

## APA Citations and Reference List Entries For Electronic Resources

### I. Citations

Similar to print sources, in-text citations for electronic resources should be placed in parentheses. If a specific page is being referenced, the citation should include the author's name, the date of publication, and the number of the page being referenced:

(Rilke & Ranier, 1989, p. 332).

For electronic sources that do not provide page numbers but provide paragraph numbers, give the paragraph number preceded by the abbreviation "para.":

(Jones, 2002, para. 7).

If the source does not provide either paragraph or page numbers, direct the reader to the referenced material by indicating the heading that precedes the material and, counting down from that heading, the number of the paragraph containing the material:

(Boehner, 2001, "Conclusion" section, para. 1).

If the source does not indicate the name of the author(s), refer to the document by repeating the first few words of its title:

("Study Finds," 2005).

If the information being referred to appears on an untitled Web page, indicate in the text of your paper where the reader is to look if he or she wishes to find a full reference to the Web site that contains that page. Example:

"More companies today are using data mining to unlock hidden value in their data. The data mining program "Clementine," described at the SPSS Web site, helps organizations predict market share and detect possible fraud (SPSS, n.d.)."

### II. Reference List

The *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. provides examples of reference list entries for electronic resources on pages 268-281. The following examples are adapted from Guffey, M. E. (2006) APA style electronic formats. Retrieved August 27, 2007 from <http://www.westwords.com/guffey/apa.html>

Avoid dividing an electronic address (URL) at the end of a line. If absolutely necessary, divide it at a slash (/) or before a period. Also, if your reference list entry ends with an electronic address (URL), do not conclude the entry with a period as this may be confused as part of the address.

#### **Internet article based on a magazine or journal print source:**

Honeycutt, E. D., Glassman, M., Zugelder, M. T., & Karande, K. ( 2001, July). Determinants of ethical behavior: A study of autosalespeople [Electronic version]. *Journal of Business Ethics*, 32 (1), 69-79.

#### **Article in an Internet-only magazine or journal:**

Whetstone, J.T. (2002). Civility and the cell phone: What would George Washington say? *Electronic Journal of Business Ethics and Organization Studies*, 7(1). Retrieved March 3, 2003, from [http://ejbo.jyu.fi/index.cgi?page=articles/0701\\_6](http://ejbo.jyu.fi/index.cgi?page=articles/0701_6)

**Magazine or journal article from a database:**

Blackburn-Brockman, E. & Belanger, K. (2001, January). One page or two? A national study of CPA recruiters' preferences for resume length. *The Journal of Business Communication*, 38 (1), 29. Retrieved February 28, 2003, from InfoTrac College Edition database, Article No. A71327300.

**Newspaper article (electronic version available by search):**

Hilts, P. J. (1999, February 16). In forecasting their emotions, most people flunk out. *New York Times*. Retrieved November 21, 2000, from <http://www.nytimes.com>

**Internet government report:**

U.S. General Accounting Office. (1997, February). Telemedicine: Federal strategy is needed to guide investments. (Publication No. GAO/NSAID/HEHS-97-67). Retrieved September 15, 2000, from General Accounting Office Reports Online via GPA Access: [http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/aces/aces160.shtml?/gao/index.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces160.shtml?/gao/index.html)

**Stand-alone Internet document (no name, no date):**

GVU's 8th WWW user survey. (n.d.). Retrieved August 8, 2000, from [http://www.cc.gatech.edu/gvu/user\\_surveys/survey-1997-10/](http://www.cc.gatech.edu/gvu/user_surveys/survey-1997-10/)

**Document from complex website (author[s] identified):**

Gordon, C. H., Simmons, P., & Wynn, G. (2001). *Plagiarism: What it is, and how to avoid it*. Retrieved July 24, 2001, from Biology Program Guide 2001/2002 at the University of British Columbia Web site: <http://www.zoology.ubc.ca/bpg/plagiarism.htm>

**Non-periodical multi-page web document (no author, no date):**

Greater New Milford (Ct) Area Healthy Community 2000, Task Force on Teen and Adolescent Issues. (n.d.). *Who has time for a family meal? You do!* Retrieved October 5, 2000, from <http://www.familymealttime.org>

**Internet Adobe Acrobat Document (PDF):**

Harris Interactive Inc. (2002). *Web@work survey 2002: Cyber-addiction in the workplace*. Retrieved March 3, 2003, from page 3 at <http://www.websense.com/company/news/research/webatwork2002.pdf>

**Message posted to an online forum or discussion group:**

Weylman, C. R. (2004, September 4). Make news to achieve positive press [Msg. 98]. Message posted to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sales-marketing-tips/message/98>

**Message posted to a newsgroup:**

Yudkin, M. (2005, July 4). The marketing minute: Truth is always in season [Msg. ID: ruf6kt0aiu5eui6523qsrofhu70h21evoj@4ax.com]. Message posted to <news://biz.ecommerce>