

Style and Format for Reference Lists/Bibliographies

Reference management applications such as RefWorks or Zotero make it much simpler to produce your bibliography in a style that is to the standards of a particular journal or style guide.

If your dissertation or thesis is presented in article format consisting of published articles, or drafts for journal publication, then the designated journal style may be used.

If this is not the case, then a single publication style should be adopted and applied to your work.

The major objective is a consistent presentation of references so that different styles are not intermixed in the reference list.

One of the major styles used in the scientific disciplines is **the Council of Science Editors (CSE) style**.

Council of Science Editors. 2014. Scientific Style and Format: The CSE Manual for Authors, Editors and Publishers, 8th edition.

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The CSE style has three main systems to acknowledge references:

- the Citation-Sequence system
- the Name-Year system
- the Citation – Name system

Each of these systems is widely used in scientific publications. Select one style and use it consistently in the sections of your work.

The basic examples listed below are in the Name-Year format and adapted from the Scientific Style and Format Citation Quick Guide:

<http://www.scientificstyleandformat.org/Tools/SSF-Citation-Quick-Guide.html>

Additional examples are included in the Guide.

Books

General format:

Author(s). Date. Title. Edition. Place of publication: publisher. Extent/number of pages. Notes.*

Example: Newman MC, Clements WH. 2008. Ecotoxicology: a comprehensive treatment. Boca Raton, FL : CRC Press. 852 p.

*Notes: if no additional information, leave blank.

Chapter or other part of a book

General format: Author(s) of the selection. Year. Title of selection. In: Author/editor of book. Title of book. Edition. Place of publication: publisher. Pages of selection.

Example: Rapley R. 2010. Recombinant DNA and genetic analysis. In: Wilson K, Walker J, editors. Principles and techniques of biochemistry and molecular biology. 7th ed. New York (NY): Cambridge University Press. p. 195–261.

Journal Article

Print General format: Author(s). Year. Title of article. Title of journal. volume number (issue number): page numbers.

Example print journal: Orth RJ, Marion SR, Moore KA, Wilcox DJ. 2010. Eelgrass (*Zostera marina* L.) in the Chesapeake Bay region of mid-Atlantic coast of the USA: Challenges in conservation and restoration. *Estuaries Coast* 33(1):139-150.

Online General format: Author(s). Date of publication. Title of article. Title of journal . [date cited];Volume(issue):location URL. DOI. Notes (if any).

A DOI may be included in addition to a URL, if available.

Example online journal: Savage E, Ramsay M, White J, Beard S, Lawson H, Hunjan R, Brown D. 2005. Mumps outbreaks across England and Wales in 2004: observational study. *BMJ*. [accessed 2015 May 31]; 330(7500):1119–1120. <http://bmj.bmjournals.com/cgi/reprint/330/7500/1119>. doi:10.1136/bmj.330.7500.1119.

Many, if not most or all, of the scientific journals consisting of more than one word can be abbreviated using CSE. In order to know how to use the abbreviated form of the journal, check the National Library of Medicine (NLM) catalog.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?db=journals>

Search for the journal. The results will show you the correct CSE abbreviation.

- For articles with 2 authors, names are separated by a comma in the end reference
- For articles with 3 to 10 authors, list all authors in the end reference; in the in-text reference, list only the first, followed by “et al.”
- For articles with more than 10 authors, list the first 10 in the end reference, followed by “et al.”

Dissertations or Theses

General format: Author. Date. Title of the work [thesis/dissertation]. Place of institution within [] if not indicated on title page: University.

Example: Hovel, K. 1999. The effect of seagrass habitat fragmentation on juvenile blue crab survival. [dissertation]. [Williamsburg (VA)]: College of William & Mary.

Technical Reports

General format: Author(s). Year (or Date). Title of report. Place of publication: Publisher /Agency : Report or series name and number. Contract number: Grant number: Notes.

- Identify sponsoring and performing organizations
- Include any report, contract or grant numbers, if available

Example print report: Riley MH. 1979. Equations of powered rocket ascent and orbit trajectory. Washington (DC): Naval Research Laboratory (US). Report No.: 8237.

Example online report: Hoff PD and Niu X. 2009. A covariance regression model. [Internet]. [cited 2015 Mar 20]. Seattle (WA): Department of Statistics, University of Washington. Report No.: 565. <http://www.stat.washington.edu/research/reports/2009/tr565.pdf>

Conference proceedings

General format: Editor(s). Year. Title of publication or conference. Name of conference; dates of conference; place of conference. Place of publication: publisher. Total number of pages.

Example: Dubois DM, editor. 2004. Computing anticipatory systems. CASYS 2003 – Sixth International Conference; 2003 August 11-16; Liege, Belgium. Melville, NY: American Institute of Physics. 602 p.

Conference papers

General format: Author(s) of the paper. Date of publication. Title of the paper. Connective phrase [In]: editor of the proceedings. Title of the publication, or name of conference, or both; dates of the conference; place of the conference. Place of publication: publisher. Paper pages.

Example: Rossler OE. 2004. Nonlinear dynamics, artificial cognition and galactic export. In: Dubois DM, editor. Computing anticipatory systems. CASYS 2003 – Sixth International Conference; 2003 August 11-16; Liege, Belgium. Melville, NY: American Institute of Physics. p 47-67.

Paper or Poster presented at a meeting

Unpublished presentations are cited as follows:

Antani S, Long LR, Thoma GR, Lee DJ. 2003. Anatomical shape representation in spine x-ray images. Paper presented at: VIIP 2003. Proceedings of the 3rd IASTED International Conference on Visualization, Imaging and Image Processing; Benalmadena, Spain.

Charles L, Gordner R. 2005. Analysis of MedlinePlus en Español customer service requests. Poster session presented at: Futuro magnifico! Celebrating our diversity. MLA '05: Medical Library Association Annual Meeting; San Antonio, TX.

Websites

General format: Title of Homepage. Date of publication. Edition. Place of publication: publisher; [date updated; date accessed]. Notes.

If no date of publication can be determined, use a copyright date (if available), preceded by “c”. Include the URL in the notes.

Example: APSnet: plant pathology online. c1994–2005. St Paul (MN): American Phytopathological Association; [accessed 2005 Jun 20]. <http://www.apsnet.org/>.