

APA Style Guide for Citing Electronic Sources

Adapted from the Purdue OWL's Reference List: Electronic Sources

As acquiring information from online resources grows more popular, fields must adapt their citation rules accordingly. Outlined here are the requirements for the most common kinds of electronic resources, as determined by the 6th Edition of the APA Publication Manual.

General Guidelines

- Double-space references.
- Do not indent first line of a source; do indent all following lines (known as a *hanging indent*; APA Publication Manual, 6th Ed.).
- Use only one space after periods, not two.

A. Article From an Online Periodical

Online articles follow the same guidelines as for printed articles. Include all information that the online host makes available, including an issue number in parentheses. When possible, also include the Digital Object Identifier (DOI).

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

Bernstein, M. (2002). 10 tips on writing the living Web. *A list apart: For people who make websites*,
149. Retrieved from <http://www.alistapart.com/articles/writeliving>

Brownlie, D. (2007). Toward effective poster presentations: An annotated bibliography. *European Journal of Marketing*, *41*(11/12), 1245-1283. doi:10.1108/03090560710821161

B. Newspaper Article

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. *Title of Newspaper*. Retrieved from
<http://www.someaddress.com/full/url/>

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

C. Electronic Books

Use the following format if the book you are using is *only* provided in a digital format or is difficult to find in print. If the work is not directly available online or must be purchased, use "Available from," rather than "Retrieved from," and point readers to where they can find it. For books available in print form and electronic form, include the publish date in parentheses after the author's name.

De Huff, E. W. (n.d.). *Taytay's tales: Traditional Pueblo Indian tales*. Retrieved from

<http://digital.library.upenn.edu/women/dehuff/taytay/taytay.html>

Davis, J. (n.d.). *Familiar birdsongs of the Northwest*. Available from [http://www.powells.com/cgi-](http://www.powells.com/cgi-bin/biblio?inkey=1-9780931686108-0)

[bin/biblio?inkey=1-9780931686108-0](http://www.powells.com/cgi-bin/biblio?inkey=1-9780931686108-0)

D. Nonperiodical Web Document, Web Page, or Report

List as much of the following information as possible (you sometimes have to hunt around to find the information; don't be lazy. If there is a page like <http://www.somesite.com/somepage.htm>, and [somepage.htm](http://www.somesite.com/somepage.htm) doesn't have the information you're looking for, move up the URL to <http://www.somesite.com/>). When an Internet document is more than one Web page, provide a URL that links to the home page or entry page for the document. Further, if there is no date available for the document use (n.d.) for no date.

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). Title of document. Retrieved from <http://Web address>

Angeli, E., Wagner, J., Lawrick, E., Moore, K., Anderson, M., Soderland, L., & Brizee, A. (2010, May 5). General format. Retrieved from <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

E. Online Lecture Notes and Presentation Slides

When citing online lecture notes, be sure to provide the file format in brackets after the lecture title (e.g. PowerPoint slides, Word document).

Hallam, A. *Duality in consumer theory* [PDF document]. Retrieved from Lecture Notes Online

Website: <http://www.econ.iastate.edu/classes/econ501/Hallam/index.html>

Roberts, K. F. (1998). *Federal regulations of chemicals in the environment* [PowerPoint slides].

Retrieved from <http://siri.uvm.edu/ppt/40hrenv/index.html>

F. Audio Podcast

For all podcasts, provide as much information as possible; not all of the following information will be available. Possible additional identifiers may include Producer, Director, etc.

Bell, T. & Phillips, T. (2008, May 6). A solar flare. *Science @ NASA Podcast*. Podcast retrieved from

<http://science.nasa.gov/podcast.htm>

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO CITE ELECTRONIC SOURCES, SEE:

Purdue Online Writing Lab's guide to citing electronic sources

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/10/>

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<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/10/>