

The APA (6th edition) Reference List: Some Common Examples

The examples provided in this document are just a few of the more common examples of the APA referencing format. The examples are copied from the sixth edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (American Psychological Association, 2013) or from the *APA Style Guide to Electronic References* (American Psychological Association, 2012).

Some Common Examples

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Note that in these format examples, any sections requiring italics are highlighted in yellow.

ACER students are encouraged to consult an APA style guide for full details on APA referencing and for a very wide variety of reference examples. Print versions of the APA publication manual can be [requested from Cunningham Library](#) and will be delivered by post. The online guide for electronic references is available via the Cunningham Library catalogue after providing your Athens login. Help is also available from the [APA Style Blog](#) or via [Learning APA Style](#).

Cite what you see

Citations are always based on just the details available from the source being used.

The Basic Reference

If after consulting the examples below and a detailed APA style guide, you cannot find an example to exactly match your reference, then the reference can be based on a similar format. Keep in mind that wherever possible, the reference should include these [basic reference](#) parts:

- **Who created this reference?**
- **When was this reference created?**
- **What is this reference called?**
- **Where does this reference come from (Where can my reader find this reference)?**

Books

Print

Author, A. A. (1967). *Title of work*. Location: Publisher.

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (1967). *Title of work*. Location: Publisher.

Editor, A. A. (Ed.). (1986). *Title of work*. Location: Publisher.

Online

Author, A. A. (1997). *Title of work*. Retrieved from <http://www.xxxxxxx>

Author, A. A. (2006). *Title of work*. doi:xxxxx

Chapter in Edited Book

For a chapter in a book or entry in a reference book, use the following formats.

Print

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (1995). Title of chapter or entry. In A. Editor, B. Editor, & C. Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (pp. xxx–xxx). Location: Publisher.

Online

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (1993). Title of chapter or entry. In A. Editor & B. Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (pp. xxx–xxx). Retrieved from <http://www.xxxxxxx>

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (1995). Title of chapter or entry. In A. Editor, B. Editor, & C. Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (pp. xxx–xxx). doi:xxxxxxx

Journal Articles

Print

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (year). Title of article. *Title of Periodical*, xx(x), pp–pp.

Include the issue number if the journal is paginated by issue.

Note: If each issue of a journal begins on page 1, give the issue number in parentheses immediately after the volume number. In example above this is represented by **xx(x)** that is **vol(issue)**. In the example below there is just the volume number required and this is showing as **xx**.

The title and volume number are both italicized in any journal article reference.

Online

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (year). Title of article. *Title of Periodical*, xx, pp–pp. doi:xx.xxxxxxxx

Note: 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.xxxxxxx>

Conference Paper

Book

To cite published proceedings from a book, use the same format as for a book or book chapter .

Katz, I., Gabayan, K., & Aghajan, H. (2007). A multi-touch surface using multiple cameras. In J. Blanc-Talon, W. Philips, D. Popescu, & P. Scheunders (Eds.), *Lecture Notes in Computer Science: Vol. 4678. Advanced Concepts for Intelligent Vision Systems* (pp. 97–108). doi:10.1007/978-3-540-74607-2_9

Online

To cite proceedings that are published regularly, use the same format as for a periodical.

Herculano-Houzel, S., Collins, C. E., Wong, P., Kaas, J. H., & Lent, R. (2008). The basic nonuniformity of the cerebral cortex. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, USA, 105, 12593–12598. doi:10.1073/pnas.0805417105

Research Reports

Print

Author, A. A. (1998). *Title of work* (Report No. xxx). Location: Publisher.

Online

Author, A. A. (1998). *Title of work* (Report No. xxx). Retrieved from Agency name website: <http://www.xxxxxxx>

Note: For reports retrieved online, identify the publisher as part of the retrieval statement unless the publisher has been identified as the author: Retrieved from Agency name website: <http://www.xxxxxxx>

Audiovisual Media

Audiovisual media include motion pictures, audio broadcasts, television broadcasts, podcasts, and streaming videos such as YouTube videos. This media also includes static objects such as maps, artwork, or photos. Each media may have a slightly different format. Note in particular below the format for a streaming video such as a **YouTube video**.

The following example is the most common format for audio visual and multi-media and is illustrated below for online media.

Producer, A. A. (Producer), & Director, B. B. (Director). (year). *Title of motion picture* [Medium: DVD, video file, etc.]. Retrieved from <http://xxxxx>

Note: List the primary contributors in the author position and use parentheses to identify their contribution.

YouTube video

Author, A. A. [User name]. (year, month day). *Title of video* [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://xxxxx>

User name. (year, month day). *Title of video* [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://xxxxx>

Note: For retrievability reasons, the person/organisation that posted the video to YouTube is credited as the author. If the person's real name and user name are both available, provide the real name in the format of Author, A. A., followed by the user name inside square brackets. Otherwise, when the real name is not available, include only the user name, without brackets.

It is important to note that the location of the video will change the format of the reference – [see this explanation](#) for a distinction between finding a video on a website and via YouTube.

Recorded Interview

Interviewee, A. A. (year, month day interviewed). *Title of interview* (B. B. Interviewer, Interviewer) [File format]. Retrieved from <http://xxxxx>

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