

Referencing Style Guide

Care should be taken while citing web pages as the URL [1] may change or the website may go offline. Thus it is important to include a 'Last Accessed' date which is available as the 'Date Cited' in EndNote. Also, while webpages may be good sources for a cursory study, the depth of your understanding (and consequently your report's quality) is likely to improve by reading scholarly articles. Ebert et al.'s article [6] is a good example of a technical article in a scientific magazine. For some of the topics, it is essential to refer to journal articles relevant to the topic. For example, follow-up research by Favalora et al. [7] and Kitamura et al. [8] added new classes of displays not considered by Ebert et al. Additional examples of work include Felix [9] and Dynallax [10]. A detailed classification may be available in book sections as seen with Chatterjee and Chen's work [4] or you may find entire books written on the same topic as is the case with Blundell [2]. In certain cases, more than one article will support the argument you are trying to make. In such cases, these references should be presented together. For example, many displays can be described as swept volumetric displays [5, 11, 12].

A discerning reader will have picked up the following information about referencing styles in the article above:

- a. References are meant to point to extra information in support of the statement being made. If the reference (i.e. the number between the two square braces) is removed, the statement should stand on its own. An *incorrect example* of citation would be the following line: "A reachable display is demonstrated by [3] using parabolic mirrors". If '[3]' is removed, the statement will seem incomplete. The *correct version* of the statement is: "A reachable display is demonstrated by Butler et al. [3] using parabolic mirrors".
- b. Refer to the work-product (e.g. Felix, Dynallax) or to the authors in a statement that refers to the work. If referring to the author, use the last name. Different styles exist based on the number of authors viz. a single author, (e.g. Blundell), two authors (e.g. Chatterjee and Chen) and three or more authors (e.g. Ebert et al.)
- c. The citation style being used is based on the ACM format. The bibliography (below) is ordered as a list based on First Author's Last Name then Publication Year (and Month if available) and then Publication title. If webpages don't have authors, they tend to bubble to the top.

Notes:

- Most scholarly articles will provide an EndNote export (.enw, .ris). Look for a 'Download Citations' or 'Cite' option on the landing page of the article.
- EndNote is recommended (as AppJ provides it for free) if you are preparing your report in MS Word. If you want to use Zotero/Mendeley, non-MS Word solutions or on a Mac, you are on your own. **The EndNote style file (.ens) is available for download from this website.**
- If you are using LaTeX (or AppJ sourced MikTeX), **the bibliography style file (.bst) is available on this website.**
- Lastly, Endnote and BibTex (as well as Word and TEX) are not interchangeable. Stick to one package from start to finish.

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