How do I use EBSCOadmin to set up linking from EBSCOhost to WorldCat?

EBSCO, in partnership with OCLC (Online Computer Library Center) provides direct linking from search results in EBSCOhost databases, to related results in WorldCat.

With this linking option, library administrators can immediately check local library holdings, as well as those of other libraries that contribute to WorldCat. There are two types of links that can be implemented between EBSCO and WorldCat. A library administrator can set up any or all of them.

- Links from search results in EBSCOhost to related serial records (ISSN search)
- Links from search results in EBSCOhost to related book records (ISBN search)

Below are the steps library administrators should follow in order to activate links between EBSCOhost and WorldCat.

To link to a related serial record (Search by ISSN):


2. Click the Site/Group Maintenance button. Click the Go Link below CustomLinks.

3. Click Add New CustomLink. Select the Create New Custom Link radio button and click Continue.

4. Recommended settings for a Custom Link to WorldCat are as follows:
   - **Link Name** - WorldCat Journal
   - **Defined by** - Self
   - **Category** - Full Text
   - **Link Text** - Check journal holdings
   - **Mouse Over Text** - Check WorldCat
   - **Link Icon** - http://www.oclc.org/vendors/images/b...cat_70x201.gif
   - **Base URL** - http://partneraccess.oclc.org/wcpa/servlet/Search
     **Query String** - wcapi=1&wcpartner=ebsco&wcautho=xxxxxxxxx&wcissn={ISSN1}&wcdotype=ser
     (wcautho=xxxxxxxxx is your 9-digit authorization code for WorldCat.)
   - **Mandatory fields** - ISSN1
   - **Window Properties** -
     - **Display in new window** - Yes
   - **Window name** -
   - **Show on Result List** - Yes
   - **Hide link if fulltext** - No
Show if - Always

5. Complete the remaining fields to meet your organization's needs and click Submit.

6. Next, add the link to your profile. Click the Customize Services Tab, then click the Linking Sub-Tab.

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

8. Click Add New CustomLink and mark the Select box to the left of the WorldCat link.

9. Click Submit. Your changes are saved.

To link to a related book record (Search by ISBN):

Use these values in step four above.

- Link Name - WorldCat Book
- Defined by - Self
- Category - Full Text
- Link Text - Check book holdings
- Mouse Over Text - Check WorldCat
- Link Icon - http://www.oclc.org/vendors/images/b...cat_70x201.gif
- Base URL - http://partneraccess.oclc.org/wcpa/servlet/Search
- Query String - wcapi=1&wcpartner=ebsco&wcautho=xxxxxxxxx&wcissn={ISBN}
- Mandatory Fields - ISBN
- Window Properties -
  - Display in new window - Yes
- Window name -
- Show on Result List - Yes
- Hide link if fulltext - No
- Show if - Always

For your convenience, EBSCO has set up a predefined link to WorldCat that you can use.

To use a predefined link to WorldCat:


2. Click the Site/Group Maintenance button. Click the Go Link below CustomLinks.

3. Click Add New CustomLink. Select the Copy from Existing Custom Link radio button and click Continue.
4. In the Choose Category drop-down list, select FullText. Click show other available CustomLinks.

5. Click the WorldCat link and click Submit. Then add the link to your profile by following steps 6 - 9 shown above.

For Technical Support assistance, click here or call (800) 758-5995.