

SFX/EBSCO API Plug-in

Before and after examples of using
the API to link to articles at EBSCO



“No results found” pages at EBSCO

EBSCO Open URL
HOST Connection

No results were found.

We were unable to find an exact match to your full text article. It is possible that:

- Correct any misspellings or correct any of the data fields below and

Verify request:

Article Title	<input type="text" value="purple is to lavender"/>
Journal	<input type="text" value="Negro Educational Review"/>
Volume	<input type="text" value="62"/>
ISSN	<input type="text" value="0548-1457"/>
Starting Page	<input type="text" value="67"/>
Date	<input type="text" value="2012"/>
Author Last Name	<input type="text" value="Jain"/>
Author First Name	<input type="text" value="Dimpal"/>

Searching: Academic Search Complete | Choose Databases

(SO (The Negro educational review))AND(D Select a Field (optional) Search Clear ?


AND Select a Field (optional)

AND Select a Field (optional) + -

[Basic Search](#) [Advanced Search](#) [Search History](#)

No results were found.

Note: Results may be found using SmartText Searching.

Options  Use SmartText Searching to find results based on my keywords. Search

Don't show this message again.

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(NOTE: Clicking the SmartText Search button often locates the article)

EBSCO API plug-in for SFX

- Way to minimize “No results found” at EBSCO
- Ability to use an EBSCO API was added to SFX in December 2015
- When activated, SFX will pre-check an article’s availability and retrieve a direct URL to the article
- SFX retrieves a direct URL if specific metadata is available in the PCI citation/SFX OpenURL
- SFX only displays a link on the menu or direct links to the article if the API locates the article at EBSCO

Certain metadata must be present for the API to work


- The PCI metadata must include the following in order for SFX to retrieve a direct URL to the article (note the Boolean logic)
 - (ISSN or journal title or title) AND (date and volume and issue) AND (start page or author or article title)
- If these conditions aren't met, regular EBSCO target linking is used.


Example 1

Without API in use

Title: Purple Is to Lavender: Womanism, Resistance, and the Politics of Naming.(Author abstract)(Report)


Source: Negro Educational Review [0548-1457] Jain, Dimpal yr:2012 vol:62 63 iss:1 4 pg:67

 [Full Text Online](#) Academic Search Complete (EBSCO)
Available from 2003

 [Full Text Online](#) Research Library (ProQuest)
Available from 2004

SFX menu

EBSCO results page

 *Open URL*
Connection

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Journal	<input type="text" value="Negro Educational Review"/>		
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ISSN	<input type="text" value="0548-1457"/>		
Starting Page	<input type="text" value="67"/>		
Date	<input type="text" value="2012-01-01"/>	<i>Example: YYYY-MM-DD</i>	

Example 1

With API in use; institution has more than one database with the journal/article; metadata is problematic

- 2011 is a combined 2011/2012 volume
- ERIC provided the citation to Primo Central and indexes the volume as 2012
- EBSCO indexes the volume as 2011
- The pre-check using the API cannot locate the article at EBSCO with the 2012 date; the link to EBSCO does not appear on the SFX menu

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 [Full Text Online](#) ProQuest Research Library New Platform

SFX menu

Example 1

With API in use; institution has the journal/article only in EBSCO; metadata is problematic

- The pre-check using the API cannot locate the article at EBSCO with the 2012 date; the link to EBSCO does not appear on the SFX menu
- Since the dates of coverage for the journal are in a range the institution has available, the SFX menu returns the “Sorry, no full text found...” message

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Source: Negro Educational Review [0548-1457] Jain, Dimpal yr:2012 vol:62 63 iss:1 4 pg:67




Sorry, full-text wasn't found for the item you requested.
Please close this window and select another article or try another search.

Example 2

Without API in use

Title: Environmental risks from the release of genetically modified organisms (GMOs)--the need for molecular ecology

Source: Molecular ecology [0962-1083] Williamson, M yr:1992 vol:1 iss:1 pg:3 -8

 [Full Text Online](#) Medline with Full-text (EBSCO)

SFX menu

No results were found.

We were unable to find an exact match to your full text article. It is possible the article is not yet available on our service. You may want to:

- Correct any misspellings or correct any of the data fields below and resubmit the information to try and locate your article.

Verify request:

Article Title

Journal

Volume

Issue

ISSN

Starting Page

Date

Example: YYYY-MM-DD

Author Last Name

Author First Name

EBSCO results page

Example 2

With API in use; institution has the journal/article only in EBSCO

- EBSCO has the journal and issue, but has only four articles in the issue
- The API does a pre-check and cannot locate the article
- The SFX menu returns the “Sorry, no full text found...” message

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Source: Molecular ecology [0962-1083] Williamson, M yr:1992 vol:1 iss:1 pg:3 -8




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Please close this window and select another article or try another search.

