

# 1: Library and essential skills

## 1.1: The importance of information literacy

- It is the ability to think and make balanced judgments about the information we find and use, which is a academic skill.
- where, which sources, how you base your work on solid evidence, how to be responsible.
- Being critical.

## 1.2: Information types

- Academic information:
  - Peer-reviewed journal articles
  - Published conference
  - Textbooks
  - Thematic monograph
  - Edited collections
  - Research reports
- Professional and technical:
  - Magazine
  - Professional guideline
  - Policy papers
  - Reports
  - Statistic and specifications
  - Standard
  - Case study
  - News items
  - Material property data
  - Equations

## 1.3: Evaluating information

- What, How reliable, Who wrote, When, Why

## 1.4: Searching information using Library Search

- Use '[libsearch.ncl.ac.uk](http://libsearch.ncl.ac.uk)' to search
- Use the keyword connected with 'AND' to search the information.
- Use the quotation mark " " to treat something as a phrase.
- Use the search option beside the searching box to choose "everything" or "everything except articles".
- Use the filter on the left side to choose the filter choice like: full-text online and peer-reviewed.
- Use the **citation** which can copy the book as references and choose the reference criterion.

## 1.4: Searching information using Knovel search

- Use 'Knovel' to find engineering data such as materials properties and related equations.
- The Knovel can also be used as a equation solver.

# 2: Reference and Plagiarism

## 2.1: When do you need to reference and when not

- You need to include a reference whenever you use information from someone else's work. It doesn't matter where that information came from - web sites, textbooks, journal articles, magazines, newspapers, computer programs, images, social media - if you use it, reference it.
- When something is considered as common sense, you don't need to quote it as a reference.

## 2.2: Reference Styles

- **Harvard at Newcastle** is the most commonly used referencing style at Newcastle University and in Engineering is used alongside **IEEE**.
- A successful reference is made up of two parts:
  - an indication in the text where someone else's work has been used.
  - a reference list or bibliography which lists the full details for the reference.

### 2.2.1: Harvard

#### 2.2.1.1: Reference a book

- Surname, Initials.(Year of Publication) *Title of Book in Italics*. Place of publication: publisher.
- Harvard at Newcastle style tells us to list only the first author and include *et al.*

### 2.2.1.2: Reference a journal article

- Surname, Initials. (Year of Publication) 'Title of article in single quotes', *Title of Journal in Italics*, Volume (Part/month/season where applicable), page numbers:
- DOI can be added to the end, but it is not essential

### 2.2.1.3: Conference paper

- Surname, Initials. (Year of Publication) 'Title of paper in single quotes', *Title of Conference in italics*, Location and date of conference, Page references for the paper (if available).
- DOI can also be added.

### 2.2.1.4: Websites

- Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (2020) *Onshore wind: part of the UK's energy mix*. Available at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/onshore-wind-part-of-the-uks-energy-mix> (Accessed: 17 July 2020).

### 2.2.1.5: Tweet

- Surname, Initial. (Year tweet posted) [Twitter] Day/month of tweet posted. Available at: URL (Accessed: date).

## 2.2.2: IEEE

### 2.2.2.1: Reference the book

- [1] B. Stoevesandt, G. Schepers, P. Fuglsang, and S. Yiping Eds, *Handbook of Wind Energy Aerodynamics*. Cham: Springer, 2019.
- Note that IEEE includes all the authors unless there are six or more.
- The title of the whole publication - book title, journal title, website - is always shown in italics and the year of publication is at the end of the reference.

### 2.2.2.2: Reference a journal article

- Initial. Surname, "Title of article," *Title of journal*, volume, issue number, pages, Abbreviated month day, year of publication. doi:.

### 2.2.2.3: Reference a conference paper

- Initial. Surname, "Title of paper," *Name of conference*, City of conference, US state or Country, Year, Pages. doi:.

#### 2.2.2.4: Websites

- [7] Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy "Onshore wind: part of the UK's energy mix," [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/onshore-wind-part-of-the-uks-energy-mix), <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/onshore-wind-part-of-the-uks-energy-mix> (accessed July 17, 2020).

## 2.3: Plagiarism

- While **some words have been changed** this is also an example of plagiarism even though the source has been acknowledged in the reference list. **Without an in text citation**, it would not be possible for the reader to distinguish between your work from the source you have copied.
- Copying and pasting text does not demonstrate to your lecturers that you have read and synthesised the information. **Always aim to express what you have read in your own words.**