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What's new in the 7th edition?

Reference List & Citations

- Journal DOIs are now displayed as a doi.org URL instead of using the "DOI" prefix.

- Website URLs no longer need to begin with "Retrieved from" unless there is also a retrieval date.

- E-books no longer require the type of e-book to be listed (ie: PDF, Kindle, etc.).

- The publisher location is no longer required for books or similar mediums.

- Up to 20 authors can now be included in a reference list entry before needing to omit others with an ellipsis. Previously, only six would be displayed before omitting the rest with an ellipsis.

- Any reference in an in-text citation with more than three authors can be shortened to the first author and "et al.". Previously, only references with six or more would be shortened this way.

Punctuation and Layout

- Use a single space after the end of a sentence and other punctuation, rather than two spaces.

- The label "Running head" no longer needs to be prefixed to the running head title on the title page. Only use the actual title and the page number (typically page 1). *A running head is typically only used in professional papers and not student papers.

- New fonts have been added! Use the same font throughout the paper.
    - **Sans Serif Fonts**
        - 11-point Calibri
        - 11-point Arial
        - 10-point Lucida Sans Unicode
    - **Serif Fonts**
        - 12-point Times New Roman
        - 11-point Georgia

Bias-Free Language

- Write using inclusive language. Instead of using gender pronouns, such as "he," "she," "his," and "her," use "they" or "their." "They" and "their" are approved as singular pronouns.