

What is a DOI?

DOI stands for Digital Object Identifier. A DOI is a unique alphanumeric string assigned to a journal article or other document. It identifies content and provides a persistent link to its location on the Internet.

In an electronically published document, the DOI is usually hyperlinked to the content, and readers can link directly to the item if they have authorized access. If they don't have authorized access, they can link to an abstract and an opportunity to purchase a copy of the document.

If the link is not live or if the DOI is referenced in a print publication, you need to do the following:

- Go to www.crossref.org
- Enter the DOI into the DOI resolver search box
- Click submit

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar set to <http://www.crossref.org/>. The page title is "crossref.org" with the subtitle "DOIs FOR RESEARCH CONTENT". There are several navigation links: "ABOUT CROSSREF", "FOR PUBLISHERS", "FOR LIBRARIES", "FOR AFFILIATES", and "FOR RESEARCHERS". On the left, there's a "Meetings & News" sidebar with links to "CrossCheck wins award", "Annual Meeting Sign-up", "Technical meeting Sign-up", "CrossRef Citation Plug-in", and "DOI name ownership transfer". The main content area is titled "DOI Resolver". It contains a text input field with the value "10.1177/1741659007082468" and a "submit" button. Below the input field is a tip: "If you encounter a DOI string (e.g., 10.1037/0003-066X.59.1.29) that is not hyperlinked, you can enter it in the box below." To the right of the input field is a box containing the text "33296311 registered CrossRef DOI links" and "millions of links".

This is the result you will get for the DOI above:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar set to <http://cmc.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/3/3/305>. The page header includes "SAGE Website | Help | Contact Us | KWANTLEN U.". The main content is for the journal "SAGE JOURNALS Online" with the subtitle "with access to SAGE Full Text COLLECTIONS". The navigation menu includes "Home", "Advanced Search", "Browse", "Search History", "My Marked Citations (0)", and "My Tools". The institution "INSTITUTION: KWANTLEN UNIV COLLEGE | Sign In via User Name/Password" is displayed. The article title is "Barbarians on the beach: Media narratives of violence in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil" by Ben Penglase, published in "Crime, Media, Culture, Vol. 3, No. 3, 305-325 (2007)". The DOI is listed as "DOI: 10.1177/1741659007082468". On the right side, there is a "This Article" sidebar with options: "Full Text (PDF) Free to you", "References", "Alert me when this article is cited", "Alert me if a correction is posted", "Services", and "Email this article to a friend". A red circle highlights the "Full Text (PDF) Free to you" link. A callout box on the right says "Follow link to access full text".

Kwantlen has authorized access, and if you are on campus and logged in you can simply click the link to the full text to view the item. If you are off campus, you will need to follow the steps outlined on the bottom of page 2.

If Kwantlen does not have authorized access, the following will happen (the DOI entered in the DOI resolver in the following case was 10.1037/0002-9432.76.4.482):

The screenshot shows a web browser window for the APA PsycNET website. The URL in the address bar is <http://psycnet.apa.org/?fa=main.doiLanding&doi=10.1037/0002-9432.76.4.482>. The page displays a citation for an article:

PsycARTICLES: Citation and Abstract

Integrating exposure therapy and analytic therapy in trauma treatment.
Stultz, Jill

American Journal of Orthopsychiatry. Vol 76(4), Oct 2006, 482-488.

Analytic therapy and Exposure Therapy come out of contending and, at times, contentious traditions in psychotherapy. They can, however, work together to better trauma treatment. Exposure Therapy is enhanced by close attention to individual psychodynamics. Analytic therapy can draw upon the rich narratives of Exposure work to deepen analytic inquiry. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2008 APA, all rights reserved)

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The right side of the page has a box containing the text: "This full text link will ask you to pay". Below this, another box contains the text: "Note alerting you that free full text is not available". A red oval highlights the note about purchasing access.

The result tells you that the article was retrieved from PsycARTICLES database. Although Kwantlen has a subscription to PsycARTICLES, we subscribe through a **different service provider**, and hence you will not be able to access the article directly from this site.

To access the article if Kwantlen has a subscription through a different service provider than the one being provided when doing a DOI search, follow these steps:

- Go to the Library homepage www.kwantlen.ca/library
- Click on Journal titles
- Enter the title of the journal
- Click on the hyperlink to the database
- Follow the necessary steps to get to the article (in the above example, you would click on year 2006, then Vol. 76 Issue 4)