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]**

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.xxxxxxxxx

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

**Online Magazine Article [7.01-8]**

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]**

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**
Article Retrieved from a Database

Entry in an Online Reference Work [7.02-29]

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

Corporate Author, Government Report [7.03-31]

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

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**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 breaks should be given after a slash or period.
- Citations ending in a URL do not have a period at the end.