

## What is OpenURL Generator (SFX)?

The OpenURL Generator is web-based technology that provides a link from a web page, course software (such as Blackboard) or from within a bibliographic management database (EndNote, RefWorks) to the full-text of an article from the Library's collection. SFX is the name of the company that produces the OpenURL Generator.

## Access

The OpenURL Generator can be used by NYU MC faculty, students and staff. Go to <http://library.med.nyu.edu/library/eresources/ourlgen.html> to generate an OpenURL for use in web pages, course software or in a bibliographic management database such as EndNote or RefWorks. You can create OpenURLs either on or off (remotely) the NYU network. The OpenURL Generator can be found on the Library's home page under Library Info → Computers @ Ehrman, under "Remote Access" or on the E-Resources page.

## Requirements for creating a link to full-text

To create a link to full-text you will need:

- the citation to the article you want to link to  
OR
- the article PMID (unique identifier to articles found in PubMed or Ovid MEDLINE)
- the location where you want to create the link (on a web page, in a bibliographic management database)

*Note: the required elements for a citation include journal title (omit leading articles, e.g., a, an, the) or ISSN (with the dash, e.g. 0041-008X) or journal title abbreviation (e.g. Acad Med), volume, issue, year, and starting page.*

## Generating an OpenURL

The steps to creating a full-text link involve typing your citation into the OpenURL Generator form and copying and pasting the OpenURL to your desired location.

Go to <http://library.med.nyu.edu/library/eresources/ourlgen.html>

- Fill in the following fields:
  1. Journal title or Journal title abbreviation or ISSN
  2. Volume
  3. Issue
  4. Year
  5. Starting pageOR
  6. article's PMID (can be found in citations in PubMed or Ovid MEDLINE)
  7. the PMID is placed in the box labeled Value; use the drop-down menu next to it to select PMID as the identifier
- Check the "ViewOpenURL" box at the bottom of the form
- Click on the "Submit" button
- An OpenURL Generator window will open.
- Highlight and copy the URL. Example:  
**[http://sfx.med.nyu.edu/sfxlcl3?genre=article&id=pmid:17536625&\\_char\\_set=utf8](http://sfx.med.nyu.edu/sfxlcl3?genre=article&id=pmid:17536625&_char_set=utf8)**
- Go to the location where you want to create the link and then paste the URL. The OpenURL created is a link to the SFX menu, where the best available links to full-text articles will be displayed. The link is accessible both on the NYU network and remotely.

For additional information about SFX and how it works, see the SFX FAQ:

<http://library.med.nyu.edu/library/eresources/sfxfaq.html>