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.

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**Periodicals**

**Reports**
Handbooks


Published Conference Proceedings


Standards

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

Unpublished

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Basic Format:


Papers Presented at Conferences


Patents

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

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IEEE Editorial Style Manual
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