Integrating Library Resources into NTULearn

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 NTULearn.

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

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://ezlibproxy1.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”.

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

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

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

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.