APA STYLE – Electronic Media
Sixth Edition - Basic Information
This guide explains how to format electronic media reference citations in text and how to write a Reference List for this type of material. The information in this guide is taken from the sixth edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA, 2010). Two copies of this manual are available to students; one copy is on general reserve and the other copy is located in the reference section (R 808.066 Am3 2010). Always check with your professor for additional guidelines.

Citing Article Databases

In Text Citation
Journal articles from electronic databases are either in PDF reproduction or HTML format.
- For PDF format, follow the pages as they appear, as they are the exact replica of the journal article. (Author, year, page).
- For HTML format use the ¶ symbol or para. (Eid, & Langeheine, 1999, ¶7)
- If there are headings in the document you can cite the heading and the number of paragraphs that follow it. (Beutler, 2000, Conclusion section, ¶ 1)
Refer to APA Citations Guidelines Handout for specific information on how to cite direct or paraphrased materials.

Formatting Articles from Article Databases for the Reference List

Please note: Reference list should be double- spaced with a hanging indent!

Author. (year, month day). Title of article. Periodical Title, volume number, page numbers.

Retrieved from name of database.

Examples of Scholarly Journal and Popular Magazine:
Note: For title of article only capitalize first word, pronouns, and word after colon. If paging is per issue, then add issue number as well as volume.

Example of citing electronic versions of reference books or eBooks which are part of the Brennan Library collection:

Citing Internet Sources
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Include authors’ names, organization, or document title and date of publication (if available). This information should provide a link to the reference list. As with electronic databases, try to include heading and paragraph instead of page number.

Formatting Internet Sources for Reference List
Guidelines:

- Check with your professor before including Internet sources in your work.
- Direct readers as closely as possible to the information being cited. Be specific to document rather than home page.
- Provide addresses that work.
- Do not include a period at the end of the Internet reference.
- Minimal information should include document title or description, date (of publication or retrieval) and URL (web address).

**Author’s name (last name, first and any middle initials) OR Organization. (Date of publication or update-if known- in parentheses). Title of document. Retrieved, from URL**

**Examples:**

**Organization/title:**

**Author/title:**

**University report, no author**

**Website with no author or date of publication or copyright date:**

**Online Newspaper Article**

**Audiovisual Media**
This includes motion picture, audio or television broadcasts, podcasts, maps, artwork and photos. refer to p. 209-210 in manual.

Sample of video/DVD includes:

Basic example: