

MLA WORKS CITED: AUTOMATIC CITATION TOOLS

How to create and edit automatically generated citations from different databases

HOW TO EDIT AUTOMATICALLY GENERATED CITATIONS:

Automatic citation tools can be useful to acquire referencing information fast. However, they often return entries with **errors** in them.

For example, the article database **Academic Search Complete** returned the following MLA citation.

<p>MLA 8th Edition (Modern Language Assoc.)</p>	<p>Works Cited</p> <p>Kennedy, Hudson Robert, et al. "Assessing Potential Public Health Concerns in Airbnb Venues in Four Canadian Cities." <i>Journal of Environmental Health</i>, vol. 83, no. 3, Oct. 2020, pp. 8–12. <i>EBSCOhost</i>, dc153.dawsoncollege.qc.ca:2052/login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&AN=146059312&site=ehost-live&scope=site.</p>
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- Most of this particular entry is correct. However, the name of the **vendor** (EBSCOhost) should be replaced with the **database** (Academic Search Complete).
- Make sure the entry in your Works Cited is in 12-point, Times New Roman font and double-spaced with a hanging indent, as shown below.

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- Always double-check your Works Cited entries for accuracy.
 - See the other **MLA: Works Cited** handouts
- Edit the capitalization, italics, order of elements, and punctuation if necessary.
- Always put the DOI instead of an URL or a permalink when a DOI is available. (In this instance, there is no DOI.)

For more information, consult the *MLA Handbook* or contact the Academic Skills Centre.