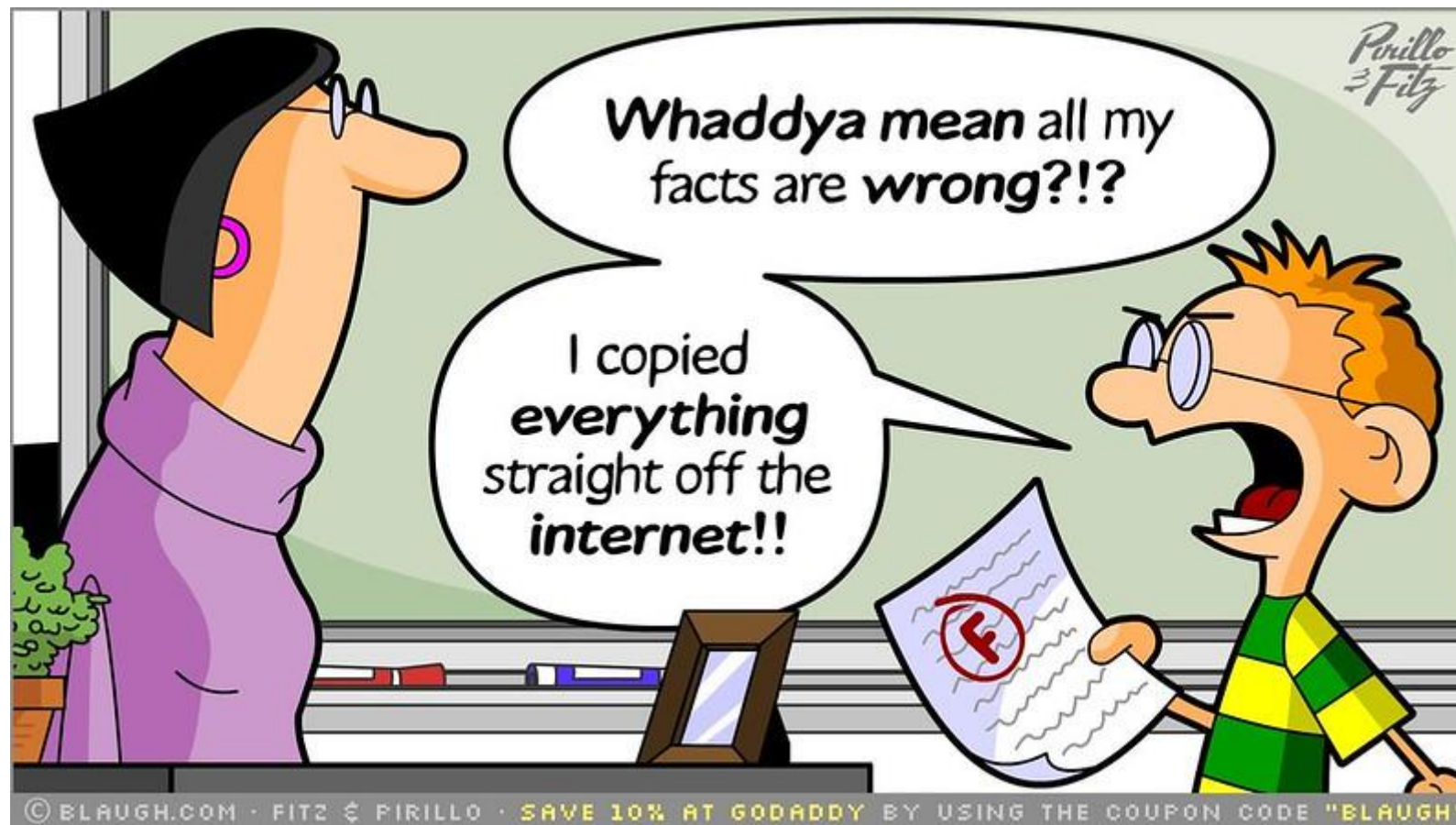
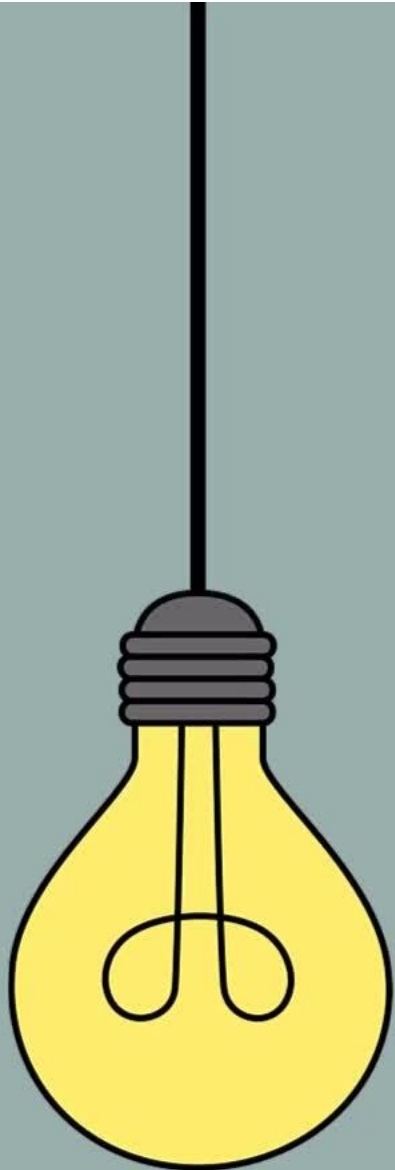


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Referencing – Input



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Today's goal:

You know when a source is worthy of citation and how to use a literature management software to easily save and reference your literature.

