

Citing Using IEEE Style

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In-text citations

IEEE in-text citations are either one number or series of numbers, written inside square brackets like this example [12, 13] and can appear in the middle of a sentence or at the end [14]. The number relates to the associated reference list.

References

The reference list is a separate section at the end of the document but before any appendices. The section heading is the word References (or Reference if only one reference used). Even if you are using section numbers for the main part of your document, you do not normally put a section number for the References section.

There are several things to consider for your reference list:

- Cite appropriately (don't forget anyone)
- Be accurate with the author's names, dates, and titles
- Present the citations in a consistent style.
- Don't pad out the list. That is, do not include publications in the reference list unless they are cited in the text of your paper.
- Most professors consider padding to be inappropriate.
- As you proof-read your paper prior to submitting it, be sure to check that the numbering used for the in-text citations matches the correct item in the list. Mistakes commonly arise when sections are added or taken out of a document.
- Pay particular attention to the guidelines that are specifically applicable to the type of document being cited.

IEEE Basic Formatting Examples:

Books

[1] J. K. Author, "Title of chapter in the book," in *Title of His Published Book*, xth ed. City of Publisher, Country if not USA: Abbrev. of Publisher, year, ch. x, sec. x, pp. xxx-xxx.

Periodicals

[1] J. K. Author, "Name of paper," *Abbrev. Title of Periodical*, vol. x, no. x, pp. xxx-xxx, Abbrev. Month, year.

Reports

[1] J. K. Author, "Title of report," Abbrev. Name of Co., City of Co., Abbrev. State, Rep. xxx, year.

Handbooks

- [1] *Name of Manual/Handbook*, x ed., Abbrev. Name of Co., City of Co., Abbrev. State, year, pp. xxx-xxx.

Published Conference Proceedings

- [1] J. K. Author, "Title of paper," in *Unabbreviated Name of Conf.*, City of Conf., Abbrev. State (if given), year, pp. xxx-xxx.

Standards

- [1] *Title of Standard*, Standard number, date.

Unpublished

These are the two most common types of unpublished references.

Basic Format:

- [1] J. K. Author, private communication, Abbrev.
[2] J. K. Author, "Title of paper," unpublished.

Papers Presented at Conferences

- [1] J. K. Author. Title. presented at Conference title. [Type of Medium]. Available: site/path/file

Patents

- [1] Name of the invention, by inventor's name. (year, month day). *Patent Number* [Type of medium]. Available: site/path/file

Note: *For more instructions and examples on how to use the IEEE style guide please consult the following document:*

[IEEE Editorial Style Manual](#)

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