

Citation styles

Citation a method of identifying the source of information. When writing a research report or article, citation must be placed wherever the authors refer to the work or study of other people. It is an ethical measure to cite every information/fact that the authors did not find by themselves or what that is not a part of the work being written (even though it is a past own work). A full collection of cited works (called “References”) needs to be placed at the end of the report/article, before the appendix.

Citation styles vary depending on the requirement of each university or publisher. There are two major divisions of citation styles: author–date (e.g., APA, MLA, Chicago) and numbered (e.g., IEEE). Some universities and publishers have unique citation styles. The authors have to strictly follow the guideline.

Example 1: APA citation

In-text

Narrative citation: Schmidt and Oh (2016) described a fear among the public that the findings of science are not actually real.

Parenthetical citation: This refers to the degree to which a person thinks such a system can be easily used without much effort needed (Davis et al., 1989).

References

Davis, F. D., Bagozzi, R. P. and Warshaw, P. R., 1989, “User Acceptance of Computer Technology: A Comparison of Two Theoretical Models”, **Management Science**, Vol. 35, No. 8, pp. 903-1028.

Schmidt, F. L., & Oh, I.-S. (2016). The crisis of confidence in research findings in psychology: Is lack of replication the real problem? Or is it something else? *Archives of Scientific Psychology*, 4(1), 32–37. <https://doi.org/10.1037/arc0000029>

The full details can be found here: <https://www.citationmachine.net/apa>

Note: Using the APA style, the reference list is sorted alphabetically.

Example 2: IEEE

In-text

Schmidt and Oh [1] described a fear among the public that the findings of science are not actually real. This refers to the degree to which a person thinks such a system can be easily used without much effort needed [2].

References

- [1] F. L. Schmidt and I.-S. Oh, “The crisis of confidence in research findings in psychology: Is lack of replication the real problem? or is it something else?,” *Archives of Scientific Psychology*, vol. 4, no. 1, pp. 32–37, 2016.
- [2] F. D. Davis, R. P. Bagozzi, and P. R. Warshaw, “User acceptance of computer technology: A comparison of two theoretical models,” *Management Science*, vol. 35, no. 8, pp. 982–1003, 1989.

The full details can be found here:

<https://libraryguides.vu.edu.au/ieeereferencing/gettingstarted>

Note: Using the IEEE style, references are sorted in the order that they are cited in the paper. If the item is repeatedly cited, the same number will be applied.

Creating citations and references

Creating citations and references can be a hard work, even with professionals. Instead of writing them manually, authors often use one of the following methods.

1. Copy citations from the search engines

This works with particular scholarly search tools like Google Scholar and Baidu Scholar. Citations can be copied from the search result. This method is good with small papers.

Example 1: Google Scholar

The screenshot shows the Google Scholar interface. The search bar contains the text "User Acceptance of Computer Technology: A Comparison of Two Theoretical". The search results display the title "User acceptance of computer technology: A comparison of two theoretical models" by FD Davis, RP Bagozzi, and PR Warshaw. The article is from Management Science, 1989. The "Cite" button is highlighted with a red box.

The screenshot shows the same Google Scholar search results, but with a "Cite" popup window open. The popup window displays the citation for the article in various formats: MLA, APA, Chicago, Harvard, and Vancouver. The APA citation is highlighted in blue.

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| APA | Davis, F. D., Bagozzi, R. P., & Warshaw, P. R. (1989). User acceptance of computer technology: A comparison of two theoretical models. <i>Management science</i> , 35(8), 982-1003. |
| Chicago | Davis, Fred D., Richard P. Bagozzi, and Paul R. Warshaw. "User acceptance of computer technology: A comparison of two theoretical models." <i>Management science</i> 35, no. 8 (1989): 982-1003. |
| Harvard | Davis, F.D., Bagozzi, R.P. and Warshaw, P.R., 1989. User acceptance of computer technology: A comparison of two theoretical models. <i>Management science</i> , 35(8), pp.982-1003. |
| Vancouver | Davis FD, Bagozzi RP, Warshaw PR. User acceptance of computer technology: A comparison of two theoretical models. <i>Management science</i> . 1989 Aug;35(8):982-1003. |

