**What is SFX Linking and how do I set it up in EBSCOadmin?**

SFX is a linking technology that facilitates context-sensitive linking between various web resources, and allows libraries to combine electronic resources to function as a cohesive, one-stop reference system. Such resources include full text, abstracting, indexing and citation databases, online library catalogs, interlibrary loan and document delivery systems, search engines, and other web resources.

**EBSCOhost** is currently SFX enabled. **EBSCOhost** customers who purchase SFX can configure their systems to allow SFX links to be embedded into **EBSCOhost** search results. They can also link from their library's SFX linking server to full text on **EBSCOhost** Electronic Journals Service (EJS), or in **EBSCOhost** databases. EBSCO has implemented true bi-directional linking with SFX. Below are the steps for library administrators to follow, to enable bi-directional links between **EBSCOhost** and their SFX server:

### Setting up links from **EBSCOhost** to a library's SFX server:

- Library administrators should email **EBSCO Technical Support** or contact EBSCO via telephone: (800) 758-5995, and indicate that they have an SFX server installed and would like to have a link to it from their **EBSCOhost** databases. The following information should be given to Technical Support:
  - The base URL for the library's SFX server, which is unique for each library customer: `http://servername:port/sfx_local`. This is the name of the library's SFX server, port number and the library's SFX database.
  - The **EBSCOhost** profile for which SFX is to be activated
  - The IP address (or range) of the computer(s) for testing purposes, to ensure that the OpenURL access will be restricted to this IP address (or range). Another option is login/password, for the testing period. Upon receipt of the above information, EP Tech Support will be able to set up an ILS link from **EBSCOhost** databases to the library's SFX server.

- Alternatively, library administrators can set up links to an SFX server directly. [Click here](https://help.ebsco.com/interfaces/EBSCOadmin/EBSCOadmin_FAQs/What_is_SFX_Linking_and_how_do_I_set_it_up_in_EBSCOadmin) and scroll down to Item 2 in the resulting document, for information to enter in the CustomLinks section of **EBSCOadmin**, which can be found under the Customize Services main tab, Linking sub-tab.

### Setting up links from a library's SFX server to **EBSCOhost**:

EBSCO allows bi-directional linking with SFX. A library administrator can request that a link be set up from the library's SFX server to **EBSCOhost** databases, which will allow access to **EBSCOhost** full text databases, as well as **EBSCOhost** EJS electronic content. Library administrators should provide SFX with the following information:

**EBSCOhost Login information:** UserID for the profile to be used in the form of customerID.groupID.profileID where:

- **custID** = Your **EBSCOhost** customerID, e.g., s1234567
• **groupId** = The identifier for the group the profile is under, e.g., main
• **profileId** = The identifier for the profile, e.g., ehost

In the above example, the EBSCOhost login information would be s1234567.main.ehost.

EBSCOhost EJS Login information: custID, userID, password