# Title of Assignment

Research Skills Assignment **Weight:** 5 %

# Purpose

Being able to find, assess, and use credible information is important for both students and working professionals. These skills will allow you to be an efficient researcher and successful lifelong learner. This assignment will familiarize you with the resources available through the SAIT library and will help you identify credible sources of information.

# Assignment Details

* Use the attached worksheet to complete this assignment
* When finding a source, use search terms related to your case study (final paper) topic for this course.
* This assignment should be completed individually.

# Instructions

1. Determine your research topic.
2. Choose your search terms.
3. Using search terms relevant to your research topic, use the [SAIT Library’s](http://sait.ca/library) Discovery Search box to look for relevant sources for your report. After reviewing your search results, select one resource and answer the questions on the following page.
4. Submit the completed assignment to [Brightspace](http://learn.sait.ca) by the posted deadline.

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| What topic are you researching? State your topic in a complete sentence or question format. |
| The Office of Personnel Management Hack |

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| What search terms did you enter in the Library’s Discovery Search box? (**4** points) |
| “Office of Personnel Management” OR OPM AND hack\* OR cyber\* |

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| Select a source and evaluate it using [RADAR](http://libguides.sait.ca/RADAR) (**10** points; **2** per category) | |
| **R**elevance | In depth information on cyber attacks in general  And specifically mentions and talks about the OPM hack |
| **A**uthority | All four authors work at the University of Arizona and work/teach in this field |
| **D**ate | Published in 2017 – less than 5 years ago  The OPM hack happened 2014 – article was released recently to the OPM hack |
| **A**ppearance | It is a peer reviewed article in a peer reviewed academic journal |
| **R**eason | The information to inform and teach about cyber threats and hacking using high profile hacks such as the OPM hack as examples The information seems very unbiased as there doesn’t appear to be many opinions but rather statement of facts |

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| Create a reference list entry for the source. (**2** points) |
| Samtani, S., Chinn, R., Chen, H., & Nunamaker, J. F. (2017). Exploring Emerging Hacker Assets and Key Hackers for Proactive Cyber Threat Intelligence. *Journal of Management Information Systems*, *34*(4), 1023–1053. https://doi.org/10.1080/07421222.2017.1394049 |

| Based on your RADAR evaluation, would you use this source for your case study (final paper)? In 2-3 sentences, explain why you made this choice. (**4** points) |
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| Yes, it is a very reliable and trustworthy source, it is a paper in a peer reviewed journal, it is relevant and recent and it contains a ***lot***of information, if my final paper is about this topic or a similar one this would be a great source to use. |

Research Skills Assignment Rubric

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|  | **0 points** | **1 point** | **2 points** |
| **Search Terms**  **4 points**  **(2 points x 2 weighting)** | No search terms are provided OR search terms are unclear or irrelevant | Some terms are relevant to the topic, but one or more terms limit the effectiveness of the search OR key terms are missing | Search terms are relevant to and suitable for the topic listed |
| **Relevance**  **2 points** | No answer provided OR answer is incorrect | Relevance to topic is acknowledged | Connection between the topic and the content of the source is identified |
| **Authority**  **2 points** | No answer provided OR answer is incorrect | Author, publication, and/or publisher is named | Details of credibility (i.e. education/experience/reputation) are discussed |
| **Date**  **2 points** | No answer provided OR answer is incorrect | Date is identified | Suitability of the date of the source in relation to the topic is discussed |
| **Appearance**  **2 points** | No answer provided OR answer is incorrect | One significant aspect of appearance is identified (source type, language used, references, data/graphs, etc.) | Two or more significant aspects of appearance are identified |
| **Reason**  **2 points** | No answer provided OR answer is incorrect | Reason for publication is identified but is unclear | Reason for publication is clearly identified and discussed |
| **Citation**  **2 points** | No answer provided OR incorrect citation style (e.g. used APA instead of IEEE) | Correct style applied with multiple errors AND/OR citation is missing key information | Correct citation style applied with minimal errors |
| **Evaluation**  **4 points**  **(2 points x 2 weighting)** | No answer provided OR it is unclear if the source would be a good fit for report | Evaluation does not reference RADAR criteria AND/OR the evaluation is too brief | Answer is presented in at least 2-3 complete sentences. Evaluation of resource clearly identifies if it would be a good fit for report based upon RADAR criteria |