Ranking CustomLinks in EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS)

EBSCOadmin allows administrators to set the order of the Full Text links that appear on the EDS result list. For example, if you would like a specific CustomLink to appear before EBSCOhost Full Text, the order can be adjusted to display it accordingly. It is important to think about the order of the links for your institution because preferences do vary.

**EBSCOhost Linked Full Text** option links records in EDS to Full Text available via EBSCO e-journals or CrossRef. These are referred to as *SmartLinks*+ and the link will carry the user to the full text hosted on the provider's website.

**EBSCOhost Full Text (PDF Full Text or HTML Full Text)** provides users with access to full text that is natively available in any subscribed EBSCOhost full text database. Smartlinks, an EBSCO technology, can also provide native full text when a record is found from an A&I database (subject index), but the user has library access/rights to the full text through another EBSCOhost full text database.

**EDS Partner Database and Publisher CustomLinks** are links EBSCO created, often with input from the publisher or content provider. This ensures that links in EDS work as accurately as possible with the target records provided. Look for CustomLinks marked as "EDS -- Partner Name" in EBSCOadmin, though CustomLink labels can vary.

**Link Resolvers** utilize OpenURL technology. This means that critical metadata elements from the record are inserted into a standard format to resolve the user to the end location of the full text of the article based on the library’s full text access/rights.

When you add a new CustomLink, it is placed at the end of the list. To facilitate the management, we recommend leaving space in your sequence to allow for more CustomLinks to be added in the future, as the content in EDS expands.

For example:

0 - Linked Full Text
0 – Publisher CustomLink
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2 – EDS Partner Database
2 – EDS Partner Database
3 – EDS Partner Database
4 – EDS Partner Database
99 – EBSCOhost Full Text (PDF Full Text or HTML Full Text)
100 (or higher) - Your link resolver
Note: CustomLinks can share the same ranking which will allow administrators to easily insert new CustomLinks. Administrators have the ability to customize the link ranking in whichever way best supports their users’ needs.

Depending on how you configure your institution’s Available in Library Collection Limiter you may need to create two versions of your link resolver CustomLink. For more information please see this Support FAQ:

Configuring your link resolver to display for all records in EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS)

Instructions for reordering your CustomLinks:

1. Login to EBSCOadmin.
2. Under the Customize Services tab, select your EBSCO Discovery Service profile from the Choose Profile list.
3. Click the Linking sub-tab.
4. Click the Modify link for CustomLinks. The Full Text Links screen is displayed.
5. Reorder your Full Text links using the number fields in the Order column on the left. You may also choose to reorder your Other Custom Links in the area below your Full Text links.
6. Place a check in the Show First Available FullText Link Only (Recommended) box is selected. This allows only the first available Full Text link appear. This is selected in your account by default.
7. Click Submit.

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