Example 3

Without API in use

Title: The autonomous female self and death of Lousie Mallard in Kate Chopin's "story of an hour".

Source: English language notes [0013-8282] Cunningham, Mark yr:2004 vol:42 iss:1 pg:48

 [Full Text Online](#) EBSCOhost Humanities Full Text

SFX menu

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Verify request:

Article Title

Journal

Volume

Issue

ISSN

Starting Page

Date

Example: YYYY-MM-DD

Author Last Name




Author First Name

EBSCO results page

Example 3


With API in use; institution has the journal/article only in EBSCO


- The “No results found” at EBSCO is due to mishandling of the quotation marks in the article title at EBSCO
- The pre-check found the article at EBSCO and replaced the usual OpenURL with a direct link to the article at EBSCO

 Detailed Record	<p>The Autonomous Female Self and the Death of Louise Mallard in Kate Chopin's "Story of an Hour".</p>
 HTML Full Text	<p>Authors: Cunningham, Mark</p>
 PDF Full Text (433KB)	<p>Source: English Language Notes; Sep2004, Vol. 42 Issue 1, p48-55, 8p</p>
	<p>Physical Description: Bibliographic footnotes</p>

Example 4: Without API in use

Title: FBI's Mueller admits use of drones in domestic surveillance.(INSIDE TRACK)
Source: The New American [0885-6540] yr:2013 vol:29 iss:14 pg:7

 [Full Text Online](#) Academic OneFile (Gale)

 [Full Text Online](#) Academic Search Complete (EBSCO)

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 Detailed Record

 [PDF Full Text](#) (1.3MB)

Communist Chinese Regime Forcing Rural Population Into Cities.

Source: [New American \(08856540\)](#). 7/22/2013, Vol. 29 Issue 14, p7-7. 1/2p.

Document Type: Article

EBSCO results page

Example 4: With API in use

- Two articles are on page 7
- The API's pre-check locates the desired article instead of letting EBSCO's usual linking methodology occur (in cases of multiple article per page, EBSCO chooses one article to link to)




The screenshot shows a search results page with a left sidebar and a main content area. The sidebar contains two options: 'Detailed Record' with a folder icon and 'PDF Full Text (1.3MB)' with a PDF icon. The main content area displays the article title 'FBI's Mueller Admits Use of Drones in Domestic Surveillance.' in a large, bold font. Below the title, the source information is listed: 'Source: [New American \(08856540\)](#). 7/22/2013, Vol. 29 Issue 14, p7-7. 1/2p.' At the bottom of the main content area, it says 'Document Type: Article'.

EBSCO results page

Situations where the API will not improve linking; linking to other vendors often works if available

Article is in a supplement

Title: Older people and skin: challenging perceptions.
Source: British journal of nursing [0966-0461] Cowdell, Fiona yr:2014 vol:23 iss:12 pg:S4 -8


 [Full Text Online](#) EBSCOhost CINAHL Plus with Full Text

SFX menu

Situations where the API will not improve linking; linking to other vendors often works if available

Article titles in the PCI metadata and as indexed at EBSCO don't match

Title: Last rites.(Christian America)
Source: The New Republic [0028-6583] Linker, Damon yr:2009 vol:240 iss:4858 pg:10

 [Full Text Online](#) Academic Search Complete (EBSCO)

SFX menu

1. **Last Rites.**

 By: Linker, Damon. **New Republic.** 5/6/2009, Vol. 240 Issue 7, p10-11. 2p.

Subjects: CHRISTIANITY; THEOLOGY; RELIGION; UNITED States; NEWSWEEK (Periodical); MEACHAM, Jon

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Periodical


Article at EBSCO


Situations where the API will not improve linking; linking to other vendors often works if available

Primo Central includes citation for an article;
EBSCO indexes the section as the article title instead of
Indexing each brief article

Title: Governor Andrew Cuomo (D., N.Y.) has issued a fiat that all insurance companies in t
been rechristened "gender-confirmation surgery").


Source: National Review [0028-0038] yr:2014 vol:66 iss:24 pg:6

 [Full Text Online](#) Academic OneFile (Gale)

 [Full Text Online](#) Academic Search Complete (EBSCO)


SFX menu



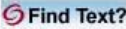
2. [The Week.](#)

 *National Review*. 12/31/2014, Vol. 66 Issue 24, p4-12. 6p. 1 Color Photograph.

Subjects: BUSH, Jeb, 1953-; WARREN, Elizabeth, 1949-; UNITED States. Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform &

Periodical



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Article at EBSCO

What to do if you want the new SFX/EBSCO API:

- Special EBSCO User ID's must be added to each EBSCO target in SFX
 - FLVC has obtained the User ID's from EBSCO for all institutions using SFX
 - User ID's have been provided to the universities who manage their SFX instances
- All colleges and Florida Polytechnic University should contact FLVC if the new functionality is desired
- FLVC Help Desk: <https://libraries.flvc.org/get-help>