

APA REFERENCES LIST: WEBSITES

How to reference websites and online publications

Before referencing a website, think about what kind of source it is. Academic articles, social media posts, and online course materials may come from websites, but they are referenced differently.

- See **MLA References List** handouts **Basic Models**, **Articles from Databases**, **Online Reference Works**, **Course Materials**, and **Social Media** for more information on common online sources.

A WEBSITE:

- Open with the **author** (person or organization), followed by the date (or “n.d.” if none is given).
- Next, give the document title or webpage heading in sentence case, capitalizing only the first word and any proper nouns. Put it in italics.
- After the title, give the publisher, website, or organization’s name, but only if different from the author.
- Finally, provide the URL. DOI numbers will not be found for this type of material. Retrieval dates are not required (unless material on the site is expected to change frequently).

National Institute of Mental Health. (2011). *Understanding anxiety disorders*. http://nimh.nih.gov/pamphlets/understanding_anxiety_disorders

Freud Museum. (n. d.). *Freud’s study*. <http://www.freud.org.uk/about/house/>

Wilson, H. (2007). *Coping with agoraphobia*. Phobia Forum. http://www.phobforum.ag/agoraphobia/how_to_cope

A WEBSITE WITHOUT AN AUTHOR:

- When it is impossible to cite an individual or organization as author, the **title** or **heading** may be placed at the beginning of the entry, followed by the date (or “n.d.”) and the URL.

An aquaphobe at sea. (n.d.). **VariaWeb.** <http://www.variaweb.testi/aquaph>

AN ARTICLE FROM AN ONLINE PUBLICATION:

- If you consult an article from the website of a publication, do **not** put the title in italics.
- Follow this model for sources like online newspapers, blogs, and magazines.

Somers, J. (2020, November). *How the coronavirus hacks the immune system*. *The New Yorker*. <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2020/11/09/how-the-coronavirus-hacks-the-immune-system>

Brown, L. (2011, January 14). *Pets relieve anxiety*. *The New York Times*. <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/1/14/health/pets.html>

For more information, consult the APA manual or contact the Academic Skills Centre.