A Quick Guide for Referencing

We all know we cannot claim any other's property, same way we cannot claim someone else's works, ideas or expressions in our own assessment or assignments. As a responsible writer or an academician, it is important to mention the work of other authors or academicians if their work has been used. Failure to give proper references may tempt the reader to think that one has cheated by claiming someone else's work as his own. In the academic environment this is a serious offense almost equal to sin and it is known as Plagiarism. Plagiarism not only occurs when we copy-paste other's work and fail to mention them, but also occur when we change the words and phrases in other's write up and take the credit

As a responsible writer, referencing is an imperative part of content writing. When we write we express our own ideas but very often we also need to support and validate our ideas with the help of similar documents developed earlier. In those cases we need to mention the authors' names for our own credibility and authenticity. Therefore, referencing can be taken as a basis of content writing. We need references to validate our work, to generate a lead in our work flow and to highlight significant points by quoting the original document.

What is referencing?

Referencing is a system used in the academic community to indicate where ideas, theories, quotes, facts and any other evidence and information used to undertake an assignment, can be found.

Why do I need to reference my work?

- To avoid plagiarism, a form of academic theft.
- Referencing your work correctly ensures that you give appropriate credit to the sources and authors that you have used to complete your assignment.
- Referencing the sources that you have used for your assignment demonstrates that you have undertaken wide-ranging research in order to create your work.
- Referencing your work enables the reader to consult for themselves the same materials that you used.

Referencing Styles:

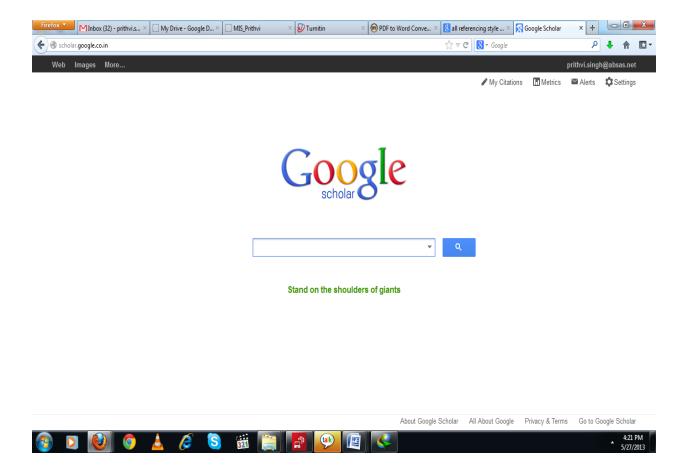
Abbreviation	Full Name
ACS	American Chemical Society http://library.williams.edu/citing/styles/acs.php
AGLC	Australian Guide to Legal Citation http://www.usq.edu.au/library/referencing/australian-guide-to-legal-citation
AGPS/AGIMO	Australian Government Publishing Service/Australian Government Information Management Office http://www.usq.edu.au/library/referencing/harvard-agps-referencing-guide
AMA	American Medical Association http://medlib.bu.edu/facts/faq2.cfm/content/citationsama.cfm
APA	American Psychological Association http://www.waikato.ac.nz/library/study/guides/apa.shtml
Chicago	Chicago Manual of Style http://www.york.ac.uk/integrity/chicago.html#
CSE (CBE)	Council of Science Editors/Council of Biology Editors http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/asc/Handouts/CSE%20SBE%20Style%20Manual.pdf
Harvard	http://library.uws.edu.au/uws_library/sites/default/files/cite_Harvard.pdf
<u>IEEE</u>	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers http://www.york.ac.uk/integrity/ieee.html
MLA	Modern Language Association of America http://www.ucd.ie/t4cms/Guide70.pdf
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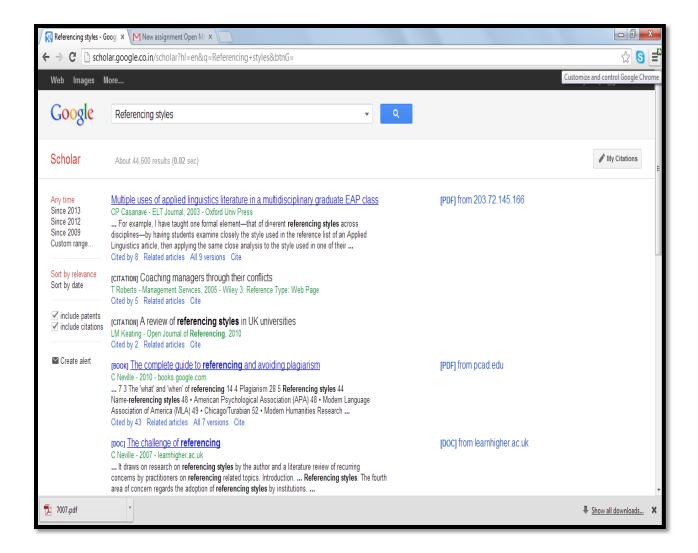
While providing the references there are certain things that a writer needs to know. These elements of references help the readers to reach to the article or source from which the ideas are taken. The elements which are required to provide an appropriate referencing are mentioned below:

