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

When the Available in Library Collection Limiter (AiLC) is applied to your collection, and you wish to display your link resolver on all records in EDS, two CustomLinks for your link resolver must be configured in EBSCO admin.

- The first CustomLink applies to all records and is configured to always display.
- The second CustomLink is applied to only a filter of resources held by your library, or those resources available in full text, and is configured to never display.

This dual approach ensures that users will always see your link resolver, even when leveraging the AiLC. The primary reason to display a link resolver on all records is to connect users with Interlibrary Loan services already configured in the link resolver interface.

Please follow the steps below to configure your CustomLinks as described above.

To configure the CustomLink which displays on all records:

1. In Customize Services, choose your EDS profile under Choose Profile, then click on the Linking sub-tab.
2. Under Custom Links click Modify.
3. Click Setup/Maintain CustomLinks.
4. Click Add New CustomLink.
5. Choose the Copy from existing CustomLinks radio button.
6. Under Choose Category select Other.
7. Click on ++show other available CustomLinks.
8. Select your link resolver from this menu to enter CustomLink configuration.
9. Next to Link Name you may keep the default text, but it is a best practice for to include a phrase in parentheses similar to “for all records.” This will help you distinguish it easily in your list or reports.
10. Show Link select Always.
11. Complete the remaining fields that meet your library’s needs and click Submit.
12. Next, add the link to your profile. Click the Customize Services tab, select your profile and then click the Linking sub-tab.
13. Click the Modify link to the right of CustomLinks.
14. Click Add New CustomLink and mark the Select box to the left of your link resolver’s name.
15. Click Submit. Your changes are saved.

To configure the CustomLink which displays on only on items available in your collection:

1. Follow steps 1-7 above.
2. Select your link resolver from this menu to enter CustomLink configuration.
3. After selecting your link resolver, change the category to Full Text. This will ensure the CustomLink will work with the AiLC and Full Text limiter.

4. Next to Link Name you may keep the default text, but it is a best practice to include a phrase in parentheses similar to “Hidden For AiLC limiter.” This will help you distinguish it in your list or reports.

5. Show Link select If item is in collection.

6. Under Local Collections for Filter select the appropriate local holdings collection.

7. For Show on Result List, Show on Publication List, and Show on Detailed Record select No for each.

8. Next, add the link to your profile. Click the Customize Services tab, select your profile and then click the Linking sub-tab.

9. Click the Modify link to the right of CustomLinks.

10. Click Add New CustomLink and mark the Select box to the left of your link resolver’s name.

11. Click Submit. Your changes are saved.

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