IEEE Citation Style

Crediting Sources

When to Cite:
IEEE citation style is a standardized system for citing and referencing sources of information that you have used to write your technical reports and papers. IEEE citation style requires you to give credit to all of the sources that you have used on your research, technical reports and papers. IEEE citation style requires authors to cite sources when they are using direct quotations, paraphrasing, concepts, ideas, images, facts and figures from other publications that are not common knowledge.

Citing References in Text

Citing References in Text (3 examples)
There are two critical components of the citation system that you need to pay attention to on your technical reports which are in-text citations and the reference list. An in-text citation is a reference made within the body of text of a technical report. The in-text citation is a reference that has informed your own writing. In IEEE citation style, in-text citations consist of a number enclosed in square brackets (such as [1] or [29]) that corresponds to the relevant reference in the reference list at the end of the paper.

Citing References in Text (4 Examples):

Single Reference
According to Jones, students often have difficulty using IEEE style, especially when it was their first time [11].

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Multiple References
According to Jones & Smith [11] – [14], students often have difficulty using IEEE style, especially when it was their first time.

According to several sources [2], [4] - [6], [15] students often had difficulties using IEEE style, what implications does this have on professors?

Reference within References
According to Jones [4, pp.21-26], students often have difficulty using IEEE style, especially when it was their first time.

Three or more Authors
According to Jones et al. [19], students often have difficulty using IEEE style, especially when it was their first time.
Reference List

Brief Overview:
Full citations are always included in the IEEE references list at the end of your paper; full citations include all the required citation elements (for example, most citation in IEEE style includes information about the author, title, place of publication, publisher and date). Each in-text citation must appear in the References list, and each entry in the references list must come from an in-text citation.

Reference List Examples:

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Examples


Periodicals

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Reports

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Conference Proceedings

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**Examples**


Papers Presented at Conferences

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**Examples**

**Patents**

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**Example**


**Theses (B.S., M.S.) and Dissertations (Ph.D.)**

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**Examples**


**Standards**

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

**Examples**


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