- Name of the authors: An article is always written by authors and while providing the references you need to give the names of the authors who have written the article. Sometimes you might not be able to find the name of authors in case of websites. In such cases you provide the name of the website.
- **Date:** a date is always attached with an article and you need to provide the date on which that article was written. Generally we provide year of the article if specific date is not given.
- **Title of the article:** title makes readers able to search the article easily that is why while providing the references title of the article is must. In case of books and journals you need to provide the title of the book as well as title of the journal.
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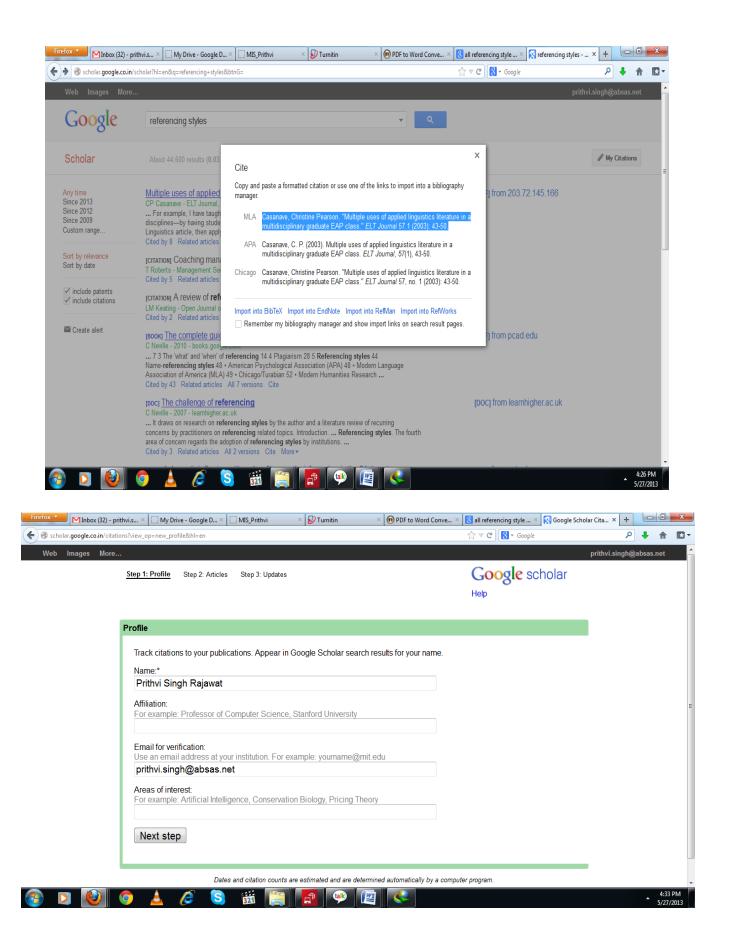
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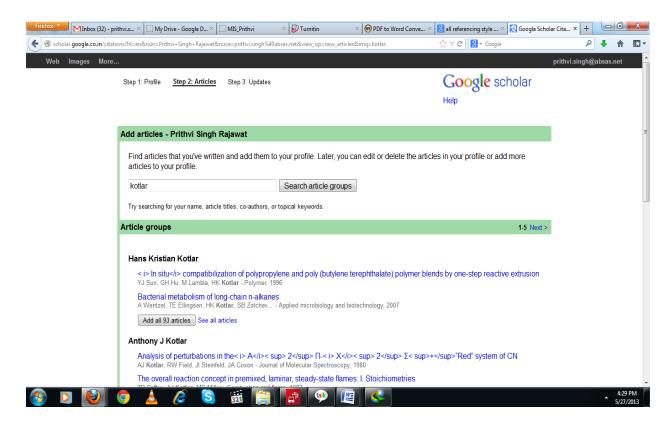


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