APA Style Reference Citations for New Media

ONLINE COMMUNICATIONS

Message Posted to a Blog

Message Posted to a members only Electronic Mailing List

Posting to an Online Forum or Discussion Board

Article/Abstract from an Online Database

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Motion Picture

Single Episode from a Television Series

DVD

CD
Downloaded Software
Pursuit Database [Computer software]. Oregon: L.E.A Data Technologies.

Graphs/charts from a data set/data bank

YouTube


Audio Podcast

Video Podcast
Photograph [No title. In a print source]

Photograph [online]

Painting [online]

APA ELECTRONIC REFERENCE RESOURCES


Purdue Online Writing Lab: http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/10/
Online Communications Notes

1. Provide screen name only when the author’s name is unknown.
2. The APA Publication Manual (6th ed., p. 179) states that personal communications such as e-mails or messages from non-archived discussion groups or electronic bulletin boards should be cited (with as much information as possible) within the text and NOT in the reference list. The in text citation should be as follows: (J. Stewart, personal communication, September 4, 2010). Only archived messages should be cited in the reference list.
3. When citing an entire Web site (and not a specific document on that site), no Reference List entry is required if the address for the site is cited in the text of your paper.
4. You may omit the URL when citing well-known databases, such as Muse or Lexis-Nexis.

Audio/Visual Notes

1. The inclusion of cast and crew members for DVD and motion picture citations is optional.
2. If they are included, their names must appear between the title and the distributor, and their listing should be based on the focus of the paper.

Audio/Visual Online Notes

1. Proper names of standard software like Excel are only referenced in the text.
2. Not every podcast will provide the same amount of information. Therefore it is important to include as much pertinent information as possible such as producer, director, interviewer, etc.

Images Notes

1. Basic APA electronic image format: Author (Role of Author). (Year image was created). Title of image [Type of work], Retrieved Month, Day, Year, from: URL (address of website)
2. If the artist is unknown begin with: the title of the image [type of piece]. (Year image was created). Retrieved Month, Day, Year, from: URL (address of website)
3. If image has no author, title or date, begin with [Subject and type of work].). Retrieved Month, Day, Year, from: URL (address of website)
4. Citations must include (when available) the artwork’s country (or state and city) of origin and its repository—see example above.

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