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Click on an image below to find out how to create a specific reference entry for your source type:

### Traditional Sources

- Print Books
- E-Books
- Print Magazine Articles
- Online Magazine Article
- Print Journal Articles
- Online Journal Articles
- Article From Database
- Print Newspaper Article
- Online Newspaper Article
- Web Page
- Images & Other Multimedia
- Theses & Dissertations

### Other Sources

- Blog Entry or Comment
- Online Course & Discussion Boards
- Personal Letter or E-mail
- Government Publication
- Interviews
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E-Books

Because e-books may have been originally published in print, you may need two containers to present publication information. The first container includes the print information, and the second container includes the access information.

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Online Magazine Articles

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Print Journal Articles

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Example:


Note: If the journal does not use volume numbers, cite the issue numbers only.
Online Journal Articles

If you are accessing a journal article directly from the journal's website, you will most likely need just one container to present publication information.

**Note:** MLA now requires full URLs for online material. However, if your article includes a DOI (digital object identifier), that information should be provided instead of the URL.

**Example:**

Article from a Database

If you are accessing a journal article from a database, you will need two containers to present the original publication information as well as the access information from the database.

**Note:** MLA now requires full URLs for online material. You should look for a stable link to the article within the database. However, if your article includes a DOI (digital object identifier), that information should be provided instead of the URL.

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Web Page

Websites that contain articles, postings, and almost anything else have been simplified in the 8th edition of the MLA Handbook. Just one container is needed for most websites.

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Theses & Dissertations

If you have a hard copy of the thesis or dissertation, you will need just one container. However, since you are likely accessing the work via a database, you will most likely need two containers.

Example of hard copy (one container):


Example of database (two containers):

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Blog Entry/Comment

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Online Course & Discussion Boards

Formatting entries for online course pages and discussion posts should follow similar formatting you will find for other online sources in the 8th edition of MLA. Provide as much information as you can based on an online resource example. Since the information is accessed directly online, you will likely need just one container system.

Course Page Example:

Sands, Crystal. “English 101: English Composition.” Excelsior College, 2016,
    mycourses.excelsior.edu.

Discussion Post Example:

Brunell, David. “Re: Armstrong Article.” Reflections on Assignment 1, Excelsior College,
    2013, mycourses.excelsior.edu
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Email

When documenting an email message, you will need just one container. Use the subject line as the title and standardize its capitalization.

Example:

Jones, Star. “Re: Your Mother.” Received by Daniel Jones, 11 May 2013.
Government Publications

If a person is not listed as the author of a government document, the government organization should be listed as the corporate author. The number of containers needed to document government publications will depend upon how you accessed the publication. For example, if you accessed the publication directly from the web, just one container is needed. If you accessed the publication via a database, two containers are needed.

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