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A citation style is used to give the reader immediate information about sources cited in the text.

This guide provides an overview of IEEE citation style which is used mainly in Electrical and Computer Engineering and it is also used by first year engineering students in APSC 100.

This guide is based on IEEE Transactions, Journals and Letters: Information for authors.

Characteristics of IEEE citation style

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The IEEE Style is a number style with two key components: In-text citations, which appear within the text (a citation number in a square bracket), and a reference list at the end of the text (which provides full details of all references cited in-text).
The citations in the reference list are numbered and appear in the same order that they appear in the text.
When referring to a reference in the text of the document, put the number of the reference in square brackets, e.g: [1].
The IEEE citation style has 3 main features:

1. The author name is first name (or initial) and last. This differs from other styles where author's last name is first.
2. The title of an article (or chapter, conference paper, patent, etc.) is in quotation marks.
3. The title of the book or journal is in italics.

These conventions allow the reader to distinguish between types of reference at a glance. The correct placement of periods, commas and colons, and of date and page numbers depends on the type of reference cited.

Citing Print Resources

Book

Author(s), *Book Title*. Place of publication: Publisher, year, page number(s).
[1] W.K. Chen, *Linear Networks and Systems*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 1993, pp. 123-35.

Article in a Journal

Author(s), "Article title,†*Journal Title*, vol., no., page number(s), Month year.
[2] G. Pevere, "Infrared Nation,†*The International Journal of Infrared Design*, vol. 33, pp. 56-99, Jan. 1979.

Standards/Patents

Author(s)/Inventor(s), "Name/Title,†Country where patent is registered. Patent number, date.
[3] E.E. Rebecca, "Alternating current fed power supply,†U.S. Patent 7 897 777, Nov. 3, 1987

Citing Electronic Resources

E-Books

Author. (year, Month day). *Book Title*. (edition). [Type of medium]. Vol. (issue). Available: site/path/file.
[4] G. G. Raju. (2003). *Dielectrics in Electric Fields*. [Online]. Available: http://www.engnetbase.com/

E- Journal

Author. (year, month). "Article title.†*Journal Title* . [Type of medium]. vol. (issue), pages. Available: site/path/file.
[5] J. Shannon and F. Balon. (2008, Mar.). "Source-gated thin-film transistors.†*Solid State Electronic*. [Online]. 52(3), pp. 449-454. Available: http://doi:10.1016/j.sse.2007.10.013 .

Reports and Handbooks

Author. (year, month). Title. Company. City, State or Country. [Type of Medium]. Available: site/path/file
[6] S. L. Talleen. (1996, Apr.). The Intranet Architecture: Managing information in the new paradigm. Amdahl Corp., CA. [Online]. Available: http://www.amdahl.com/doc123.html

Citation within the text

Please note the following when you refer to references within the text:

- A number enclosed in square brackets, eg. [1] or [26], placed in the text of the essay, indicates the relevant reference.

- Citations are numbered in the order in which they appear in the text and each citation corresponds to a numbered reference containing publication information about the source cited in the reference list at the end of the publication, essay or assignment.

- Once a source has been cited, the same number is used in all subsequent references. No distinction is made between print and electronic references when citing within the text.

- Each reference number should be enclosed in square brackets on the same line as the text, before any punctuation, with a space before the bracket.

Here are some examples of this kind of referencing:

"...end of the line for my research [13]."
"The theory was first put forward in 1987 [1]."
"Several recent studies [3, 4, 15, 16] have suggested that..."
"For an example, see [7]."

Creating a reference list or a bibliography

A numbered list of references must be provided at the end of the paper. The list should be arranged in the order of citation in the text of the assignment or essay, not in alphabetical order.

List only one reference per reference number. Footnotes or other information that is not part of the referencing format should not be included in the reference list.

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