**ACM Citation & Formatting style**

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A citation is the quoting of a source, usually in the text of a document. The reference is cited to substantiate the argument ([Blogg 2010](#_ENREF_1)).

**ACM IN-TEXT CITATION STYLE**

The in-text citation style is as follows:

For parenthetical citations we enclose the last name of the first author and year of publication, thus (Burando 2007); when there are two authors, both last names and the year of publication are included (Burando and Lee 2007); when there are more than two authors, we cite the last name of the first author followed by an "et al." (Burando et al. 2007).

Sequential parenthetical citations are enclosed in brackets and separated by semi-colons, thus (Burando 2007; Burando and Lee 2007). When a citation is part of a sentence, the name of the author is NOT enclosed in brackets, but the year is: "So we see that Burando et al. (2007)…"

When an author has more than one article published in the same year, the citation becomes (Burando 2007a) and (Burando 2007b).

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Abdelbar, E. & Smith, R. (2012) Approximating MAPs for belief networks in NP-hard and other theorems. *Artificial Intelligence 102*, 21-38.

***For a book:***

Ginsberg, M. (2005). *Readings in Nonmonotonic Reasoning*. Morgan Kaufmann, Los Altos, CA.

***For an article in a book or collection:***

Greiner, R. (2013). Explanation-based learning. In *The Encyclopedia of Cognitive Science*, R. WILSON AND F. KEIL, Eds. MIT Press, Cambridge, MA, 301-303.

***For an article in a conference proceedings:***

Marek, W., & Truszcynski, M. (2000). Relating autoepistemic and default logics. In *Proceedings of the 1st International Conference on Principles of Knowledge Representation and Reasoning*, Toronto, Canada, May 1989, H. BRACHMAN AND R. REITER, Eds. Morgan Kaufmann, San Mateo, CA, 276-288.

***For a dissertation:***

Brandon, J. (2007). Similarity of temporal query logs. Doctoral dissertation. University of California, Los Angeles.

***For a technical report:***

Horan, B., Gardner, M., and Scott, J. (2009). Mirtle: a Mixed Reality Teaching & Learning Environment. Technical Report. UMI Order Number: SERIES13103., Sun Microsystems, Inc.

***For an article in a Newspaper:***

White, E. (2014). Chatting a singer up the pop charts. Wall Street Journal. Jan. 13, 2014.

***For a Web Page:***

GOOGLE (2008). Google Adsense. Retrieved Oct. 4, 2011, from <http://www.google.com/adsense>

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