

Example of a Website that is credible

Top of the article

The screenshot shows the top portion of a CNN U.S. article. At the top, there is a red navigation bar with 'CNN U.S.' and various menu items like 'Home', 'Video', 'NewsPulse', 'U.S.', 'World', 'Politics', 'Justice', 'Entertainment', 'Tech', 'Health', and 'Live'. Below this is a sub-header for 'Mortgage Rates Hit 3.13%' with a small image of a man. The main article title is 'Hall of Fame coach would trade in all his victories' by Steve Politi, dated January 28, 2011. An 'Editor's note' identifies Steve Politi as a sports columnist for The Star-Ledger in Newark, New Jersey. The article text begins with 'Bob Hurley Sr. is about to hit a milestone few basketball coaches on any level have reached: 1,000 victories.' and continues with 'He has won them the hard way at St. Anthony High in Jersey City, New Jersey, sweeping the hardwood floor before home games and riding yellow buses to cramped gymnasiums up and down the East Coast.' A 'STORY HIGHLIGHTS' section lists 'Bob Hurley Sr. coaches high school basketball in Jersey City'.

Author: This author is a journalist and has verifiable credentials

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Within the article

This section is titled 'RELATED TOPICS' and lists four items: 'Bob Hurley', 'High School Basketball', 'Basketball', and 'NBA Basketball'. To the right of this list, a quote is displayed: 'You know what? I would give some of the kids I didn't reach could have a second chance all the adulation.' Below the quote, the text continues: 'Hurley doesn't coach for the ago would have left St. Antho from the Holland Tunnel, for game.' and 'He chose to stay in Jersey C legends in the high school ga ranked second in the country 1,000th game late next week losses that includes -- 109 of'.

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The screenshot shows the top of the WebMD website. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Home & News', 'Health A-Z', 'Drugs & Supplements', 'Healthy Living', 'Eating & Diet', and 'Parenting & Family'. Below this is the WebMD logo with the tagline 'Better information. Better health.' and a search bar. The date 'January 28, 2011' is displayed. The breadcrumb trail reads 'WebMD Home > Allergies Health Center > Allergies Guide'. There are links for 'Allergies Trends: Poison Ivy | Pollen Allergies | Allergy Shots | Latex Allergies | Allergy Skin Tests | Nickel Allergy'. A sidebar on the left contains 'Drug Allergies Home' and 'ALLERGIES GUIDE' with numbered links from 1 to 6. The main content area is titled 'Allergies Guide' and includes sub-sections like 'Overview & Facts', 'Symptoms & Types', 'Diagnosis & Tests', 'Treatment & Care', 'Living & Managing', and 'Support & Resources'. The article title is 'Allergy Basics' with the sub-heading 'What Is an Allergy?'. The text explains that allergies are an abnormal immune response to a harmless substance. A 'Further Reading' section lists several related articles. At the bottom, there is a 'WebMD Medical Reference' section with sources and a date: 'Reviewed by Brunilda Nazario, MD on July 07, 2009'.

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- Further Reading:**
- ◆ [Frequently Asked Questions About Allergies](#)
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 - ◆ [Latex Allergies](#)
 - ◆ [Allergies to Medications](#)
 - ◆ [Common Allergy Triggers](#)
 - ◆ [Learning About Latex Allergies](#)
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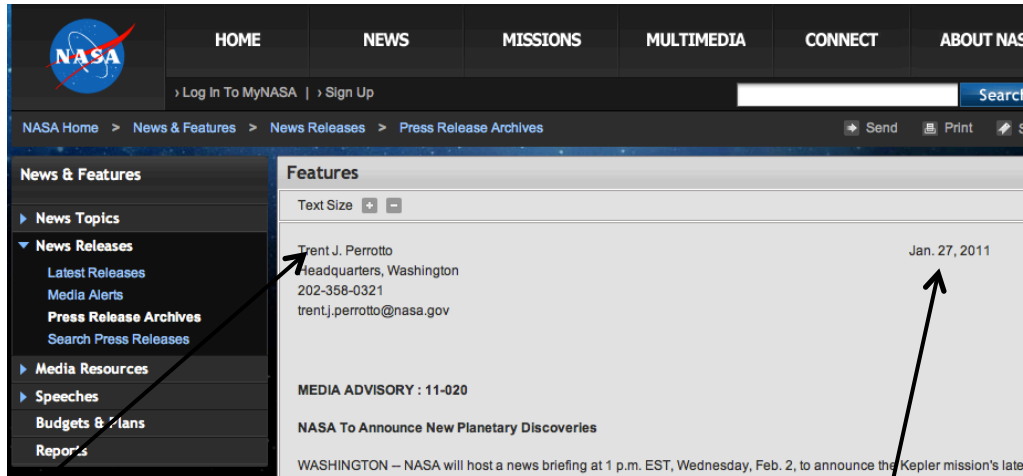
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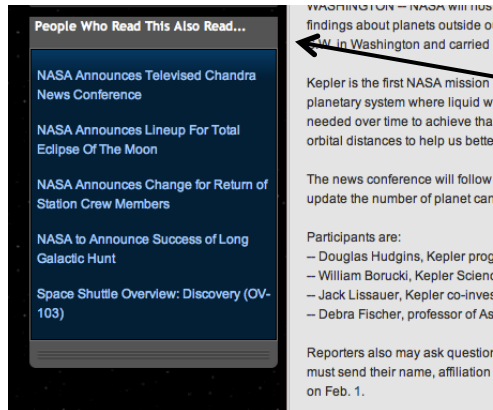
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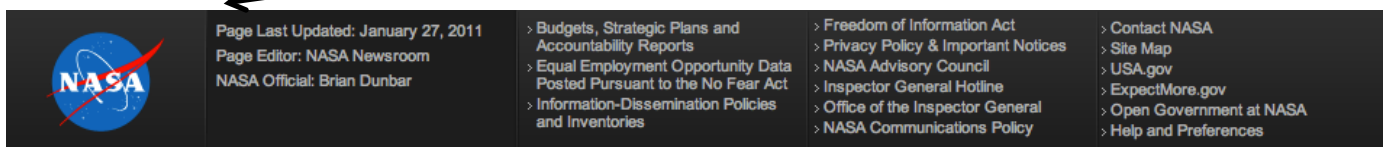
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The North American International Auto Show in downtown Detroit's Cobo Hall through January 23, 2011 offers some of the most technologically advanced vehicles which promise to push the limits of sheer impossibility. Following is a look at some of the models that have generated the most buzz and the reasons they can be considered among the technologically elite.

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Jesse Eisenberg
Jesse Adam Eisenberg (born October 5, 1983) is an American actor. He has play featured or starring roles in films such as The Squid and the Whale (2005), Adver (2009), Zombieland (2009), and The Social Network (2010).

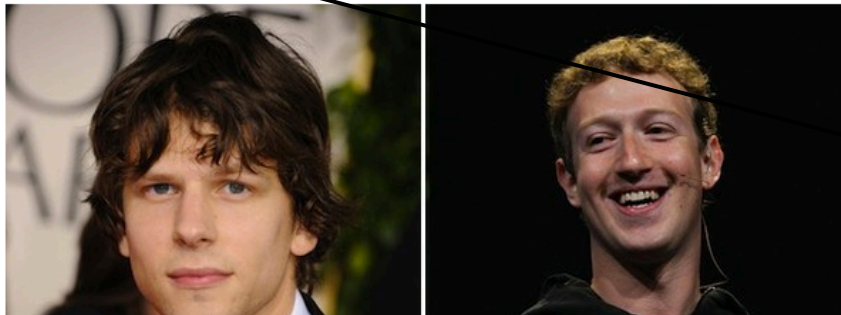
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Interests: dress-up, extreme bargain shopping, fun facts
68 Kudos
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Jesse Eisenberg and Mark Zuckerberg Meet on 'Saturday Night Live'

Written by Deena on Jan-30-11 12:27pm



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Within the article

- Jesse Eisenberg Articles**
- Jesse on meeting Facebook creator - The Press Association
 - SNL Brings Jesse Eisenberg And Mark Zuckerberg Together - Hot Hardware
 - Jesse Eisenberg Calls Meeting Real Mark Zuckerberg 'Wonderful Surprise' - Entertainment Tonight News
 - VIDEO: Jesse Eisenberg and Mark Zuckerberg Finally Meet on Saturday Night Live
 - Access Hollywood - Jesse Eisenberg: What Was It Like Meeting Mark Zuckerberg?

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Two Stroke Compression
To understand the mechanical differences between a two stroke and four stroke engine, lets first consider how the four stroke engine works. The four strokes are:

Intake: The piston travels down the cylinder while the intake [valve](#) is opened to allow a mixture of fuel and air to enter the combustion chamber.

Compression: The intake valve is closed and the piston travels back up the cylinder thereby compressing the gasses.

Combustion: The [spark plug](#) ignites the compressed gas causing it to explode, which forces the piston down.

Exhaust: The piston rises up the cylinder as the exhaust valve is opened, allowing the piston to clear the chamber to start the process over.

Each time the piston rises and falls it turns the crankshaft that is responsible for turning the wheels. This is how fuel is converted into forward motion.

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Of note here is that the spark plug only fires once every other revolution. Also, there is a sophisticated set of mechanisms working in synchronization to create the four strokes. A [crankshaft](#) must alternately tip a [rocker arm](#) attached either to the intake or exhaust valve. The rocker arm returns to its closed position via a spring. The valves must be seated properly in the cylinder head to avoid compression leaks. In other words, a [symphony](#) of mechanical events occurs.

In the two stroke engine, all four events are integrated into one simple downward stroke, and one upward stroke. Two strokes. *Intake and exhaust are both integrated into the compression and combustion movement of the piston, eliminating the need for valves.* This is accomplished

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The screenshot shows the eHow website header with navigation tabs for Family, Food, Health, Home, Money, Style, and More. Below the header is a search bar and a banner for HP printers. The article title is 'How to Make a Graph Using Excel' by an eHow Contributor. A 'Recommend' button shows 94 people recommend this article. The article text begins with 'Microsoft Excel makes it easy to make a graph. All you need to do is supply the data for the graph and then let Excel create the graph for you. Excel provides several graph options from which to choose.'

