

# Indexing personal names

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Personal names and how to index them seem to be an everlasting source of annoyance for many indexers. So here are a few web pages that can help you decide how to index names.

First and foremost the 'Centrepieces' of the *Indexer* on indexing names of specific cultural groups or language regions:

[http://www.theindexer.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=85&Itemid=56](http://www.theindexer.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=85&Itemid=56)

### Some general sources

Names of persons: National usage for entry in catalogues:

[http://www.vcob.be/pls/portal/docs/PAGE/Vlacc\\_regeIgeving/Regelgeving/vlacc\\_bronnen/vlacc\\_bronnenTitelbeschrijven/ifla\\_NamesOfPersons/Menu.htm](http://www.vcob.be/pls/portal/docs/PAGE/Vlacc_regeIgeving/Regelgeving/vlacc_bronnen/vlacc_bronnenTitelbeschrijven/ifla_NamesOfPersons/Menu.htm)

Huridocs: How to record personal names:

<http://www.huridocs.org/tools/doccentres> At the bottom of the page is a link to the PDF file. You have to register once, which is free.

National Council on Archives: Rules for the construction of names:

<http://www.nlw.org.uk/ncarules/rules2.htm#Royal>

AACR2, chapter 22, headings for personal names:

<http://www.library.yale.edu/cataloging/music/pernames.htm>

### Pages for checking names

Library of Congress: <http://authorities.loc.gov/>

MSN Encarta encyclopedia: <http://encarta.msn.com/>

Highbeam Encyclopedia:

[http://www.encyclopedia.com/ency4beta\\_default.aspx](http://www.encyclopedia.com/ency4beta_default.aspx)

African names database:

<http://people.africadatabase.org/>

Older Jewish names:

<http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/index.jsp>

Australian names:

<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/adbonline.htm>

Canadian names: <http://www.biographi.ca/EN/index.html>

New Zealand names: <http://www.dnzb.govt.nz/dnzb/>

### Some pages with background on how names are constructed

Wikipedia: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Personal\\_name](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Personal_name)

This is the starting point for several pages on personal names.

Chinese names:

[http://www.pinyin.info/readings/texts/chinese\\_names.html](http://www.pinyin.info/readings/texts/chinese_names.html)

Vietnamese names:

[http://www.saigon.com/~nguyent/hoa\\_03.html](http://www.saigon.com/~nguyent/hoa_03.html)

Older Arabic names:

<http://www.sca.org/heraldry/laurel/names/arabic-naming2.htm>