Example 2: Baidu Scholar

The screenshot shows the Baidu Scholar search results for the article "User Acceptance of Computer Technology: A Comparison of Two Theoretical Models". The article is from EconPapers, has 0 likes, and 2995 reads. The author is listed as FD Davis, RP Bagozzi, and PR Warshaw. The abstract states that computer systems cannot improve organizational performance if they aren't used, and the research addresses the ability to predict people's computer acceptance from a measure of their intentions. The keywords include Bibliography, Practical/ behavioural sciences, man-machine systems, management science, user interfaces/ intention models, man machine systems, user interface, behavioural science, management science, computer technology, user acceptance/ C1290P, Systems theory applications in social science and politics, C6180, User interfaces, C1270, Man-machine systems, and E1410 Ergonomics. The DOI is 10.1287/mnsc.35.8.982, the citation count is 2.3万, and the year is 1989. At the bottom, there are buttons for 收藏 (Favorite), 引用 (Cite), 批量引用 (Batch Cite), 报错 (Report Error), and 分享 (Share). The "引用" button is highlighted with a red box.

The screenshot shows the citation modal window for the article. It displays the citation information in three formats: GB/T 7714, MLA, and APA. The APA format is highlighted in blue. The citation text is: [1] Davis, F. D., Bagozzi, R. P., & Warshaw, P. R. (1989). User acceptance of computer technology: a comparison of two theoretical models. *Management Science*, 35(8), 982-1003. Below the citation information, there are options to export the citation to BibTeX, EndNote, RefMan, NoteFirst, and NoteExpress.

2. Use an online citation maker

An online citation maker, such as citation machine (<https://www.citationmachine.net/>) works well with small papers. The author may use its search tool to look for a particular article or book and ask the system to create a citation in any format you want. But you will need to specify the item type first (whether it is a journal article, book, website, or anything else).

Example 1: Citation machine search tool (Journal/APA)

<https://www.citationmachine.net/apa/cite-a-journal>

If the right item was found, click “Cite” and complete the process.

Then you can copy the citation and paste it in the Word processor.

Example 2: Citation machine manual enter (Journal/APA)

<https://www.citationmachine.net/apa/cite-a-journal/custom>

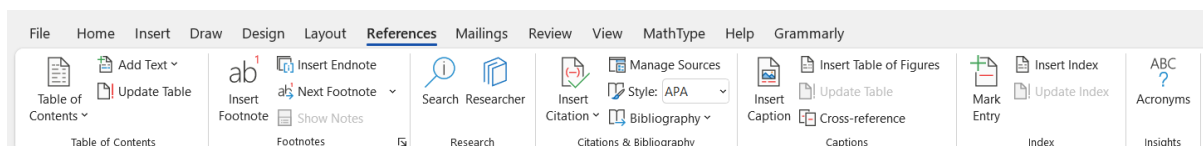
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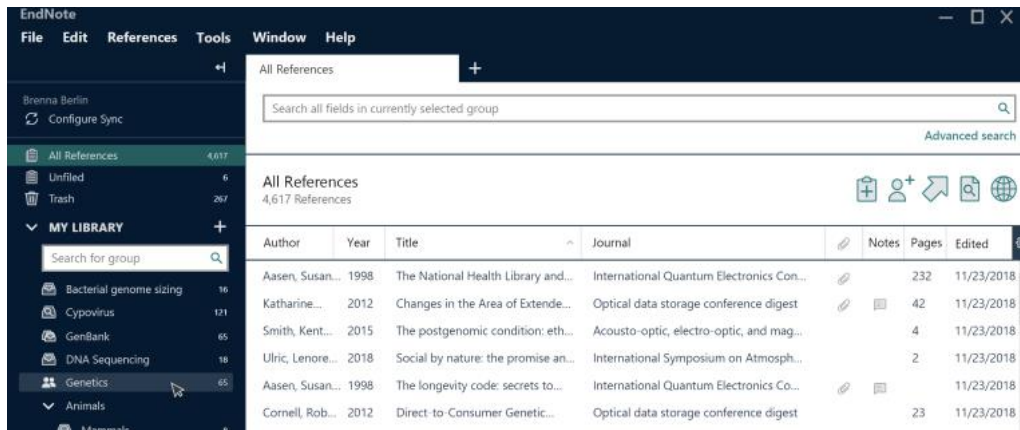
Note: There is a lot of advertisement on the Citation machine website.

3. Use an authoring tool

For a long article or a full thesis (with hundreds of pages), an authoring tool like EndNote or MS Word References tool is recommended.



MS Word References tool



EndNote

Note: EndNote is commercial software.

(Baselice et al., 2017)

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