

APA Reference List for Online Sources

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A few quick tips on citing online sources on a reference page:

- Direct readers as closely as possible to the information being cited. Reference specific documents rather than home or menu pages.
- Include the **most specific web address possible** at the end of the citation.
- Begin the citation with the title of the document if no author is identified.
- Use “n.d.” in place of a date if there is no date of initial publication or uploading to the Internet.
- Capitalize only the first letter of the first word of an article’s title.
- Italicize the title of the publication; do not use quotation marks.

Common Examples of Internet Sources:

Journal Article with DOI (Digital Object Identifier) [7.01-1]

Herbst-Damm, K. L., & Kulik, J. A. (2005). Volunteer support, marital status, and the survival times of terminally ill patients. *Health Psychology, 24*, 225-229. doi:10.1037/0278-6133.24.2.225

If no DOI is assigned to the content and you retrieved it online, include the home page URL for the journal, newsletter, or magazine in the reference. Use this format: Retrieved from <http://www.xxxxxxxx>

Journal Article with DOI, More than Seven Authors [7.01-2]

Gilbert, D. G., McClernon, J. F., Rabinovich, N. E., Sugai, C., Plath, L. C., Asgaard, G., . . . Botros, N. (2004). Effects of quitting smoking on EEG activation and attention last for more than 31 days and are more severe with stress, dependence, DRD2 AI allele, and depressive traits. *Nicotine and Tobacco Research, 6*, 249-267. doi: 10.1080/14622200410001676305

Online Magazine Article [7.01-8]

Clay, R. (2008, June). Science vs. ideology: Psychologists fight back about the misuse of research. *Monitor on Psychology, 39*(6). Retrieved from <http://www.apa.org/monitor/>

Note the above citation: **volume number** is *italicized* and comes after the title of the newsletter; **issue number** is in parentheses.

Online Newspaper Article [7.01-11]

Brody, J. E. (2007, December 11). Mental reserves keep brain agile. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com>

Give the URL of the home page when the online version of the article is available by search to avoid nonworking URLs.

Chapter/Section of a Web Document or Online Book Chapter

Engellschall, R. S. (1997). Module mod_rewrite: URL Rewriting Engine. In *Apache HTTP Server Version 1.3 Documentation* (Apache modules.) Retrieved from http://httpd.apache.org/docs/1.3/mod/mod_rewrite.html

Article Retrieved from a Database

Smyth, A. M., Parker, A. L., & Pease, D. L. (2002). A study of the enjoyment of peas. *Journal of Abnormal Eating*, 8(3), 120-125. Retrieved from <http://www.articlehomepage.com/full/url/>

Entry in an Online Reference Work [7.02-29]

Graham, G. (2005). Behaviorism. In E. N. Zalta (Ed.), *The Stanford encyclopedia of philosophy* (Fall 2007 ed.). Retrieved from <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/behaviorism/>

Report from Institutional Archive (Database) [7.03-34]

McDaniel, J. E., & Miskel, C. G. (2002). *The effect of groups and individuals on national decisionmaking: Influence and domination in the reading policymaking environment* (CIERA Report 3-025). Retrieved from University of Michigan, Center for Improvement of Early Reading Achievement website: <http://www.ciera.org/library/reports/inquiry-3/3-025/3-025.pdf>

Corporate Author, Government Report [7.03-31]

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. (2003). *Managing asthma: A guide for schools* (NIH Publication No. 02-2650). Retrieved from http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/prof/lung/asthma/asth_sch.pdf

Message posted to a newsgroup, online forum, or discussion group [7.11]

Ramperad, T. (2005, June 8). Re: Traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions [Online forum comment]. Retrieved from http://www.wipo.int/roller/comments/ipisforum/Weblog/theme_eight_how_can_cultural#comments

Entry in an Online Reference Work, No Author or Editor

Heuristic. (n.d.). In *Merriam-Webster's online dictionary* (11th ed.). Retrieved from <http://www.m-w.com/dictionary/heuristic>

Important Formatting Tips

- Citations are always alphabetical whether author or title is used.
- Citations have a hanging indent (all lines but the first are indented for all citations).
- Citations are double-spaced.
- Only the first letter of the first word of titles of articles, proper nouns, and the first word following a full colon are capitalized.
- When a URL extends over one line, a line break should be given after a slash or period.
- Citations ending in a URL do not have a period at the end.