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Examples

“...end of the line for my research [13].”

“The theory was first put forward in 1987 [1].”

“Scholtz [2] has argued. . . .”

“For example, see [7].”

“Several recent studies [3, 4, 15, 22] have suggested that. . . .”

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[1], [3], [5]

[1] – [5]

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To finish citing sources, a numbered list of references must be provided at the end of the paper. The list is comprised of the sequential enumerated citations, with details, beginning with [1], and is not alphabetical.

Page Format

- Place references flush left
- Single-space entries, double-space between.
- Place number of entry at left margin, enclose in brackets.
- Indent text of entries.

The following examples demonstrate the format for a variety of electronic and print sources. These citations are ones in widest use. Not everything is listed.

Electronic Documents

E-books

- [1] L. Bass, P. Clements, and R. Kazman, *Software Architecture in Practice*, 2nd ed. Reading, MA: Addison Wesley, 2003. [E-book] Available: Safari e-book.

Article in Online Encyclopedia

- [2] D. Ince, "Acoustic coupler," in *A Dictionary of the Internet*. Oxford University Press, [online document], 2001. Available: Oxford Reference Online, <http://www.oxfordreference.com> [Accessed: May 24, 2007].

Journal Article Abstract (accessed from online database)

- [1] M. T. Kimour and D. Meslati, "Deriving objects from use cases in real-time embedded systems," *Information and Software Technology*, vol. 47, no. 8, p. 533, June 2005. [Abstract]. Available: ProQuest, <http://www.umi.com/proquest/>. [Accessed November 12, 2007].

Journal Article in Scholarly Journal (published free of charge on the Internet)

- [2] A. Altun, "Understanding hypertext in the context of reading on the web: Language learners' experience," *Current Issues in Education*, vol. 6, no. 12, July, 2005. [Online serial]. Available: <http://cie.ed.asu.edu/volume6/number12/>. [Accessed Dec. 2, 2007].

Newspaper Article from the Internet

- [3] C. Wilson-Clark, "Computers ranked as key literacy," *The Atlanta Journal Constitution*, para. 3, March 29, 2007. [Online], Available: <http://www.thewest.com.au>. [Accessed Sept. 18, 2007].

Internet Documents

Professional Internet Site

- [1] European Telecommunications Standards Institute, "Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB): Implementation guide for DVB terrestrial services; transmission aspects," *European Telecommunications Standards Institute*, ETSI-TR-101, 2007. [Online]. Available: <http://www.etsi.org> [Accessed: Nov. 12, 2007].

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Personal Internet Site

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- [4] J. Aston. "RE: new location, okay?" Personal email (July 3, 2007).

Internet Newsgroup

- [5] G. G. Gavin, "Climbing and limb torsion #3387," USENET: sci.climb.torsion, August 19, 2007. [Accessed December 4, 2007].

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Software

- [8] Thomson ISI, *Endnote 7*. [CD-ROM]. Berkeley, CA: ISI ResearchSoft, 2006.

Lecture

- [1] S. Bhanndahar. ECE 4321. Class Lecture, Topic: "Bluetooth can't help you." School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, Jan. 9, 2008.

Print Documents

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Single Author

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Edited Book

- [2] J. L. Spudich and B. H. Satir, Eds., *Sensory Receptors and Signal Transduction*. New York: Wiley-Liss, 2001.

Selection in an Edited Book

- [3] E. D. Lipson and B. D. Horwitz, "Photosensory reception and transduction," in *Sensory Receptors and Signal Transduction*, J. L. Spudich and B. H. Satir, Eds. New York: Wiley-Liss, 2001, pp-1-64.

Three or More Authors

- [4] R. Hayes, G. Pisano, and S. Wheelwright, *Operations, Strategy, and Technical Knowledge*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley, 2007.

Book by an Institutional or Organizational Author

- [5] Council of Biology Editors, *Scientific Style and Format: The CBE Manual for Authors, Editors, and Publishers*, 6th ed., Chicago: Cambridge University Press, 2006.

Manual

- [6] Bell Telephone Laboratories Technical Staff, *Transmission System for Communication*, Bell Telephone Lab, 2005.

Application Note

- [7] Hewlett-Packard, Appl. Note 935, pp.25-29.

Note: Titles of unpublished works are not italicized or capitalized. Capitalize only the first word.

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- [8] K. E. Elliott and C. M. Greene, "A local adaptive protocol," Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, France, Tech. Report. 916-1010-BB, 7 Apr. 2007.

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- [9] K. Kimura and A. Lipeles, "Fuzzy controller component," U. S. Patent 14, 860,040, 14 Dec., 2006.

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- [10] Texas Instruments, "High speed CMOS logic analog multiplexers/demultiplexers," 74HC4051 datasheet, Nov. 1997 [Revised Sept. 2002].

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- [11] National Aeronautics and Space Administration, *NASA Pocket Statistics*. Washington, DC: Office of Headquarters Operations, 2007.

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- [9] J. Attapangittya, "Social studies in gibberish," *Quarterly Review of Doublespeak*, vol. 20, no. 1, pp. 9-10, 2003.

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- [10] J. Fallows, "Networking technology," *Atlantic Monthly*, Jul., pp. 34-36, 2007.

Article in Daily, Weekly, or Biweekly Newspaper or Magazine

- [11] B. Metcalfe, "The numbers show how slowly the Internet runs today," *Infoworld*, 30 Sep., p. 34, 2006.