

How to use Direct Linking to enable a Primo user to skip the Services Page



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- In addition to this presentation, you may wish to also see the Ex Libris Developers Network blog [How to use Direct Linking to enable a Primo user to skip the Services Page and link directly to a full text service.](#)
- In this presentation we will show how the institution can use the Direct Linking to have the user automatically go to the first service which appears on the Services Page.
- In this way, the Primo user skips the Services Page and the need to further click an Electronic Collection (service) to access the resource.

Introduction

- This can be useful if the institution wants to promote a certain Electronic Collection.
- This can be used in conjunction with the “Online Services Order” whereby the institution can determine what will be the first service on the Services Page.
- Regarding determining which services will appear first on the Services Page see [How to use the Online Services Order to to control the order of the services on the Services Page in Primo after clicking Available Online](#)

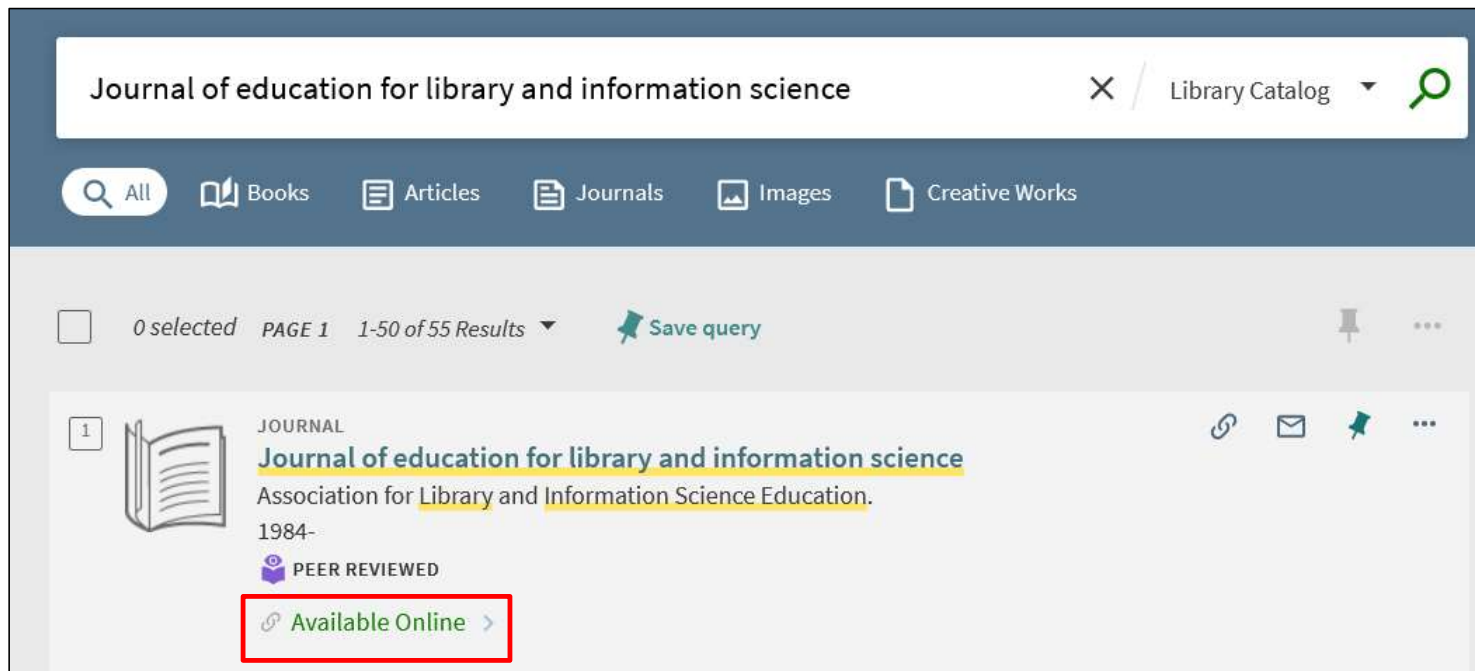
An example before configuring the Direct Linking

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- If we perform a search in Primo for electronic resource “Journal of education for library and information science” and click “Available Online” we see several electronic collections as links to the resource.
- The user then needs to click one of them.


An example before configuring the Direct Linking

- Search for the Journal and click "Available Online"



An example before configuring the Direct Linking

- Here is what we get (“Education Database” from interface ProQuest is first)

View Online	
Full text availability	
Education Database Available from 2006.	↗
ProQuest Central Available from 01/01/2006.	↗
EBSCOhost Library Literature & Information Science Full Text Available from 2004.	↗
Gale Cengage Computer Database Available from 01/01/2009 until 31/12/2014.  Access available only from on campus	↗
Gale Cengage Educator's Reference Complete Available from 01/01/2009 until 31/12/2014.	↗
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JSTOR Archive Complimentary Collection Available from 1984. Most recent 4 year(s) not available.	↗

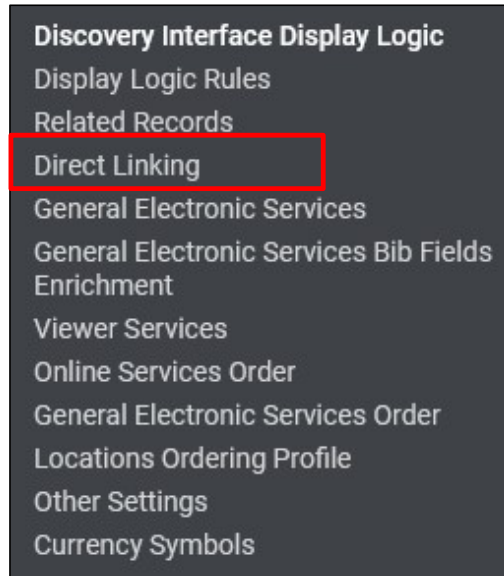
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- We may want, for example, to define that the user will automatically go to “Education Database” after clicking “Available Online”
- We can do this via the Direct Linking

Configuring the Direct Linking

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- Go to "Configuration > Fulfillment > Discovery Interface Display Logic > Direct Linking".



