What is a Permanent URL?

Permanent URLs or permalinks are usually only an issue in databases. This is because databases tend to use dynamic URLs that change each time a search is executed. A dynamic URL will only work for the duration of a session. To reliably return to a resource in a database, a permanent URL is usually needed.

A permanent URL always returns to a particular article.

In EBSCO databases it is called a permalink and is located on the right side of the screen.

In Gale databases it’s called a bookmark.

In ProQuest, email the document to yourself, and the email will contain the permanent URL, called a Document URL: