

Citing an Article (*or whatever*) from a Fulltext Database, MLA Style

(*Academic Search Elite, Academic Universe, Factiva, Expanded Academic ASAP, Literature Resource Center etc.*)

General Guidelines

Most of the items in these fulltext databases have print/paper equivalents. Therefore, the first part of the citation is exactly the same as with the print equivalent. So, you start out your citation the same as you would for any newspaper article, journal article, government document, reference book, and so on, as much as you can. However, at the end, you add these five elements:

- Name of the database, underlined, e.g. Academic Search Elite, Literature Resource Center, Lexis-Nexis Congressional.
- Publisher of the database, e.g. EBSCO Publishing, LEXIS-NEXIS, Thomson, Gale Group, Dow Jones Reuters.
- Name of the library from which you accessed the database, e.g. University Library, Santa Clara University.
- Date you accessed the item in the form DAY MONTH YEAR.
- URL for the home database, in brackets, e.g. < >

NOTE: In the examples below you will find the names of the databases, publishers, and urls of SCU's major fulltext databases.

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This MLA examples in this guide are based on the 6th edition of the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers (New York: MLA, 2003). For additional details and examples, see section 5.9 of that book.

You may also want to check out the following citation guides on the World Wide Web:

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"Internet Citation Guides: Citing Electronic Sources in Research Papers and Bibliographies." University of Wisconsin-Madison. Memorial Library 6 November 2002. 11 August 2003 <<http://memorial.library.wisc.edu/citing.htm>>