

Understanding a URL

<http://www.apa.org/monitor/oct00/workplace.html>

Protocol:

indicates what method the browser should use to exchange data with the file server where the document resides.

Protocols recognized by most browsers are:

http: hypertext transfer protocol

https: hypertext transfer protocol secure

ftp: file transfer protocol

Host or domain name:

identifies the server on which the files reside. It is often the address for an organization's home page.

The domain name extension can be very helpful in determining the reliability of the site.

- .edu and .org are for educational institutions and non profit organizations
- .gov and .mil are used for government and military sites
- .com and .biz are used for commercial sites

Domain extensions may also include a country code: e.g. .ca for Canada

Path to the document

Name of the Document

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