelectPlus_FT

    d. The highlighted text demonstrates the difference between the two links.

    e. If you are creating an **off-campus** link from an **on-campus** one, you must add the **0-** [*zero dash*] before the word "firstsearch" and **.grace.gtu.edu** [*dot* grace *dot* gtu *dot* edu] after the word "org" – delete the indicated text to create an **on-campus** link from an **off-campus** one.

11. Once you have created the two links, click the **Save and return to course** button.

12. You will see an entry for the article with two hyperlinks following it.
    For example:

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    │ Ivan Moody, "Voices and Instruments in Medieval Song and Liturgy": On-campus │
    │ or Off-campus   │
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13. Your students will now be able to access the article or abstract no matter where they are connected to Moodle.

Note: when users click on the **Off-campus** link, they will be redirected to the GTU Library Login page for authentication before being able to view the OCLC FirstSearch system.