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## **Answer**

There are general guidelines for minor reuse of an MIT web site's design/construction as a model for a non-MIT site.

**For incidental use**, simple attribution and a copyright credit are all that is needed. This almost always falls into a Fair Use exemption situation, so just minimal credit is usually sufficient.

If the material to be cited is the result of MIT administrative work, it is generally considered **collegial sharing**. Again, simple attribution is expected, but no formal clearance is needed.

Only when the reuse is of a **significantly substantial nature** would a more formal, and more specific request need to be filed with the [Office of the General Counsel](#). You would need to provide a specific example of which web materials/articles were being sought, and exactly how much was intended to be used.

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