

IEEE Referencing Style Sheet

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

"For example, see [7]."

"Several recent studies [3, 4, 15, 16] have suggested that..."

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"Several recent studies [3], [4], [15], [16] have suggested that..."

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Citations/references with multiple authors

If you choose to mention the author(s) of a source whilst citing it in the text of your work, if there are three or more you can abbreviate them using 'et al.' e.g. During their research, Fan, et al. [4] discuss lasers in detail. However, in general you do not need to mention the authors by name, just use the numeric citation in square brackets. In your full reference list at the end however, you always give the authors' names. In the reference list you can only abbreviate these using 'et al.' if there are six or more authors.

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Book

[Ref number] Author's initials. Author's Surname, *Book Title*, edition (if not first). Place of publication: Publisher, Year.

- [1] I.A. Glover and P.M. Grant, *Digital Communications*, 3rd ed. Harlow: Prentice Hall, 2009.

Book chapter

[Ref number] Author's initials. Author's Surname, "Title of chapter in book," in *Book Title*, edition (if not first), Editor's initials. Editor's Surname, Ed. Place of publication: Publisher, Year, page numbers.

- [2] C. W. Li and G. J. Wang, "MEMS manufacturing techniques for tissue scaffolding devices," in *Mems for Biomedical Applications*, S. Bhansali and A. Vasudev, Eds. Cambridge: Woodhead, 2012, pp. 192-217.

Electronic Book

[Ref number] Author's initials. Author's Surname. (Year, Month Day). *Book Title* (edition) [Type of medium]. Available: URL

- [3] W. Zeng, H. Yu, C. Lin. (2013, Dec 19). *Multimedia Security Technologies for Digital Rights Management* [Online]. Available: <http://goo.gl/xQ6doi>

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Journal article

[Ref number] Author's initials. Author's Surname, "Title of article," *Title of journal abbreviated in Italics*, vol. number, issue number, page numbers, Abbreviated Month Year.

- [4] F. Yan, Y. Gu, Y. Wang, C. M. Wang, X. Y. Hu, H. X. Peng, et al., "Study on the interaction mechanism between laser and rock during perforation," *Optics and Laser Technology*, vol. 54, pp. 303-308, Dec 2013.

Note: the above example article is from a journal which does not use issue numbers, so they are not included in the reference.



E-Journal article

PDF versions of journal articles are direct copies of the print edition, so you can cite them as print journals.

[Ref number] Author's initials. Author's Surname. (Year, Month). "Title of article." *Journal Title* [type of medium]. volume number, issue number, page numbers if given. Available: URL

- [5] M. Semilof. (1996, July). "Driving commerce to the web-corporate intranets and the internet: lines blur". *Communication Week* [Online]. vol. 6, issue 19. Available: <http://www.techweb.com/se/directlinkcgi?CWK19960715S0005>

When you are compiling your reference list you may abbreviate journal titles:

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https://www.ieee.org/documents/trans_journal_names.pdf

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http://www.ieee.org/documents/style_manual.pdf

Conference papers

[Ref number] Author's initials. Author's Surname, "Title of paper," in *Name of Conference*, Location, Year, pp. xxx.

[6] S. Adachi, T. Horio, T. Suzuki. "Intense vacuum-ultraviolet single-order harmonic pulse by a deep-ultraviolet driving laser," in *Conf. Lasers and Electro-Optics*, San Jose, CA, 2012, pp.2118-2120.

Standard abbreviations may be applied to the title of the conference. For a table of abbreviations go to:

<http://www.ieee.org/documents/ieeecitationref.pdf>

Reports

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[Ref number] Author's initials. Author's Surname, "Title of report," Abbreviated Name of Company., City of Company., State, Report number, year.

[7] P. Diamant and W. L. Luptakin, "V-line surface-wave radiation and scanning," Dept. Elect. Eng., Colombia Univ., New York, Sci Rep. 85, 1991.

Patents

[Ref number] Author's initials. Author's Surname, "Title of patent," Country where patent is registered. Patent number, Abbrev of Month Day Year.

[8] J. P. Wilkinson, "Nonlinear resonant circuit devices," U.S. Patent 3 624 125, July 16 1990.

Note: Use "issued date" if several dates are given.

Standards

[Reference number] *Title of Standard*, Standard number, date.

[9] *Shunt power capacitors*, IEEE standard 18-2012, 2013.

Theses/Dissertations

[Ref number] Author's initials. Author's Surname, "Title of thesis," Designation type, Abbrev. Dept., Abbrev. Univ., City of Univ., State, Year.

[10] J. O. Williams, "Narrow-band analyser," Ph.D. dissertation, Dept. Elect. Eng., Harvard Univ., Cambridge, MA, 1993.

Datasheets

[Ref number] Author's initials. Authors Surname, "Title of Datasheet," Part datasheet, Publication date [Latest revision date].

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

Online Documents

If you are using documents such as a report, conference paper, standard, patent or thesis online and it also exists as an identical print equivalent i.e. with the same format and pagination, it can be usually be referenced as the print version.

If it is e-only, you can make the standard reference template an electronic version by adding the material type in square brackets e.g. [Online] after the document title. If there is no specific document title you can place this after the document number (e.g. patent number).

At the end of the reference add: Available: URL. See below for an example of an online patent:

- [12] M.R. Brooks, "Musical toothbrush with adjustable neck and mirror," U.S Patent 326189 [Online], May 19 1992. Available: <http://goo.gl/VU1WEk>

Websites

Note: Include as much of the key information as you can find for a given website. If a web page has no personal author, you can use a corporate author. Failing that, you can use either Anon. (for anonymous) or it is permissible to use the title of the site.

[Ref number] Author's initials. Authors Surname. (Year, Month. Day). *Title of web page* [Online]. Available: URL

- [13] BBC News. (2013, Nov. 11). *Microwave signals turned into electrical power* [Online]. Available: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-24897584>
- [14] M. Holland. (2002). *Guide to citing internet sources* [Online]. Available: http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/library/using/guide_to_citing_internet_sourc.html