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Print Sources

Book

General format:

Example:

Two authors with edition:

One editor:

Notes:
- Include all authors/editors in the order they appear.
- Author’s last name first, use initials for first and middle names. Do not include comma after last name or periods between initials.
- Only capitalize the first word of the title and any proper nouns. Do not capitalize the first word of the subtitle.
- Include the state or country after the city of publication if the city is not well known.
  - Use U.S. postal abbreviations. E.g. Danbury (TX)
- Do not include edition if it is the first edition.

Journal article

General format:
Author(s). Title of article. Abbreviated title of journal. Year month day of publication;volume number(issue number):page numbers.

Example:

Two authors, day of publication is not given:

Journal article with organization as author:

Notes:
- Include all authors/editors.
- Author’s name is reversed, use initials for first and middle names. Do not include comma after last name or periods between initials.
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• Only capitalize the first word of the title and any proper nouns. Do not capitalize the first word of the subtitle.
• Abbreviate month by using the first three letters of the month. No period following the abbreviation.
• Do not repeat page numbers.
  o e.g. 125-9 instead of 125-129.

Newspaper article

General format:
  Author. Title of article. Newspaper Title (Edition). Year Month day of publication; Sect. letter: number (column number).

Example:

One author, final edition:

No author given:

Notes:

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• Author’s name is reversed, use initials for first and middle names. Do not include comma after last name or periods between initials.
• Only capitalize the first word of the title and any proper nouns. Do not capitalize the first word of the subtitle.
• Abbreviate month by using the first three letters of the month. No period following the abbreviation.
• Newspaper names are not abbreviated.
• Only the beginning page number of an article is included.
Electronic sources

Journal article from library database

Use the print format and include elements that refer to the electronic version (in bold).

General format:

Author. Title of article. Abbreviated title of journal [Internet]. Year Month day of publication [cited Year Month Day];volume number(issue number):page numbers. Available from: URL

Example:

Six authors, day of publication is not given:

Notes:

• Include all authors/editors
• Author’s name is reversed, use initials for first and middle names. Do not include comma after last name or periods between initials.
• Only capitalize the first word of the title and any proper nouns. Do not capitalize the first word of the subtitle.
• Abbreviate month by using the first three letters of the month. No period following the abbreviation.
• Do not repeat page numbers.
  o e.g. 125-9 instead of 125-129.
• If URL ends in a forward slash, include period. If not, do not include period.
• Use the Persistent URL for articles from the Library databases.

Newspaper article from library database

Use the print format and include elements that refer to the electronic version (in bold).

General format:

Author. Title of article. Newspaper Title [Internet]. (Edition). Year Month day of publication [cited Year Month Day];Sect. Location. Available from: URL

Example:

No author, final edition:
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Notes:

- Include all authors/editors.
- Author’s name is reversed, use initials for first and middle names. Do not include comma after last name or periods between initials.
- Only capitalize the first word of the title and any proper nouns. Do not capitalize the first word of the subtitle.
- Abbreviate month by using the first three letters of the month. No period following the abbreviation.
- Newspaper names are not abbreviated.
- Only the beginning page number of an article is included.
- If URL ends in a forward slash, include period. If not, do not include period.

Electronic book from library database

General format:

Author(s). Title of book [Internet]. Edition. City of publication: Publisher; Year of publication [cited Year Month Day]. Available from: URL

Example:

Two editors:

Notes:

- Include all authors/editors.
- Author’s name is reversed, use initials for first and middle names. Do not include comma after last name or periods between initials.
- Only capitalize the first word of the title and any proper nouns. Do not capitalize the first word of the subtitle.
- Include the state or country after the city of publication if the city is not well known.
  - Use the U.S. postal abbreviations. e.g. Danbury (TX):
- Do not include edition if it is the first edition.
- Abbreviate month by using the first three letters of the month. No period following the abbreviation.
- If URL ends in a forward slash, include period. If not, do not include period.

Website

If you are not able to find all of the information identified in the general format, include only what is available from the source.

General format:

Author(s). Title of website [Internet]. City of publication: Publisher; Publication/copyright date(s) [updated Year Month Day; cited Year Month Day]. Available from: URL
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Example:

Organization as author, no updated date:

Publication place/publisher unknown:

Notes:

• Include all authors/editors.
• Author’s name is reversed, use initials for first and middle names. Do not include comma after last name or periods between initials.
• If not author/editor, begin with title of the website.
• Only capitalize the first word of the title and any proper nouns. Do not capitalize the first word of the subtitle.
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• Abbreviate month by using the first three letters of the month. No period following the abbreviation.
• If URL ends in a forward slash, include period. If not, do not include period.
• Refer to the National Library of Medicine website for help determining:
  o Place of publication: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7274/box/A60085/
  o Publisher: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7274/box/A60142/
  o Publication/Copyright date: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7274/box/A60216/

Part of a Website

If you are not able to find all of the information identified in the general format, include only what is available from the source.

General format:
Title of homepage [Internet]. City of publication: Publisher; Publication/copyright date of homepage. Title of webpage or document; Year Month Day of publication of webpage or document [cited Year Month Day];[pagination of webpage or document]. Available from: URL

Example:

No author, no publication date:

Last revised: Jan 2016
Notes:

- Pagination
  - Usually the webpage or document will be unnumbered. In this case, include “about” in the location/pagination statement and estimate the number of screens or pages:
    - e.g. [about 3 screens]
    - e.g. [about 5 p.]
    - For more information see http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7274/#59613

Entire blog

- NLM’s Citing Medicine does not provide an example for an entire blog.
- The following is based on:
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General format:
Author(s). Title of blog [Internet]. City of publication: Publisher. Year Month Day of publication or copyright of blog - [cited Year Month Day]. Available from: URL

Example:

One author, no city, copyright date:

No author, no city of publication, publication date included:

Blog entry

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is available from the source.

General format:

Author(s). Title of blog entry. Year Month Day of blog entry [cited Year Month Day]. In: Title of blog [Internet]. City of publication: Publisher. Year Month Day of publication or copyright of blog - . [pagination of blog entry]. Available from: URL

Example:

No author, no city of publication


Images from the internet

- NLM’s Citing Medicine does not provide an example for an online image.
- The following is based on:
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Example:

An image from an online image databases (e.g. Flickr, Wikimedia Commons):


In-Text Citation Resources

Vancouver Community College Library: http://library.vcc.ca/downloads/VCC_VancouverStyleGuide.pdf