

## **Citing Web resources**

(Adapted from Lafayette College Libraries, "Citing Web Resources", <http://ww2.lafayette.edu/~library/guides/cite.html>, n.d., accessed November 29, 2004)

It's not as easy to cite Web resources in your bibliography as it is to cite books because (1) standards for citing Web resources are still being developed and (2) Web resources don't have a title page where you can easily locate the information needed for a reference.

### **Components**

These components should be included in a reference to a Web resource.

#### **Author**

- If author information is not listed at the top of a document, check the bottom or follow any links to the Web site's home page to search for author information.
- Try to distinguish the author of the content from the page designer and avoid listing the designer as an author.
- Remember that organizations or government agencies can be authors.
- If no author is listed, begin the reference with the title.

#### **Title**

- If you have trouble identifying the title, check the top left corner of your Web browser. The title of the document should appear there, above the File menu. It also may appear in the top left corner of a printout from your Web browser.

#### **Date of publication**

- The date a Web document was created or last updated is frequently listed at the bottom.
- If a document includes both a date of creation and a date it was last updated, use only the latter.
- Include a day and month in addition to a year if they are included on the document.
- If the Web site does not include a date of publication or a date that the resource was last updated, use the abbreviation n.d. (for no date) just as you would for a book or article with no date.

#### **URL**

- The URL or address of a Web document is located near the top of the screen in the box often labelled "Location." or "Address."
- The URL may appear in the upper right corner of a printout from your Web browser.

#### **Date accessed**

- Because Web documents can change or disappear at any time, your reference must include the date that you looked at the document.
- The date of use usually appears in the bottom right corner of a printout from your Web browser.