

LexisNexis® *Congressional Digital Collection*

Using durable URLs

A **durable URL** is a direct link to the document metadata without having to do a search. The link points to the metadata so that users can decide if they want the entire document, 50-page increments, or if they want to do a different search. Durable URLs can be used in bibliographies, web-bibliographies, and to send links to colleagues via e-mail.

Only the digital collections (LexisNexis Serial Set Digital Collection and the LexisNexis Congressional Research Digital Collection) have durable URLs.

The durable URLs are based on a “base” URL and the document identification number (Serial Set ID or CRDC-ID) found at the top of the bibliographic record for the item you want to link to.

Durable URLs for the *LexisNexis Serial Set Digital Collection*

Example:

SERIAL-SET-ID: 433 S.doc.150

The first part of the ID, 433, is the volume number. The rest is the document type and number.

Formula for the Durable URL: Base URL + Serial Set ID

Base URL: <http://www.lexisnexis.com/congcomp/getdoc?SERIAL-SET-ID=>
And the ID number (the volume number + document type and number)

Note: there is a plus-sign (+) inserted into the space between the volume number and the document number in the Serial Set ID.

Durable URL for SERIAL-SET-ID: 433 S.doc.150

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/congcomp/getdoc?SERIAL-SET-ID=433+S.doc.150>

Durable URLs for the *LexisNexis Congressional Research Digital Collection*

Example:

CRDC-ID: CRS-2002-RSI-0125

Formula for the Durable URL: Base URL + the CRDC-ID

Base URL: <http://www.lexisnexis.com/congcomp/getdoc?CRDC-ID=>
And the ID number

Durable URL:

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/congcomp/getdoc?CRDC-ID=CRS-2002-RSI-0125>