



Citing Web pages

This advice applies specifically to Professor Cain's modules.

When citing Web sites in course work, follow this principle: be as complete as possible so a person can (1) visit the specific location of the information you're referring to, and (2) tell whether or not the information you examined is still at the location you provide. Many Web pages do not include essential bibliographical information, so use your best judgment.

For Web pages you use in crucial ways, you should consider either printing the key material or saving the page as a pdf file. This allows you to keep a record of the page if it later changes or moves.

For very long URLs, consider reducing them via truncation services, such as <tinyURL.com>.

If a website gives you a choice to use a DOI or "stable URL" use that. These are meant to be permanent Web addresses, independent of platform.

a citation should appear as follows

Cain, Joe. 2015. "Staff ... Professor Joe Cain," Department of Science and Technology Studies, University College London (version: Sept 2015) URL: <www.ucl.ac.uk/sts/cain/>. Visited: 07 September 2015.

And in the text you write, use the (Author Date Page) system, such as:

Cain (2015) presents his vision of the "flexible futures" programme, which STS uses for recruitment.

explanation

element	key information	example
Author	who created this particular Web page? (not the whole site, but the specific page)	Joe Cain
Year or Date	what year or date was the Web page created?	2015
Title	title of the specific Web page	"Staff ... Professor Joe Cain"
Producer	who produces or owns the whole Web site?	Department of Science and Technology Studies, University College London
Date of Access or Visit	date you accessed the site. (Recording this information protects you in case the content changes.)	07 September 2015
Edition or revision information or last update	information to help user know which edition you accessed or to tell if information has been changed since you accessed the page	01 September 2015
URL	give the full address so user can find the exact page. (Best to copy-paste it directly into your bibliography.) If it is very long, consider using truncation, such as tinyURL.com	www.ucl.ac.uk/sts/cain/