

Using BlackBoard's LinkMaker program with ProQuest databases

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 BlackBoard Assignments page. The "Assignments" section is highlighted with a red arrow. Below the "Assignments" section, there is a toolbar with options: "Add", "Item", "Folder", "External Link", "Course Link", and "Test". The "Select" dropdown menu is open, showing options: "Library Electronic Resource LinkMaker", "Learning Unit", "Survey", "Assignment", "LRN Package", and "Library Electronic Resource LinkMaker". The "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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Add Library Resource Link

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Citation Information

Resource Title

Cancel Submit

3. Click on the "Databases" button and then select the *ProQuest* database you would like to use from the menu.

- Literature Online (CH)
- Los Angeles Times - Historical
- MarketResearch
- MERGENT Online (Business and Finance)
- New York Times -- Historical
- Oxford English Dictionary
- Oxford University Press
- Pennsylvania Gazette, 1728-1800
- Pharmaceutical News Index (ProQuest)
- Polling the Nations: The Ultimate Survey Database
- Project MUSE: Scholarly Journals Online
- ProQuest Research Library
- PsycINFO and PsycARTICLES
- Religion (ProQuest)
- Sage Journals Online (SFX:dbkey)
- Science Direct (Elsevier)
- Science Journals (ProQuest)
- Social Science Journals (ProQuest)
- Telecommunications (ProQuest)
- Television News Archive
- Times Digital Archive, 1785-
- Wall Street Transcript

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Document type: Any document type

Publication type: All publication types

Exclude from results: Full text Abstracts

4. Search the *ProQuest* database* you selected for the article that you want to create a link to.

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

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Spain's language diversity

Norman Berdichevsky. [Contemporary Review](#). Cheam: [May 2001](#). Vol. 278, Iss. 1624; pg. 276, 7 pgs

Abstract (Summary)
 Berdichevsky discusses the distinction of the Spanish language throughout the world, but focusing on Spain. Berdichevsky examples to give an idea of the similarity of three Latin derived languages and the mysterious remoteness of the **Basque language**. Some historians see in today's regional and social diversity the outcome of Spain's historical division between four great cultural and religious traditions.

Indexing (document details)

Subjects: [Multiculturalism & pluralism](#), [History](#), [Spanish language](#)

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5. Open the target article's abstract so the citation information 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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Search

LinkMaker 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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Resource Title

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 has **not** been made durable by the Library Electronic Resource LinkMaker.

<http://www.aladin.wrlc.org/Z-WEB/Aladin?req=db&key=ALADINPROXY&url=http://proquest.com/pqdweb?did=73563395&sid=3&Fmt=3&clientId=31806&RQT=309&VName=PQD>

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8. LinkMaker will report that the link has *not* been made durable because the link copied from ProQuest is already a durable link.
- Click “OK” to continue.

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Add Item Folder External Link Course L

LIB Link 1 "Spain's language diversity" by Norman Berdic Contemporary Review. May 2001. Vol. 278, Iss. 1624; pg. Click here to open

Resource LinkMaker GO

Modify Copy Remove

OK

9. LinkMaker will display the link and citation as it will appear under the "Assignments" tab in your course. Use the "Modify" button to make any changes. Click "OK" when you are done to return to Blackboard's control panel.

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10. Exit the control panel, return to your course, and select the "Assignments" tab to review the link you created.

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