

Using BlackBoard's LinkMaker program with *Oxford English Dictionary*

The screenshot shows the BlackBoard Control Panel for a course titled "LIB 600: LinkMaker Test Course - Bobby Reeves (Course Build)". The "Content Areas" section is highlighted with a red arrow. The "Content Areas" section includes links for "DL Course test", "Course Documents", "Assignments", and "External Links". Other sections include "Course Tools", "Course Options", "User Management", "Assessment", and "Help".

1. Library Electronic Resource LinkMaker can be accessed through Blackboard's Control Panel in the various Content Areas. This help document demonstrates LinkMaker within the Assignments content area.

The screenshot shows the "Assignments" page in BlackBoard. A red arrow points to the "Assignments" header. Below the header, there is a toolbar with options: "Add", "Item", "Folder", "External Link", "Course Link", and "Test". A "Select:" dropdown menu is open, showing options: "Library Electronic Resource LinkMaker", "Learning Unit", "Survey", "Assignment", "LRN Package", and "Library Electronic Resource LinkMaker". The "Library Electronic Resource LinkMaker" option is selected. A "GO" button is visible to the right of the dropdown menu.

2. Click on the drop down arrow after the "Select" option, choose "Library Electronic Resource LinkMaker" and then click the "Go" button to access the LinkMaker function.

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COURSES > LINKMAKER TEST COURSE > CONTROL PANEL > ASSIGNMENTS > ADD LIBRARY RESOURCE LINK

Add Library Resource Link

1 Enter Information

Search **Databases** Library Catalog Reserves Staff Only **LinkMaker Help: Help**

Link URL, cut from window

Citation Information

Resource Title

Choose Color of the Title **Pick**

Cancel Submit

3. Click on the "Databases" button and then select *Oxford English Dictionary* from the menu.

- Literature Online (CH)
- Los Angeles Times - Historical
- MarketResearch
- MERGENT Online (Business and Finance)
- Metapress
- New York Times -- Historical 1851-2005
- Oxford Art Online (formerly Grove Art Online)
- Oxford English Dictionary (OED)
- Oxford...
- Penn...
- Pharm...
- Pollin...
- Proje...
- ProG...

Oxford English Dictionary

Lost for Words? Find Word

Welcome to OED Online

You are now signed in to the online Dictionary.

New to OED Online?

- How do I find a word?
- What do the buttons mean?
- Example searches
- Tour of OED Online

Start using OED Online

Find Word

Lost for words? Get a random entry

Help and resources

- Help with using OED Online
- Quick reference guide [PDF](#)
- Key to symbols and other conventions
- Abbreviations used in OED Online
- Add OED Online to your browser
- Learning resources

What's new

OED Word of the Day by RSS feed

You can now receive links to Word of the Day by RSS. To date with news about OED Online through...

Latest new and revised entries

- 11 September 2008: a series of revised ranges
- **Quarterly updates**

Featured additions

- big, *v.*²
- big whoop, *int.* and *a.*
- hot swap, *n.*
- jasm, *n.*

4. Search the *Oxford English Dictionary* * for the definition of a word or phrase that you want to create a link to.

* Note: This documentation assumes familiarity with the *Oxford English Dictionary*. If you need assistance in choosing or searching a particular database, contact a reference librarian by calling the AU reference desk at x3238.

Oxford English Dictionary perspicacity, n. - Mozilla Firefox

http://dictionary.oed.com/cgi/entry/50176282?single=1&query_type=word&queryword=perspicacity&first=1&max_to_show=10

Oxford English Dictionary perspic...

Lost for Words?

