

# Using Containers, MLA Style 8<sup>th</sup> Edition

To create your entry, list each item followed by the punctuation listed. Remember that some information may not be available for all sources. MLA no longer uses abbreviations to indicate missing information.

## Source with one Container: Website

“Complementary and Alternative Medicine.” *Mayo Clinic*, Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research, 1998-2016, ART-20045267.

1. Author.	----	
2. Title of source.	“Complementary and Alternative Medicine.”	
3. Title of container,	<i>Mayo Clinic</i> ,	
4. Other contributors,	---	
5. Version,	---	
6. Number,	---	
7. Publisher,	Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research,	
8. Publication date,	1998-2016,	
9. Location.	ART-20045267	

### Top of Webpage

The screenshot shows the top of the Mayo Clinic website. It includes the Mayo Clinic logo, a search bar, and navigation links for 'Request an Appointment', 'Find a Doctor', 'Find a Job', and 'Give Now'. There are also links for 'Log in to Patient Account' and 'Translated Content'. Below this is a main navigation menu with categories like 'PATIENT CARE & HEALTH INFO', 'DEPARTMENTS & CENTERS', 'RESEARCH', 'EDUCATION', 'FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS', 'PRODUCTS & SERVICES', and 'GIVE MAYO'. The page title is 'Healthy Lifestyle Consumer health'.

3. The overall website Mayo Clinic is the container for this article. The title of the website is *not* a URL

2. Title of specific Article/Webpage

1. Omit Author: No Specific Author is listed, and listing the staff writer is not particularly useful.

9. Location: This webpage lists an article identification number, which is a more reliable locator than a URL. If a DOI, PermaLink, or other permanent identifier is unavailable, use the specific URL for the webpage you are on omitting http://.

4. No other contributors, versions, or numbers exist for this webpage.  
5. This is typical of most webpages.

7. The website publisher is often listed with the copyright.  
8. List the date/range of dates with the copyright if there is not specific date attached to the article.

### Bottom of Webpage

The screenshot shows the bottom of the Mayo Clinic website. It includes a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Healthy Lifestyle > Consumer health > In-Depth > Complementary and alternative medicine'. There is a navigation bar with links: 'REQUEST APPOINTMENT', 'GIVE NOW', 'CONTACT US', 'ABOUT MAYO CLINIC', 'EMPLOYEES', 'SITE MAP', and 'ABOUT THIS SITE'. The footer contains copyright information: '© 1998-2016 Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research. All rights reserved.' and a notice about the HONcode standard for trustworthy health information.

## Source with Two Containers

When your source is “contained” within something else, like an article contained in a journal or on a website, the larger item is the container. Many of our scholarly sources have more than one container. In this case, list the containers from smallest to largest, repeating elements 3-9 for each container.

### Examples of First Containers (Small)

- Anthologies or Collections
- Magazines and Newspapers
- Music Albums
- Scholarly Journals
- Television Series
- Titles of Overall Websites

**Second Containers:** Some sources have more than one container: an article is contained within a journal that is contained within a database, or a television episode contained in a series contained on Netflix.

### Examples of Second Containers (Larger)

- Electronic Reading Platforms like Google Book
- Subscription Services like Netflix or Spotify
- Databases

### Example: Scholarly Journal Article from the Databases

This is an article that came from the Metro databases. Click on the “Detailed Record” attached to your article and you should be able to find all of the information you need. However, if you find that key pieces of information are missing, opening the actual article and look for them.

deBettencourt, Megan, et al. “Closed-loop Training of Attention with Real-Time Brain Imaging.” *Nature Neuroscience*, vol. 18, no. 3, Mar 2015, pp. 470-475. *Academic Search Premier*, doi:10.1038/nn.3940.

1. Author.	deBettencourt, Megan, et al.	
2. Title of source.	“Closed-loop Training of Attention with Real-Time Brain Imaging.”	
Container 1	Container 1	Container 1
3. Title of container,	<i>Nature Neuroscience</i> ,	
4. Other contributors,	--	
5. Version,	--	
6. Number,	vol. 18, no. 3,	
7. Publisher,	--	
8. Publication date,	Mar. 2015,	
9. Location.	pp. 470-475.	
Container 2	Container 2	Container 2
3. Title of container,	<i>Academic Search Premier</i> ,	
4. Other contributors,	--	
5. Version,	--	
6. Number,	--	
7. Publisher,	--	
8. Publication date,	--	
9. Location.	doi:10.1038/nn.3940.	

