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Most humanities departments in the US require that submitted papers be in MLA format. This repository gathers the tools needed for producing MLA-formatted PDFs (or ODTs, or DOCXs) from text files written in Markdown.

## Prerequisites

In order to automatically generate the nicely-formatted PDFs I've promised you, you will need

- [Pandoc](#),
- [LaTeX](#), and
- Make (GNU or otherwise—should be present by default).

## Contents

- `README.md`: the document itself.
- `src/mla8.csl`: citation style information for MLA from <http://citationstyles.org/>.
- `src/hanging_indent_bib.latex`: centers the “Works Cited” header and sets indentation for bibliographic entries.
- `src/mla8_pandoc_template.latex`, `src/mla8_pandoc_template.opendocument`, and `src/mla8_pandoc_reference.docx`: MLA styling for the body of the document.
- `references.bib`: references (in [BibTeX format](#)) go here.
- `Makefile`: build rules.

## Usage

1. Write your paper in this README file, using [Pandoc's Markdown flavor](#).
  - Change or delete the values in the YAML header as you see fit; the `hauthor` variable determines the author name shown in the running header.
  - Add references in BibTeX format to `references.bib`.
  - Include references in your “Works Cited” without citing them in the body of your paper by adding them, one per line, immediately below `nocite: |` in the YAML header, as with the reference to “The Purdue OWL” (2016) (`@2016pow`) in this example document.
2. Execute `make pdf`.
3. Open `output.pdf` and regard your work with a measure of sadness as you wonder whether you could have done better.

The `lib` directory is a handy place to tuck away any extra materials.

If you must, which you may, you can generate an MLA-formatted ODT or DOCX with `make`

odt or make docx.

## **Works Cited**

“The Purdue OWL.” 2016. Purdue U Writing Lab.