Many students question if the resources they select qualify as a scholarly publication. Below are some examples of publication types, including scholarly, trade and popular titles.

**Scholarly Journals**
- Articles written by professionals in the field.
- Longer, more in-depth research articles followed by extensive reference list.
- Few advertisements, if any.
- Audience usually has some working knowledge of subject area.
- May also be referred to as ‘academic journals.’
- **Peer-reviewed** refers to the process of other experts reviewing the article before publication.
- Not all scholarly journals are peer-reviewed.
- Most databases indicate if a journal is **Peer Reviewed**, as seen here.

**Trade Journals**
- Written for professional practitioners in the field.
- Shorter articles usually related to best current practices, as opposed to original research.
- May include case studies and editorials.

**Popular Titles**
- Written for a general audience without much technical language.
- Shorter articles, usually without sources or references listed.
- Glossy, advertisement-filled pages.

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