



How to Reference Your Work

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Introduction

Now that you have read our plagiarism policy, we're going to take you through the best ways to reference your work as you go through the bootcamp.

Outsourcing is key to coding!

One of the things you'll notice fairly early on in your coding journey is that in order to deal with the steep learning curve, you're going to need to get help from somewhere. We provide you with mentor support specifically for this purpose, but we also encourage you to look up your questions online, ask fellow students, or even get help from friends and family members!

While this may seem an odd thing to encourage, learning to find help from others is one of the most important lessons we hope you will learn during your time with us because it will be a huge portion of your problem-solving process when you get out into the real world.

However, seeing as this is your coding journey (not your cousin's or the guy on StackOverflow) we want to see that you are learning while asking for help, not just blindly copy-pasting someone else's code.

So where you have received help, simply add an inline comment to your code describing where you got the help from, why you needed the help and what changes you made to the original code, if necessary.

Have a look at some examples below:

Assuming you're programming in JavaScript:

```
// Used the Mozilla Developer Network's reference for class expressions to  
parameterise the superclass:  
//  
https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Operators/class  
// I wasn't sure of the superclass beforehand but I wanted to write my subclass  
// I made the code in the article a function  
const derive = Parent => class Child extends Parent { }
```

Assuming you're programming in Python:

```
from functools import reduce

# My friend, Steve, helped me solve this problem
# I wasn't too sure of how to write a function
# I set the range and formula we needed to use
reduce(lambda x, y: x + y / x, [x * x for x in range(1, 20)])
```

Showing us this information will not only help your mentor to see where you may need extra help, but it will also help us to see your progress in being able to use your own research to solve your coding problems – a vital skill for all programmers.



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