

Citing the World Wide Web in *S t y l e*

Modern Language Association Style

This guide is intended to assist writers in preparing MLA-style documentation for articles and books retrieved from electronic databases.

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THE BOOK:

Writing in MLA style is much more than documentation (citations and works cited). The *Handbook* details all aspects of writing, e.g., page layout, headers, graphs and charts, line spacing, word usage, punctuation, and so on. The best way to learn and apply MLA style is to obtain the book.

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MLA also publishes the *MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing*, 3rd edition. In MLA's words, "The *MLA Style Manual* is the association's guide for graduate students, scholars, and professional writers. It offers complete guidance on writing and documenting scholarly texts, submitting them for peer review, and preparing them for publication. The volume provides a chapter on copyright, fair use, contracts, and other legal issues. Another chapter addresses the special requirements for submitting theses and dissertations."

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HOW TO DOCUMENT SOURCES:

The *Handbook* is explicit and detailed in regard to formatting each of the individual elements of a reference, e.g., how to capitalize, italicize, and punctuate authors' names, publication titles, etcetera. It also provides good explanation of how to cite many of the electronic resources TROY students and faculty use in their research, e.g., online databases and scholarly Web sites. The guide you are reading right now provides examples of references for some of the most common information sources provided by the Troy University Library.

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON MLA STYLE:

Troy University Writing Center

<http://troy.troy.edu/writingcenter/>

MLA Formatting and Style Guide from the Purdue University Online Writing Lab (OWL)

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>

MLA Style Lite for College Papers from Dr. Abel Scribe

<http://www.docstyles.com/mlacrib.htm>

EXAMPLES OF REFERENCES (ENTRIES IN A WORKS CITED LIST) TO ARTICLES:

EXAMPLE A1: Article from a scholarly journal obtained in a physical, print format.

Bond, Stephanie A., Michelle R. Tuckey, and Maureen F. Dollard. "Psychosocial Safety Climate, Workplace Bullying, and Symptoms of Posttraumatic Stress." *Organization Development Journal* 28.1 (2010): 37-56. Print.

EXAMPLE A2: Article from a scholarly journal obtained from an online database.

Bond, Stephanie A., Michelle R. Tuckey, and Maureen F. Dollard. "Psychosocial Safety Climate, Workplace Bullying, and Symptoms of Posttraumatic Stress." *Organization Development Journal* 28.1 (2010): 37-56. *ABI/INFORM Global*. Web. 5 Apr. 2010.

NOTE: Example A1 is for an article in its print (paper) format—Example A2 is for the identical article as accessed from an online database. Example A1 concludes with the word *Print* (to indicate its format). Example A2 names the database from which it was retrieved, indicates (by means of the word *Web*) that it was accessed online, and lists the date on which it was accessed.

EXAMPLE A3: Article from a magazine obtained in a physical, print format.

Welch, Jack, and Suzy Welch. "How to Really Shake Things Up." *BusinessWeek*. 3 Dec. 2007: 84. Print.

EXAMPLE A4: Article from a magazine obtained from an online database.

Welch, Jack, and Suzy Welch. "How to Really Shake Things Up." *BusinessWeek*. 3 Dec. 2007. *Business Source Premier*. Web. 5 Apr. 2010.

NOTE: Example A3 is for an article in its print (paper) format—Example A4 is for the identical article as accessed from an online database. Example A3 concludes with the word *Print* (to indicate its format). Example A4 names the database from which it was retrieved, indicates (by means of the word *Web*) that it was accessed online, and lists the date on which it was accessed.

EXAMPLES OF REFERENCES (ENTRIES IN A WORKS CITED LIST) TO BOOKS:

The vast majority of electronic books from TROY-provided resources are provided to TROY patrons through the databases: *eBook Collection*, *PsycBooks*, *Ebook Library*, and *Credo Reference*.

EXAMPLE B1: Book obtained in a physical, print format.

Stride, Chris, Wall, Toby D., and Nick Catley. *Measures of Job Satisfaction, Organisational Commitment, Mental Health and Job Related Well-being: A Benchmarking Manual*. Hoboken: John Wiley and Sons, 2008. Print.

EXAMPLE B2: Book obtained from an online database.

Stride, Chris, Wall, Toby D., and Nick Catley. *Measures of Job Satisfaction, Organisational Commitment, Mental Health and Job Related Well-being: A Benchmarking Manual*. Hoboken: John Wiley and Sons, 2008. *Ebook Library*. Web. 5 April 2011.

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EXAMPLE B3: Book obtained in a physical, print format.

Olmstead, Joseph A. *Leading Groups in Stressful Times: Teams, Work Units, and Task Forces*. Westport: Greenwood Publishing Group, 2002. Print.

EXAMPLE B4: Book obtained from an online database.

Olmstead, Joseph A. *Leading Groups in Stressful Times: Teams, Work Units, and Task Forces*. Westport: Greenwood Publishing Group, 2002. *eBook Collection*. Web. 5 April 2011.

NOTE: Example B3 is for an article in its print (paper) format—Example B4 is for the identical article as accessed from an online database. Example B3 concludes with the word *Print* (to indicate its format). Example B4 names the database from which it was retrieved, indicates (by means of the word *Web*) that it was accessed online, and lists the date on which it was accessed.