Citing Works in Civil Engineering: A Guide

Below are examples of ways you might want to create citations. There are three things to consider when creating a citation:

1) Cite appropriately (don’t forget anyone)
2) Be accurate with the author’s names, dates, and titles
3) Present the citations in a consistent style

There is no one way to cite your research. It is therefore a good idea to check with the people to whom you are submitting your work (i.e.; your professor or the editors of a journal) to ensure you are using the appropriate citation style. The information and citations for print sources are based on “Instructions to Authors” for the Canadian Journal of Civil Engineering.

Print Sources

A Book

Book (citation in text)
Williams (1987) or (Williams 1987)

An Article from a Journal

Article from a Journal (citation in text)
Redwood and Jain (1992) or (Redwood and Jain 1982)

Report

Paper in Conference Proceedings

Senior Report

Unpublished Sources

Interview:

Data or unpublished paper
Electronic Sources

The order of elements in citations of electronic sources is similar to that of print sources. For this section, the information has been adapted from “Excerpts from International Standards ISO 690-2” (see below for complete citation). The following elements may or may not be necessary when citing an electronic source of information:

- Primary responsibility (author’s name)
- Title of contribution (article’s title)
- Title (of serial, list-serv, etc.)
- Type of medium (CD-ROM, Internet, ftp)
- Edition (if applicable)
- Date of update/revision (if known)
- Date of citation (required for online documents, optional for others)
- Location within host document (i.e.; URL)
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Electronic Book (Internet)

An Article from an Electronic Journal (Internet)

Paper in Conference Proceedings (Online)

Email
Carr, L. 2004. CE 3973 class presentation. [Email to Doris Rauch].

Website

Website (citation in text)
Information and documentation (2002) or (Information and documentation 2002)

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