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perspicacity, n. DRAF

Pronunciation Spellings Etymology Quotations Date chart

1. Clearness of understanding or insight; great mental penetration; discernment.

1548 T. BECON *Solace of Soules* sig. C.iii.v, Thou shalte neuer by the perspicyte and quoykenis of thy reason perceyue, howe it maye be possyble. 1663 S. PATRICK *Parable of Pilgrim* (1668) xxviii. 323 The greatest wits want perspicacity in things that respect their own interest. 1673 O. WALKER *Of Educ.* xi. 122 Wit...consists..in..perspicacity, which is the consideration of all..circumstances. 1759 JOHNSON *Prince of Abissinia* I. ii. 15 A look that discovered him to feel some complacence in his own perspicacity. 1781 JOHNSON *Blackmore in Pref. Biogr. & Crit.* Y. 3 [This] is the only reproach which all the perspicacity of malice..has ever fixed upon his private life. 1838 W. H. PRESCOTT *Hist. Reign Ferdinand & Isabella* (1846) III. xvi. 183 She showed the same perspicacity in the selection of her agents. 1876 W. E. GLADSTONE *Homeric Synchron.* 61 Lessing, in his Laocoon, has discoursed with luminous perspicacity [etc.]. 1942 L. D. RICH *We took to Woods* viii. 235 The line was dead. With rare perspicacity I diagnosed it as trees down across the wire. 2003 *Daily Tel.* (Nexis) 1 Dec. 2 He showed remarkable confidence and perspicacity in pointing out to Viduka exactly where he wanted the ball delivered.

†2. Keenness of sight. *Obs.*

1606 J. BAXTER *Sir Philip Sidney's Ourania* sig. M, And [Pan] made him view his glorious Maiestie, As farre as

5. Open the target definition so that it is displayed on the screen.

6. Copy and paste the document URL and the citation information into LinkMaker. Edit the citation information as necessary.

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LINKMAKER TEST COURSE (LIB-600) > ASSIGNMENTS > ADD LIBRARY RESOURCE LINK

Add Library Resource Link

1 Enter Information

Search Databases Library Catalog Reserves Staff Only LinkMaker Help: Help

Link URL, cut from window

Citation Information

Resource Title

Choose Color of the Title

Editing tip: Use your keyboard "Ctrl" + "c" keys to copy and "Ctrl" + "v" keys to paste highlighted text, or access an editing menu by highlighting the desired information and right-clicking your mouse.

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LINKMAKER TEST COURSE (LIB-000) > ASSIGNMENTS > ADD LIBRARY RESOURCE LINK

Add Library Resource Link


1 Enter Information

Search: Databases Library Catalog Reserves Staff Only **LinkMaker**

Link URL, cut from window: `http://dictionary.oed.com/cgi/entry/50176282?single_query_type=word&queryword=perspicacity&first=1&max`

Citation Information: Oxford English Dictionary

Resource Title: Dictionary Entry: Perspic

Choose Color of the Title: 

Available: Yes No

Do you want to track number of views: Yes No

Launch item in external window: Yes No

2 Submit

Click Submit to finish. Click Cancel to quit.

7. Complete the LinkMaker screen:

- Choose the color for the title.
- Leave the “Yes” button selected for “Available” to make the link appear on your course page.
- Select whether or not you wish to track the number of views.
- Select whether the link launches in an external window (recommended).
- Submit the durable link to LinkMaker.

