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APA (American Psychological Association) Style – Citing Online Sources

Articles from Aggregated (Online) Databases

When referencing material obtained by searching an aggregated database, follow the format appropriate to the work retrieved and add a retrieval statement that gives the date of retrieval and the proper name of the database. An item or accession number also may be provided but is not required. If you wish to include this number, put it in parentheses at the end of the retrieval statement (for further details and examples see APA's Publication Manual, 5th ed., pp. 278-280).

Elements (with samples):

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| 1. Author's name (last name, initials) | Domenico Grasso |
| 2. Date of publication (in parentheses) | 2004 |
| 3. Title of article | Engineering and the human spirit. |
| 4. Name of the periodical (<i>italicized</i>) | <i>American Scientist</i> , |
| 5. Volume number | 92 |
| 6. Page numbers | 206 to 208 |
| <i>Note: if the database provides only the starting page number of an article's original print publication (e.g., "p192"), give the number followed by a plus sign and a period (e.g., "192+").</i> | |
| 7. Date of access (your visit to site) | August 14, 2004, |
| 8. Name of the database | Expanded Academic ASAP |

Formula:

Author, A. A., Author, B., & Author, C. C. (Date of publication). Title of article. *Title of Periodical*,
Volume number, Page numbers. Retrieved month day, year, from [name of database].

Examples for a References List

Grasso, D. (2004). Engineering and the human spirit. *American Scientist*, 92, 206-208. Retrieved August 14, 2004 from Expanded Academic ASAP database.

Loos, R. (1996). Hunting animals is morally acceptable. In A. Harnack (Ed.), *Animal rights*. San Diego: Greenhaven. Retrieved August 14, 2004 from Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center database.

Nolte, C. (2003, October 31). A city and its firemen mourn their fallen comrade. *The San Francisco Chronicle* (Final Edition), pp.A18+. Retrieved August 15, 2004 from LexisNexis Academic.

Citing a Web Page

Web documents share many of the same elements found in a print document (e.g., authors, titles, dates). Therefore, the citation for a Web document often follows a format similar to that for print, with some information omitted and some added. Here are some examples of how to cite documents posted on APA's own Web site.

Elements:

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| 1. Author's name. | Luyen Chou, Robbie McClintock, Frank Moretti, Don H. Nix |
| 2. Title of the page (<i>italicized</i>) | <i>Technology and Education: New Wine in New Bottles: Choosing Pasts and Imagining Educational Futures</i> |
| 3. Name of sponsoring institution | Columbia University, Institute for Learning Technologies |
| 4. Date of publication or latest update | 1993 |
| 5. Date of retrieval (your visit to site) | 09/23/2005 |
| 6. URL (Internet address) | http://www.ilt.columbia.edu/publications/papers/newwine1.html |

Formula:

Author, A. A.. Author, B. B., & Author, C. C., (Date published). *Title of the page*. Retrieved month day, year, from [name of sponsoring institution] Web site: [URL]

Example (see elements above)

Chou, L., McClintock, R., Moretti, F., Nix, D. H. (1993). *Technology and education: New wine in new bottles: Choosing pasts and imagining educational futures*. Retrieved September 23, 2005, from Columbia University, Institute for Learning Technologies Web site: <http://www.ilt.columbia.edu/publications/papers/newwine1.html>

Citing a Periodical Article Published on the Internet as a Web Page

Formula:

Author, A. A. (Date published). Title of article. *Title of Periodical*, volume, pages, article number (if given). Retrieved month day, year, from [URL]

Example (see elements above)

Fredrickson, B. L. (2000, March 7). Cultivating positive emotions to optimize health and well-being. *Prevention & Treatment*, 3, Article 0001a. Retrieved November 20, 2000, from <http://journals.apa.org/prevention/volume3/pre0030001a.html>

Parenthetical Notes (Short Citations Embedded in Text)

For Internet sources that do not provide page numbers, use the paragraph number, if available, preceded by the paragraph symbol or the abbreviation para. If neither paragraph nor page numbers are visible, cite the heading and the number of the paragraph following it to direct the reader to the location of the material.

(Myers, 2000, ¶ 5)
(Beutler, 2000, Conclusion section, para. 1)