Configuring the Direct Linking

- Choose “Yes” for “Enable direct linking”.

Direct Linking Configuration

Enable direct linking No Yes

Enable direct linking when multiple services are available

Disable direct linking when additional information is available:

Authentication note

Public Note

Disable direct linking for electronic collections

Disable direct linking for journals

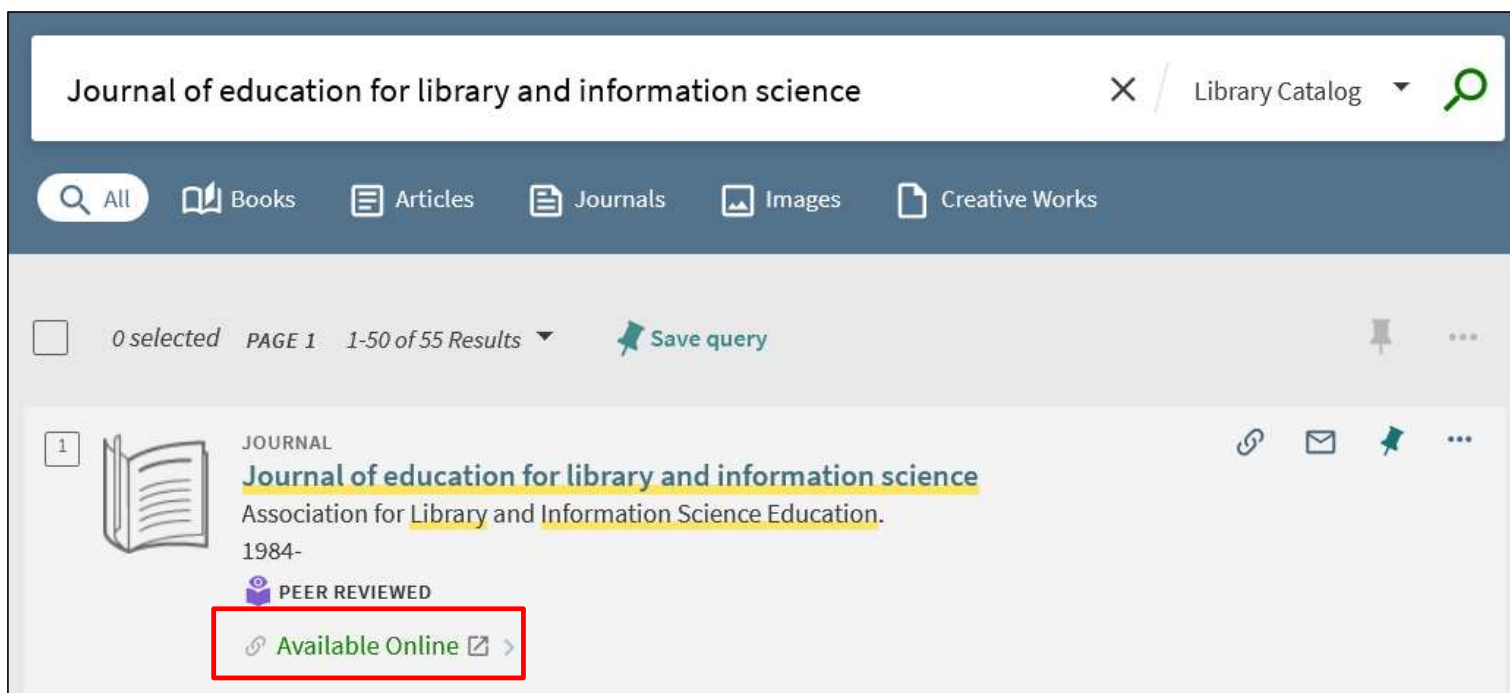
Disable direct linking for digital resources

We will also check “Enable direct linking when multiple services are available”. This means (as the name of the field suggests) that when there are multiple services variable (as in our case above) the Direct Linking will work. If this is not checked then the Direct Linking will work only if there is one Electronic Collection (service) on the Services Page.

An example after configuring the Direct Linking



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- Again, we will perform a search in Primo for electronic resource “Journal of education for library and information science” and click “Available Online”.



The screenshot shows a Primo search interface. At the top, a search bar contains the text "Journal of education for library and information science" with a clear (X) button and a search icon. To the right of the search bar, it says "Library Catalog" with a dropdown arrow and a search icon. Below the search bar is a navigation bar with buttons for "All", "Books", "Articles", "Journals", "Images", and "Creative Works".

Below the navigation bar, there is a results summary area showing "0 selected", "PAGE 1", "1-50 of 55 Results", and a "Save query" button. Below this is a list of search results. The first result is a journal entry:

- 1  JOURNAL
Journal of education for library and information science
Association for Library and Information Science Education.
1984-
PEER REVIEWED
[Available Online](#)  >

The "Available Online" link is highlighted with a red rectangular box.

An example after configuring the Direct Linking

- We are taken directly to the resource in "Education Database" from interface "ProQuest"

ProQuest
Access provided by
ProQuest Internal Demo Account

Journal of Education for Library and Information Science

North York: University of Toronto Press

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The user has bypassed the Services Page and the need to click another link.

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