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NoodleBib Tipsheet for Citing Web Sites

This guide is designed to help you accurately cite general websites and therefore does not address how to cite e-mails, discussion groups/newsgroups texts, synchronous communications (e.g., IM), blogs, wikis, podcasts, or vodcasts. The steps below will lead you to the screen where you will enter bibliographic information about your sources. If you need more help, ask any of our Reference Librarians. We are always happy to help you!

MLA

General Web Site (MLA)

- Choose MLA Advanced
- Choose the “Web Site” citation type
 - **If your site contains original online material**, select “General Web site” (e.g., a scholarly project, an academic department's home page, a company site, a government site, a museum site, a school course's Web page)
 - Select “General Web page (no specific category below applies)” for type of Web page
 - Select “No content type below applies” to describe the content
 - Select “Free” for free or subscription content
 - Select “Unique URL” to find this source again
 - **If your site is a print publication that has been made available online**, select “Print source available on the Web” (e.g., magazine article, book, newsletter)
 - Select the original print publication that describes the type of publication the Web
 - Follow the steps for your type of publication (e.g., journal)
 - Select “Free” for free or subscription content
 - Select “Unique URL” to find this source again
 - **If your site is an e-publication** (i.e., the content has never been in print), select “E-publication” (e.g., an AP newswire at CNN.com, an article from the New York Times website, an e-book such as Stephen King’s *Riding the Bullet*)
 - Select the type of E-publication
 - Follows the steps for your type of publication (e.g., e-journal)
 - On the page beginning “Tell us more about this source,” scroll down to “Information about online retrieval of this source.” Select “No. One of the following is true.”
 - Select “Free” for free or subscription content
 - Select “Unique URL” to find this source again

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APA

General Web Site (APA)

- Choose APA Advanced
- Choose the “Web Site” citation type
- Choose “Web page or document”
 - Select “Aggregated database” if your site is from a free or subscription database (e.g., JSTOR, Facts on File World News Digest @ FACTS.com)
 - Select “Web site with URL” to provide an exact link to the content or one from which the reader can easily find the cited material (e.g., an index or a search page)