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Citation Style for Online Resources

The abundance and variety of material available on the Web can present challenges for correctly citing references. Authors using and citing Internet sources should observe the following two guidelines, as indicated in the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association** (APA):

1. Direct readers as closely as possible to the information being cited; whenever possible, reference specific documents rather than home or menu pages.
2. Provide online addresses that work.

At a minimum, a reference of an Internet source should provide a document title or description, a date (either the date of publication or update, or the date of retrieval), and an address (URL). Whenever possible, identify the authors of a document. Remember to test the URLs in your references regularly, particularly right before submission of the final paper.

Below are several common types of documents available via the Internet, with examples of how to cite these resources:

Internet Article Based on a Print Source:

General Format:

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (2000). Title of article. *Title of Periodical*, volume number, page numbers. Retrieved month day, year, from source.

Orey, M. (2007). How Business Trounced the Trial Lawyers. *BusinessWeek*, January 8, 2007. Retrieved January 4, 2007, from http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/07_02/b4016001.htm

Article in an Internet-only Journal or Newsletter:

Isidore, C. (2007, January 4). Skilled worker shortage hurts U.S. *CNNMoney.com*. Retrieved January 5, 2007, from

http://money.cnn.com/2007/01/04/news/economy/jobs_outlook/index.htm?postversion=2007010416

Stand-alone Internet Document, No Author, No Date:

Mortgage for Beginners. (n.d.). Retrieved January 5, 2007, from <http://www.forbeginners.info/mortgage/mortgage-basics.htm>

Article from an Internet Encyclopedia (such as Wikipedia):

Consumer price index. (2007, January 4). In *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. Retrieved January 5, 2007, from http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Consumer_price_index&oldid=98300501

Entry from a Blog:

Baker, S. (2007, January 4). Will companies pay to store our data? *BlogSpotting.net*. Retrieved January 5, 2007, from http://www.businessweek.com/the_thread/blogspotting/archives/2007/01/will_companies.html

Citing an Entire Website:

When citing an entire Website, provide the address of the site in the text. For example, Investopedia is an interactive website for investors of all levels (<http://investopedia.com/university/>).

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