

addLink/unlink

Shortcuts can be made from one item to another, establishing a symbolic parent/child relationship between items. This process is used to create the concept of virtual collections in ScienceBase as well as other cases where a hierarchical relationship is desired without actually moving an item from one place to another. The API controllers for these operations are *addLink* to create shortcuts and *unlink* to remove them. In both cases, the following parameters are required.

- *itemId* - the ScienceBase ID of the item that will be (or is already) linked to a new parent item
- *destId* - the ScienceBase ID of the symbolic parent item

Example: <https://www.sciencebase.gov/catalog/items/addLink?itemId=505bb264e4b08c986b32578f&destId=5192a7fce4b00ddd76a724a8>

In this example, the item with ID, 505bb264e4b08c986b32578f, will be linked to the item with ID, 5192a7fce4b00ddd76a724a8.

To remove the link, you would simply replace the */addLink?* controller with the */unlink?* controller.



Note: There is currently no bulk change method for linking and unlinking items via the API. Items must be linked or unlinked individually.