

Electronic Referencing Examples

This fact sheet provides a comprehensive guide to electronic entries in the author-date system of referencing.

The URL must be absolutely accurate. If possible, cut and paste the URL from the document into your assignment.

The date in the retrieval statement is in day-month-year format. Months except for May, June and July are abbreviated.

Page numbers are not necessary when you are referring to an idea that spans a whole document.

Email communications are not cited in the reference list.

Wherever possible, electronic references follow the same format as other types of references (author, date and publication information) but, because the information can be accessed only on the Internet, you must supply a URL (web address) instead of the usual publication information for printed texts. The URL forms part of the retrieval statement which also contains the date you accessed the information.

Dalton, T.H. 2001 (updated 3 June 2002), 'The crisis in social theory', *The Web of Social Text*, Scholars of Society Online. Retrieved 29 Aug. 2002 from <http://www.WebST.edu.au/crisis.html/>

Not all Internet sites give information that conforms to the above example, and there are variations in format depending on the type of electronic source you are using. Use the guidelines below and, if still in doubt, provide as much information as you can as closely as possible to the above format. Take a new line for the URL. If you have to break the URL to begin a new line, do so after a slash or before a full stop. Do not allow your word processor to insert a hyphen at the break. Never place a full stop at the end of a web address.

Capitalisation styles in electronic reference entries

<p>'Title of article/section'; minimal capitalisation and single inverted commas</p>	<p><i>Title of Web Site</i>; Title of Sponsor or Organisation maximal capitalisation and italics</p>	<p>Title of Sponsor or Organisation maximal capitalisation</p>
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Examples of in-text references to electronic material

Electronic in-text references require the author, date and page number, just as in in-text references to printed material. However, many Internet sites do not have page numbers or specified authors.

If there are no page numbers in the document, use paragraph numbers if they are in the document, or if you are easily able to count them.

Scaffolding is an integral part of effective teaching (Vygotsky 1972:para. 4).

You can also use the symbol for paragraph: ¶ (Vygotsky 1972:¶ 4)

If you cannot refer to a paragraph number, place the word 'online' after the author and date. This lets your reader know that it is an Internet reference and you have not simply forgotten to put in the page numbers.

Lyons (1996 online) argues that 'political debate has declined over the last thirty years'.

No specified author

Treat as you would any other information without a specified author. Begin the reference with the name of the organisation that produced the document. If no organisation, then use the title.

Dieback continues to be a problem in many mountainous regions (CSIRO 2000).

Mobile phone safety remains a significant issue ('New radiation studies' 2002).

No date

Radloff (n.d.) asserts that ...

This requires a new paradigm (Patel n.d.:para. 8)

Email messages

The latest study suggests the drug may be effective (Fuller, G. 2001, pers. comm., 31 July).

In an email communication on 31 July 2001, Dr G. Fuller suggested ...

Examples of electronic material in the reference list

- Online document**
Two authors
Salinger, M. & Preston, R. 2000 (updated 3 May 2001), 'Using critical thinking', *College Thinking Styles*, Critical Thinking Consortium. Retrieved 7 June 2002 from <http://criticalthinking.org/College/Using.html>
- No specified author
International Reading Association 2002, 'What is evidence-based reading instruction?' Retrieved 23 May 2002 from http://www.reading.org/positions/evidence_based.html
(If no author identified, begin with the title of the organisation.)
- 'World Wide Web' (updated 23 Oct. 2001), *The Great Idea Finder*. Retrieved 15 June 2001 from <http://www.ideafinder.com.history/inventions/story069.htm>
(If no author or organisation identified, begin with the title of the article.)
- No date
Radloff, L.S. n.d., 'Emotion', *IQ Top Ten*, Intelligence Group. Retrieved 30 Sept. 2002 from <http://newintell.org/resp.htm>
- Electronic journal**
Article
Hopkins, M. 1998, 'Corporate social responsibility around the world', *Online Journal of Ethics*, vol. 2, no. 2. Retrieved 19 May 2000 from <http://www.stthom.edu/cbes/oje/articles/volumetwotwo.html>
- Online database**
Journal article
Leninger, S.M. 2002, 'The role of nutrition in wound healing', *Critical Care Nursing Quarterly*, vol. 24, no. 1, pp. 13–21. Retrieved 18 July 2002 from ProQuest database.
(When using an online database, cite the name of the database in the retrieval statement instead of the URL.)
- Abstract
Fingal, P.W. 1998, 'Rhineland resurrection motifs', *European Journal of Folklore*, vol. 36, Winter, pp. 2–9. Abstract retrieved 21 Apr. 2002 from Expanded Academic ASAP database.
(When possible, always find and refer to the full text of an article.)
- CD-ROM**
Centre for Research into the Educational Application of Multimedia 1995, *Teaching in Context*, CD-ROM, CREAM, University of New England, Armidale, NSW.
- Full text journal article
Mackie, P. 1994, 'Reforming cell theory', *Journal of Microbiology*, CD-ROM, vol. 18, no. 3, pp. 23–40. Available from American Society of Bacteriology, NY.
- Conference proceedings
Mochida, P. 2001, 'Distance learning partnerships: Globalization and localization', *Learning Partnerships: Proceedings of the Annual HERDSA Conference 2001*, CD-ROM, University of Newcastle, NSW. Available from <http://www.herdsa.org.au>
- Virtual conference**
Paper
Singh, R. & Peterson, S. 2000, 'A decade of online learning', paper presented to the eskills 2000 virtual conference, 23–24 Feb. Retrieved 21 July 2002 from <http://www.shef.ac.uk/conferences/eskills/comp.fri>
- Online forum or discussion group**
Message
Scupin, R. 2002 (6 Oct.), 'Four fields'. Message posted to <http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/wa.exe?A2=ind0210a&L=anthrosciences&T=0&F=&S=&P=10484>
- Internet newsletter**
Article
Pell, P.T. 2001, 'Vitamin A trial', *Alzheimer's News*, vol. 3, no. 4. Retrieved 2 Nov. 2001 from <http://www.teleforum.net/subscribe/newslettr4a.html1>
- Electronic magazine**
Article
Roach, J. 2002, 'New Zealand tries to cap gaseous sheep burps', *National Geographic News*, 13 May. Retrieved 18 Oct. 2002 from http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2002/05/0509_020509_belch.html
- Online newspaper**
Article
Jenkins, R. 2002, 'Theater; What Euripides knew about refugees: Everything', *New York Times*, 15 Sept. Retrieved 12 Nov. 2002 from <http://www.nytimes.com>
- Online book**
Tart, C.T. 1975 (web edn 1997), *States of Consciousness*. Retrieved 15 Aug. 2000 from <http://www.netlibrary.net/>
- Online reference book**
Item
'Postmodernism' (1999), *Encyclopaedia Britannica Online*. Retrieved 12 Sept. 2001 from <http://www.eb.com.182/bol/topic?eu=1278&tscp=1>
(If no author identified, begin with the title of the item.)
- Online image**
Hendricks, J. 1976, 'Lightness of air' (online image), *New Icons*. Retrieved 14 Jan. 2002 from <http://www.modmuseum.com/Walden-n2/two>

For electronic referencing in the Footnoting system, see the fact sheet 'Footnoting' available from the Academic Skills Office or visit the web site at: <http://www.une.edu.au/tlc/aso/>.