

PURL Guidelines (LTS Procedure #123)

Definition of a PURL: A PURL (a persistent uniform resource locator) is an intermediate WWW address, which directs users automatically to a specific Web address for a given resource. Once set up, a PURL never needs to be updated, though the URL to which it points may change.

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The following are general guidelines for determining if a PURL should be created for an electronic resource. If you are unsure about a particular resource, or have a suggestion, please contact [Sally Lockwood](#).

We **will** create [PURLs](#) for:

- Local digital collections (such as DigitalCommons@ILR or MediaSpace) at the collection level & item level.
- Resources approved by the [Database Review Committee](#) (DRC) (renamed the Interdisciplinary Team in FY22) for listing in [Databases](#).
- Other resources at the discretion of the E-Resources unit.
- Please contact e-resources@cornell.edu to request or update a PURL.

We **will not** create PURLs for:

- Resources that already have persistent links. These include:
 - Previously assigned PURLs. Generally, these will be US government documents with GPO PURLs.
 - Links using the Handle System. These start with "hdl.handle.net".
 - DOI links. These start with "dx.doi.org".
- Resources loaded from Ebsco. The Ebsco records have a 948 \$hEBSCO. All edits get overwritten in the subsequent record load.
- Resources not directly or indirectly maintained by Cornell.