

# Introduction to MLA Containers

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<p><b>What is a Container?</b></p> <p>Containers are generally the item that holds a source. Here are examples with the <u>container underlined</u>.</p>	
<p> Articles are in <u>journals</u></p>	<p> Songs are on <u>albums</u></p>
<p> Posts are on <u>blogs</u></p>	<p> A picture in a <u>book</u></p>
<p>Containers were introduced in the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of MLA style and can often be found as the third item in an MLA citation.</p>	<p>Author's Last name, First name. "Title of Source." <i>Title of Container</i>, other contributors, Version, Numbers, Publisher, Publication date, Location.</p>
<p><b>Citing With One Container</b></p> <p> "The Pirate Ship" Chapter, source      <i>Peter Pan</i> Book, container</p> <p>Container titles are placed in <i>italics</i>, directly following the title of the source.</p> <p>Here is an example of a citation with a container. This is for a specific chapter in a book. The book is the container that holds the source (the chapter).</p> <p>Barrie, J.M. "The Pirate Ship." <i>Peter Pan</i>, Aladdin Classics, Simon &amp; Schuster, 2003, pp. 173-183.</p>	
<p><b>Two or More Containers</b></p> <p>There are times when a source has more than one container. Here are examples of sources with two containers. Each <u>container is underlined</u>.</p>	
<p> An article, in a <u>journal</u>, found on a <u>database</u></p>	<p> A song, on an <u>album</u>, from a <u>music streaming service</u></p>
<p> An episode, in a <u>TV series</u>, on an <u>entertainment site</u></p>	
<p>When a source has more than one container, the additional container's information is at the end of the citation.</p> <p>While this citation may seem long, not all elements of the source need to be included. Only include the information that will help readers find the exact source themselves.</p>	<p>Author's Last name, First name. "Title of Source." <i>Title of Container</i>, other contributors, version, numbers, publisher, publication date, location. <i>Title of Second Container</i>, other contributors, version, numbers, publisher, publication date, location.</p>
<p>Here is an example of the same chapter, from the first citation example, in the <i>Peter Pan</i> book, but this version was found on the website, <i>Project Gutenberg</i>.</p> <p> "The Pirate Ship" Chapter, source      <i>Peter Pan</i> Book, container 1      <i>Project Gutenberg</i> Website, container 2</p> <p>Barrie, J.M. "The Pirate Ship." <i>Peter Pan</i>, Millennium Fulcrum ed., Duncan Research, 1991. <i>Project Gutenberg</i>, <a href="http://www.gutenberg.org/files/16/16-h/16-h.htm#link2HCH0014">www.gutenberg.org/files/16/16-h/16-h.htm#link2HCH0014</a>.</p>	
<p><b>No Container</b></p> <p>Not every source has a container! Plenty of sources can be cited on their own.</p>	
<p>When citing a source without a container, use the following format.</p>	<p>Author's Last name, First name. <i>Title of Source</i>. Other contributors, Version, Numbers, Publisher, Publication date, Location.</p>
<p>Here is an example of a citation for the entire <i>Peter Pan</i> book, found in print.</p> <p> <i>Peter Pan</i> Book, no container</p> <p>Barrie, J.M. <i>Peter Pan</i>, Aladdin Classics, Simon &amp; Schuster, 2003.</p>	

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