

Citations

Reasons for getting citations right

- Give proper credit for others' ideas or work (e.g., data, code, model) so that you do not misrepresent them as your own.
- Give credibility to your own work or arguments by showing where you are building off prior art.
- Allow others to trace and verify the information.
- Place your work in the proper context (where your work stands in relation to what came before it).

There are many style guides for citation (and reference list) formats

choose one and be consistent

Style guides

- MLA (Modern Language Association)
- APA (American Psychological Association)
- Chicago Manual of Style
- ...and others

Elements

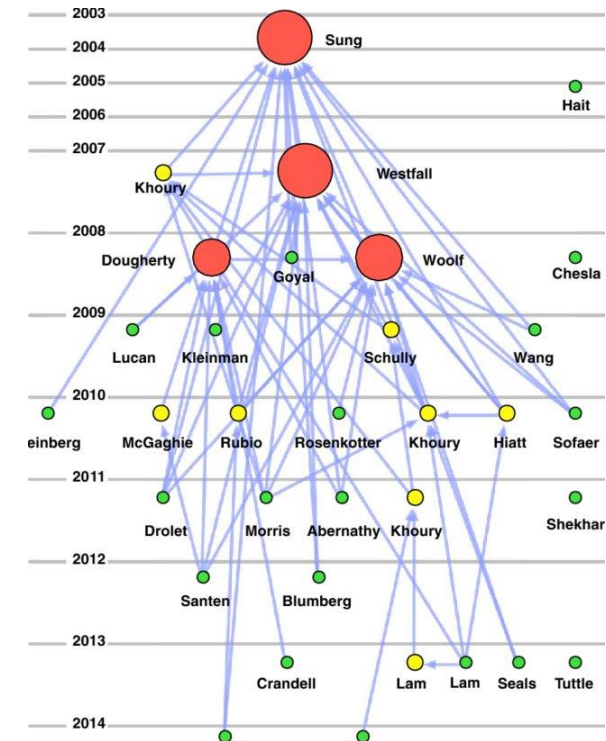
- Inline (in-text) citation
- Reference list (or footnotes) provides full detailed records
- Optional acknowledgements for other sources (crediting work that is otherwise difficult to cite)

Types of citations / references

- Books
- Reports and technical reports
- Periodicals (newspapers, journal articles)
- **Personal communication** (nonretrievable except back to person)
 - must state name of person and “personal communication”
 - follow convention of chosen style guide to be consistent with the rest of your report
- **Web/electronic resources**
 - follow convention of chosen style guide to be consistent with the rest of your report

Good practices

- Check each source to make sure that it contains the claims you are saying it does.
- Cite **original** sources where possible – i.e., the source where the idea, model, conclusion first originated.
 - There are many others that may follow, but they should all cite this original source, as should you.
 - If a subsequent source contributed to your thinking on the subject, you can cite it also.



Fort et al., *J. Clin. Transl. Sci.*, 2017

Citing AI tools

current practice

- This is a moving target
- An AI tool is not considered to be an “author” as it cannot be held responsible for its work.
- Important elements to include:
 - Tool name and version
 - **Prompt or query**
 - Response
 - Follow up queries and responses
 - Name of person who queried

Some references for citing AI tools

- <https://libguides.mit.edu/cite-AI-tools>
- <https://guides.library.cmu.edu/CitationManagement/GenerativeAI>
- <https://library-guides.ucl.ac.uk/referencing-plagiarism/acknowledging-AI>
- <https://style.mla.org/citing-generative-ai/>
- <https://apastyle.apa.org/blog/how-to-cite-chatgpt>

Main point – state how you used AI tools in your work.

Other related points

Use proper equation formatting in your reports (*readability*)

- LaTeX
- MS Word Equation Editor
- LaTeXIt (macOS), KLaTeX (most Oses) – need installation of LaTeX
- [CortexJS](#) or [codecogs](#) (web interface) – no installation