Agenda

- **How to check for reliable sources?**
→ CRAAP test
- **How to cite / reference?**
→ Zotero (literature management software)
- **How to collaborate?**
→ Working with group libraries

Why referencing? And when?

Example: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s13312-022-2478-5>

complemented by library services in large institutions. A core group of librarians of an academic library can act as an invaluable resource. A webpage with resources can be created in institutions with links to RMS vendor webpages and online support forums. Since different users have varied needs and resources, tools as workshops, one-to-one consultations, online tutorials, creation of webpages with resources, email and online chat assistance, can be utilized to enable training of students and faculty in the use of RMSs [8]. Workshops customized to basic and advanced training serve an important role in RMS adoption by researchers [32].

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To learn more
about
referencing,
check out the
[handout.](#)

What are reliable sources?

The literature you build on in a university context must meet academic standards. Your sources must be

- citable. (→ sufficient bibliographic information is available for citation)
- citation worthy. (→ scientific quality-standards are met)

This also applies to content that you find on the Internet. Check carefully whether a source is reliable and can be included in your bibliography.

When is a source worthy of citation?

The criteria for this are:

- Currency of the publication
- Qualification of the authors
- Source of information
- Bibliography / List of references
- ...

To check the scientific validity of the literature found, we recommend using the [CRAAP test](#). This test is a list of questions to help you determine whether a source meets the academic quality-standards that make it a reliable source.

Assignment: Is this a reliable source?

Journal article: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s13312-022-2478-5>

Referencing Made Easy: Reference Management Softwares by Romit Saxena & Jaya Shankar Kaushik

To find out, we can ask questions such as: (→ CRAAP test)

- Is the information current or outdated?
- What qualifications does the author have to write about the topic?
- Do the authors or sponsors make their intentions clear?
- Is the information supported by evidence? Are there references or a bibliography?
- Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question?

What are the benefits of using a reference management software?

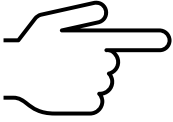
A reference management software such as [Zotero](#):

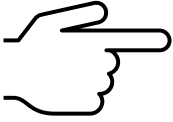
- adds short citations to your text.
- automatically creates a list of references.
- ensures consistency by formatting your citations and references according to your chosen style.
- helps you avoid missing any publications in your reference list by automatically formatting and compiling your citations.

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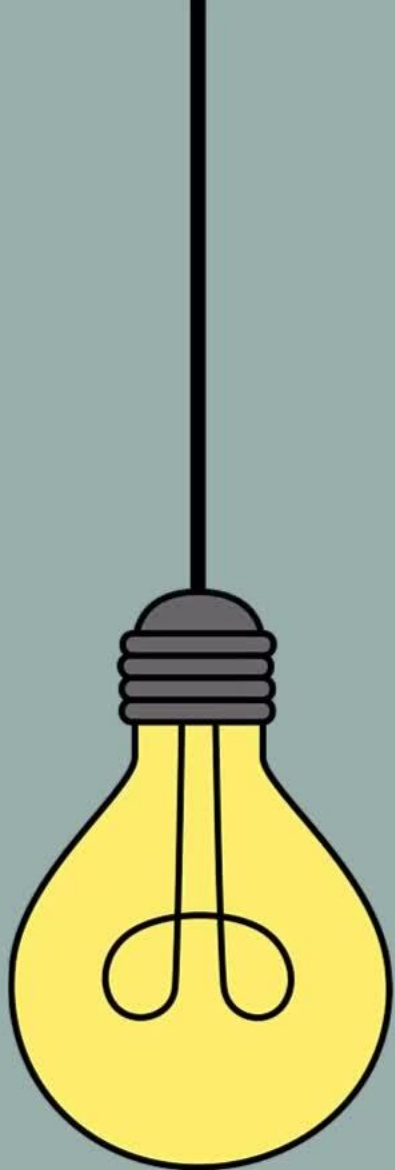
Assignment: How would you reference a journal article?

Add a short citation of a journal article in a text document and create a list of references. Use Zotero (if you have installed it).

 Please follow your department's guidelines (citation style → [Self-Service-Portal](#))

 For information about the entry types in Zotero (=publication types) see the [glossary](#) in the Moodle-course «Literaturverwaltung mit Zotero».

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