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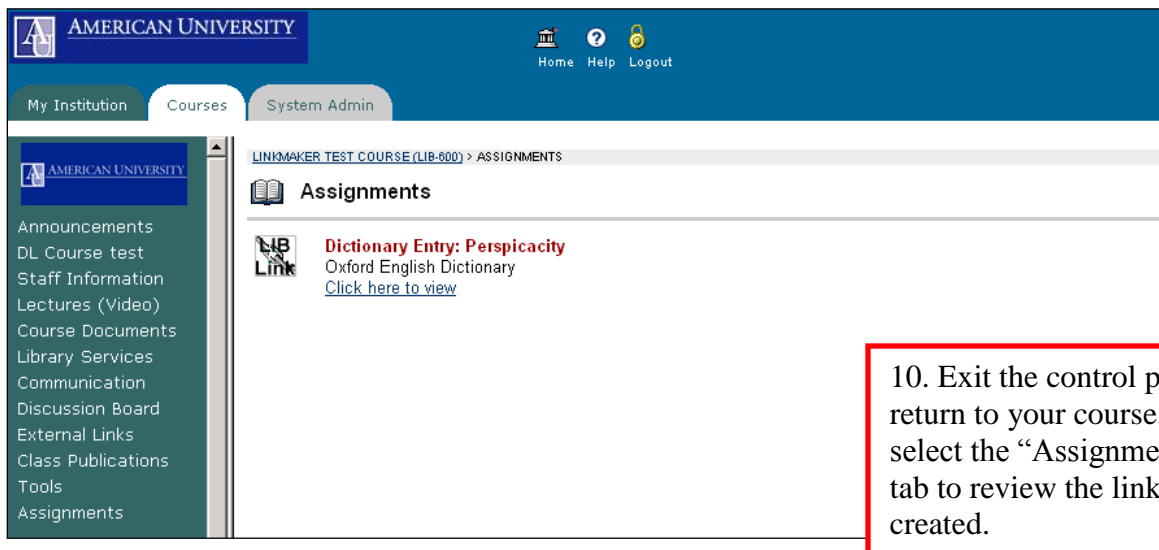
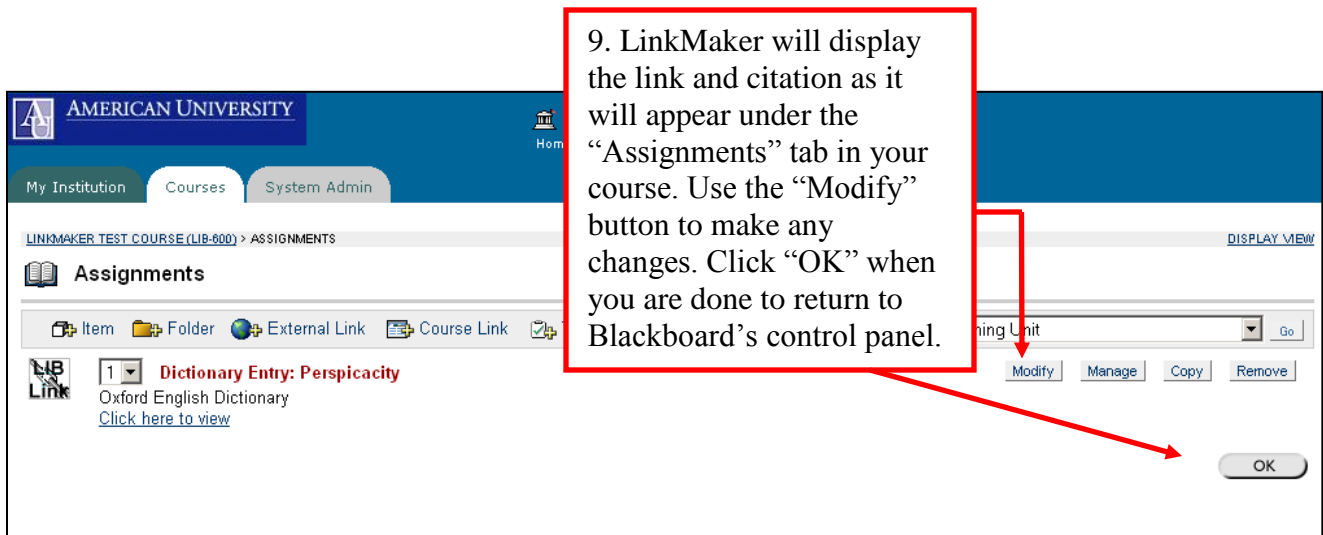
Content Added

Content has been added. This link is **durable**; it is independent of your current session & will be proxied if needed for on-campus access.

`https://www.aladin.wrlc.org/Z-WEB/Aladin?req=db&key=ALADINPROXY&url=http://dictionary.oed.com/cgi/entry/50176282?single=1&query_type=word&queryword=perspicacity&first=1&max_to_show=10`

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8. LinkMaker will report that the link has been made durable. Click “OK” to continue.



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