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Quick Tips for APA Citations

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This information is adapted from the 6th edition of the *APA Publication Manual*. All Campus libraries have copies of the manual. These examples provide the answers to the most common citation questions; refer to the printed Manual for detailed information. Page numbers refer to pages in the APA Manual.

Reference List

Use sentence style for works: capitalize the first word, but not the remainder, with the exception of organizations, names, and titles (p.228). It is not necessary to double space the Reference List, just between each entry (p. 326).

Electronic Citations from library databases – it is not necessary to copy and paste the URL; however, most library databases provide a *permalink* to the article, which is acceptable to use (p. 231).

Electronic Citations from the internet – the citations are listed just as the print version, but add this statement at the end: Retrieved Month Day, Year, from [URL] – look for the URL *permalink*

Permalinks and DOI: many websites archive articles with *permalinks*, or assign unique identifiers called Digital Object Identifier (DOI) which are supposed to be permanent, archived links to the articles. This may not be the same URL as the one that shows in the URL box. If the URL is too long to type out or refers to multiple pages of a web site, use the entry URL for the web site (pp. 268-273 of the APA manual): for example: “<http://www.australianhumanities.org>”, rather than the entire link as used in the example below. The DOI is the **FINAL archival copy**, therefore needs no “retrieved on” date. The DOI is assigned through an organization and can be retrieved at <http://www.doi.org>. The DOI information is outlined in the *APA Style Guide to Electronic References* (2007).

Books

[basic book format]

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). *Title of Book (Ed.)*. Place of publication: Publisher.

[electronic book from database]

Austen, J. (2005). *Pride and prejudice*. Westminster, MD: The Modern Library. Retrieved from <http://netlibrary.com>

[electronic book on the internet]

Austen, J. (2008). *Pride and prejudice*. Available from <http://www.gutenberg.org/files/1342/1342-h/1342-h.htm>

[print edition that is not the first; no author instead use first significant words of title]

Publication Manual. (2001). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th. Ed.). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

[entry in an online reference work, no author or editor]

Melanoma. (Definition). (2002). *The New Dictionary of Cultural Literacy*, 3rd ed. Retrieved from Health Reference Center Academic.

[book chapter from a print version of an edited book]

Fredrickson, B.L. (2001). Positive Emotions. In Snyder, C.R. & Lopez, S.J. (Eds.), *Handbook of positive psychology* (89-119). New York: Oxford University Press.

Journal articles

[basic article format]

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, volume number (issue number), page numbers. Retrieved from <http://www.someaddress.com/full/url/>

[journal article in print]

MacPherson, S. (2003). Rent or own: Or, what's entailed in "Pride and Prejudice". *Representations*, 82, 1-23.

[journal article from library database]

Xiao-yan, W. (2007). Consumerism in Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. *US-China Foreign Language*, 5, 70-73. Retrieved from Academic Search Complete database.

[article from an internet based journal]

Lovink, G. (2002). After the dotcom crash: Recent literature on internet, business and society. *Australian Humanities Review*, 27. Retrieved from <http://www.australianhumanitiesreview.org/archive/Issue-September-2002/lovink.html>

[article from internet journal with page numbers]

Foulongne, V., Kluger, N., Dereure, O., Brieu, N., Guillot, B., & Segondy, M. (2008, September). Merkel cell polyomavirus and Merkel cell carcinoma, France [letter]. *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, 14(9), 1491-1493. Retrieved September 26, 2008, from <http://www.cdc.gov/EID/content/14/9/1491.htm>

[article from internet journal with DOI, with more than 6 authors]

Sturm-Ramirez, K.M., Ellis, T., Bousfield, B., Bissett, L., Dyrting, K., Rehg, J.E., et al. (2004). Reemerging H5N1 influenza viruses in Hong Kong in 2002 are highly pathogenic to ducks. *Journal of Virology*, 78, 4892-4901. doi: 10.1128/JVI.78.9.4892-4901.2004

News Articles

[basic news format; p.242 in APA]

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. *Title of Newspaper*, pp. page number.

[newspaper article in print]

Schultz, S. (2005, December 28). Calls made to strengthen state energy policies. *The Country Today*, pp. A1, A5.

[print newspaper article with no author]

A \$450,000 MISTAKE. (Opinion). (2008, October 8). *Albany Times Union (Albany, NY)*, pp.A8.

[news article retrieved from website; note the use of the newspapers website rather than url to avoid nonworking URLs; note lack of page number in online newspaper]

Parker-Pope, T. (2008, May 6). Psychiatry handbook linked to drug industry. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com>

[retrieved from library database]

Ohmae, K. (Oct 1, 2008). America must seek aid for a global credit line. *The Financial Times*. Retrieved from InfoTrac Newspapers.

Internet Sources

This section explains citation of documents such as web pages, newsletters, blogs, social networking sites – the format is very similar to electronic books and articles.

At minimum, you need: • URL • Title or web site name • Date retrieved

If possible: • Author name (either personal or organization or institution name) • Web site name (not necessarily the same thing as the author name) • Title of the posting • Date of the posting • DOI or the URL for the archived message or posting (frequently called the “permalink”)

[web page with no date and the organization/web site as the author]

National Cancer Institute. (n.d.). *Bone cancer: Questions and answers*. Retrieved September 26, 2008, from <http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/Sites-Types/bone>

[web page document with DOI; white paper: organization’s unpublished policy document]

Attanasio, P. (2003). The use of DOI in eContent value chain: The case of Casalini Digital Division and mEDRA [White paper]. doi: 10.1392/BC1.0

[web page article with an institutional author and a specific given date; note this example has the web site listed as a separate publication from the author]

Imperial College London. (2008, October 3). Don't stress! Bacterial cell's 'Crisis Command Center' revealed. *ScienceDaily*. Retrieved October 3, 2008, from <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/10/081002172007.htm>

[blog posting with an identifiable author and web site name; use the blog name as the title of the source]

Goldacre, B. (2008, September 19). Don't let the facts spoil a good story. [Web log comment]. *Bad Science*. Retrieved September 27, 2008, from <http://www.badsience.net/2008/09/dont-let-the-facts-spoil-a-good-story/>

[comment to a blog posting; not all blogs have dates or URLs for comments; note the lack of “retrieved from” date; screen name from blog used as author name]

peterd102. (2008, September 27). Re: Presenting both sides.... (Msg. 4). [Web log comment]. Retrieved from <http://www.badsience.net/2008/09/dave-ford-from-durham-council-plays-at-being-a-scientist-again/>

[video blog post]

Norton, R. (2006, November 4). How to train a cat to operate a light switch [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vja83KLOXZs>

[video on a web site; no date; institutional author]

University of Illinois Library (n.d.). Advanced search in library catalog: Search by subject [Video file]. Retrieved from http://www.library.uiuc.edu/learn/videos/catalog_advanced/catalog_advanced.html

[photo on a photo sharing site; username used as author]

digitalART2. (2007, May 6). Flamingoes [Image]. Retrieved, from <http://www.flickr.com/photos/digitalart/486335977/>

[photo from web site with authors]

Karkoschka, E., National Aeronautics and Space Administration, & European Space Agency. (2007, July 27). Saturn prior to Cassini Probe's arrival [Image]. *HubbleSite*. Retrieved from http://hubblesite.org/gallery/album/solar_system_collection/pr2004018a/