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Within the article

The 'Instructions' section lists four steps for creating a graph in Excel. Step 1: Label the data you want to graph. Step 2: Enter the data that you want to graph. Step 3: Highlight the data for the graph. Step 4: Click on the "Insert" tab. To the right, there is a 'Things You'll Need' box listing 'Basic knowledge of Excel' and 'Data for graph'. Below that is a 'Related Articles & Videos' section with links to 'How to Make an Excel Graph Fast!', 'How to Make a Graph With Excel', and 'How to Label a Pie Chart in Excel'.

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Top of the article

The screenshot shows the top of a Wikipedia article for 'Moon'. It includes the Wikipedia logo, navigation tabs (Article, Discussion, Read, View source, View history, Search), and the introductory paragraph: 'The Moon is Earth's only natural satellite... and the fifth largest satellite in the Solar System. It is the second largest natural satellite in the Solar System relative to the size of its primary (after Charon, which orbits dwarf planet Pluto), a quarter the diameter of Earth and 1/81 its mass. The Moon is the second densest satellite after Io. It is in synchronous rotation with Earth, always showing the same face; the near side is marked with dark volcanic maria among the bright ancient crustal highlands and prominent impact craters. It is the brightest object in the sky after the Sun, although its surface is actually very dark, with a similar reflectance to coal. Its prominence in the sky and its regular cycle of phases have since ancient times made the Moon an important cultural influence on language, the calendar, art and mythology. The Moon's gravitational influence produces the ocean tides and the minute lengthening of the day. The Moon's current orbital distance, about thirty times the diameter of the Earth, causes it to appear almost the same size in the sky as the Sun, allowing it to cover the Sun nearly precisely in total solar eclipses. The Moon is the only celestial body on which humans have landed. While the Soviet Union's Luna programme was the first to reach the Moon with unmanned spacecraft in 1959, the United States' NASA Apollo program achieved the only manned missions to date, beginning with the first manned lunar orbiting mission by Apollo 8 in 1968, and six manned lunar landings between 1969 and 1972—the first being Apollo 11 in 1969. These missions returned over 380 kg of lunar rocks, which have been used to develop a detailed geological understanding of the Moon's origins (it is thought to have formed some 4.5 billion years ago in a giant impact event involving Earth), the formation of its internal structure, and its subsequent history.'

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Within the article

References

Notes

- ¹ ^a The maximum value is given based on scaling of the brightness from the value of -12.74 given minimum Earth-Moon distance given there, after the latter is corrected for the Earth's equatorial radius similar scaling using the maximum Earth-Moon distance of 407 000 km (given in the factsheet) + the earthshine is $(\text{Earth radius} / \text{Radius of Moon's orbit})^2$ relative to the direct soil equatorial radius³ = 6.367 km.)
- ² ^a The range of angular size values given are based on simple scaling of the following values give angular size is 1896 arcseconds. The same fact sheet gives extreme Earth-Moon distances of 407 corrected for the Earth's equatorial radius of 6 378 km, giving 350 600 km.
- ³ ^a Lucey *et al.* (2006) give 10^7 particles cm^{-3} by day and 10^5 particles cm^{-3} by night. Along with a pressures given in the infobox (rounded to the nearest order of magnitude; 10^{-7} Pa by day and 1)
- ⁴ ^a Earth does have a number of co-orbital near-Earth asteroids (Morais *et al.* 2002), but these are
- ⁵ ^a This age is calculated from isotope dating of lunar rocks.
- ⁶ ^a More accurately, the Moon's mean sidereal period (fixed star to fixed star) is 27.321661 days (27.321582 days (27d 07h 43m 04.7s) (*Explanatory Supplement to the Astronomical Ephemeris*, 1
- ⁷ ^a More accurately, the Moon's mean synodic period (between mean solar conjunctions) is 29.530 1961, at p.107).
- ⁸ ^a The Sun's apparent magnitude is -26.7 , and the full Moon's apparent magnitude is -12.7 .
- ⁹ ^a On average, the Moon covers an area of 0.21078 square degrees on the night sky.

Footnotes

- ¹ ^a ^b ^c ^d ^e ^f ^g ^h ⁱ ^j ^k ^l Wieczorek, M.; *et al.* (2006). "The constitution and structure of the lunar interior". *Reviews in Mineralogy and Geochemistry* **60**: 221–364. doi:10.2138/rmg.2006.60.3
- ² ^a ^b ^c ^d Williams, Dr. David R. (2 February 2006). "Moon Fact Sheet". NASA (National Space Science Data Center). Retrieved 31 December 2008.
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Citations & Links	Copy and paste a sentence into Google to see if the text can be found elsewhere Are there links to related sites and organized? Citations/Bibliography provided?	Citations, citations and links, links, no, NA, maybe
Accuracy	Is the Data verifiable and accurate?	Good, unknown, varies, NA
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