

APA 7e Citation and Referencing

For situations that are not explained in this document, ask your professor for guidance and/or visit the Writing Center.

Citations

Construction

- End-of sentence (parenthetical) citation is placed *before* final punctuation (Webb, 2018).
- Use last name only in parenthetical citation.
- If you use first and last names in narrative citation, place them in normal name order:
Bob Smith (2021) provided

Authorship	Parenthetical citation
1 human author name	(Aubert, 2019)
2 human author names	(Franks & Jiang, 2020)
3 or more human author names	(Hansen et al., 2018)
Authorship attributed to a <i>professional association or governmental agency</i>	(British Computer Society, 2019)
No clear authorship – use the beginning of the title and place it in double quotes	("TTY advances," 2016)

- Unauthored sources use the beginning of the title in double quotes to match the beginning of the reference entry ("TTY advances," 2016).
- When two sources provide the same content: (Miller, 2018; Petrov et al., 2020).

Frequency

- The origination of ideas must be clear; you may have many citations in a paragraph or just a few, depending on how many sources you are using and where the information was discovered.
- Every paragraph with information from a source must have citation. Exceptions may be made for introductions and conclusions of research papers and abstracts; watch assignment instructions carefully and when in doubt, cite.
- Any sentence in which numbers, money, or statistics are mentioned must be *immediately* cited, no matter where in the body it appears. Numbers in abstracts must also be cited.

Quotes

- Quotes must be immediately cited, and must include the page number (or in the case of a web page, the paragraph number or section title).
- Be careful with assignment instructions, as quotes are often not allowed.

Important

- *The beginning of a citation must match the beginning of the reference entry.*
- If your source cites yet another source, remember that *you can only cite that which you read.*

Reference entries

- List up to 20 authors for each source. Present names in the order shown on the source itself. Place an ampersand (&) before the last person's last name.
- Change first and middle names into initials.
- All reference entries must have at least one corresponding citation in the paper's body.

- Include as much of the date as you can find. Write out the month name in full. Do not precede a single-digit date with a zero. If there is no date of publication, use n.d., which means "no date."
- *Do not use a copyright date for a web article*; look specifically for a date of *publication*.
- Watch punctuation, italics, and sentence/title case as presented in the formulas below.
- Make sure your URLs are not bloated with search terms or click-through characters.

Academic journal articles

If the doi includes "purdue" or "EBSCO," it is not a true doi and must not be included. Leave out the link if you are not sure of its appropriateness.

LastName, Initial. Initial. (Year, Month Day). Article title in sentence case: Subtitle after a colon if available. *Journal Name*, volume(issue), pages. DOIinWebAddressForm
Farmer, R., Singleton, T. O., & Barber, S. (2020, December 14). Definitions for learning: IT concepts. *Journal of Business Principles*, 34(3), 13–15. <https://doi.org/10.1080/28881>

Authored web articles

LastName, Initial. Initial. (Year, Month Day). *Article title in sentence case: Subtitle after a colon if available*. SiteName. FullWebAddress
Landsman, P., & Hill, J. T. (2020, September 12). *Current issues with web accessibility*. Web Leadership. <http://web-leadership.net/articles/accessibility3398.aspx>

News articles on the web

LastName, Initial. Initial. (Year, Month Day). Article title in sentence case: Subtitle after a colon if available. *News Source Name*. FullWebAddress
Hassan, P. (2021, February 4). Why VPNs are our future: Security notwithstanding. *CNN*. <http://CNN.com/network/2420-hp.html>

Unauthored web articles

Title of the article in sentence case. (Year, Month Day). SiteName. FullWebAddress
Touchscreen tech. (2020, June 1). Phones Today. <http://phonestoday.com/touchtech.asp>

Web articles "authored" by a governmental agency or official association

Name of Agency. (Year, Month Day). *Article title in sentence case: Subtitle after a colon if available*. WebSiteName if different from agency. FullWebAddress
World Health Organization. (2021, March 14). *Data mining the first few months of Covid vaccinations*. <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/covid-vaccinations>

Ebooks – The only difference for traditional books reference entries is that there is no URL.

LastName, Initial. Initial. (Year). *Ebook title in sentence case: Subtitle after a colon if available* (nth ed.). PublisherName. FullWebAddress
Liu-Chen, H., Marsden, S. T., Fauré, G., & Prasad, A. (2014). *Learning code: A beginner's guide* (2nd ed.). Elliott. <https://libauth.purdueglobal.edu/sso/skillport?context=1499185>

Job Posting Sites

Retrieval date is included because the information is temporary and/or expected to change.

Title of Page - likely the job title. (Year, Month Day). Site. Retrieved Month Day, Year from FullURL.
Systems Engineer. (2021, August 3). Indeed. Retrieved August 9, 2021 from <https://www.indeed.com/jobs?q=systems%20engineer&l=Mars%2C%20IN&advn=7644225vk29op>