

# Documenting Electronic Sources APA Style

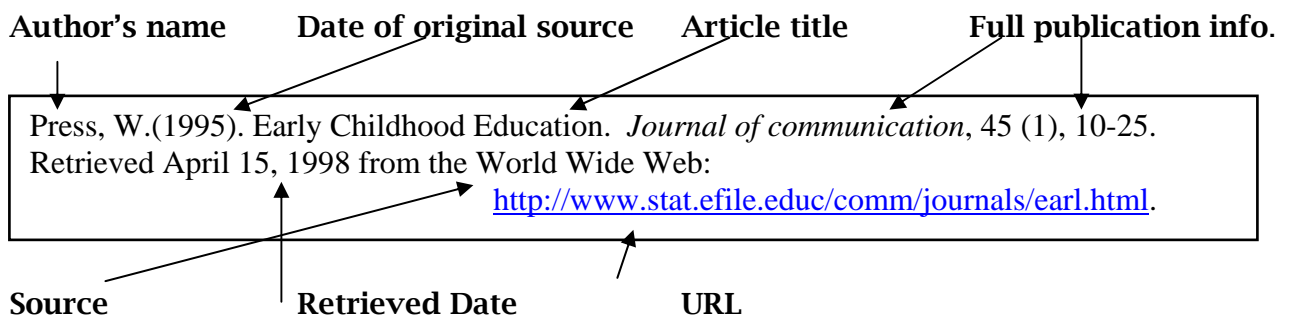
Guidelines for citing sources are not yet standardized. Information sources, such as the internet, are constantly changing, and therefore citation formats are adapting to these changes. However the goal in citing remains the same: to accurately identify the source and to provide sufficient information to allow the reader to locate it. In general, citations for electronic sources follow the guidelines for printed sources with relevant electronic information added on. For additional information on citing print and non-print sources, refer to *The Bedford Handbook, 5<sup>th</sup> ed.* Available at the College of the Redwoods Library, the Writing Center, and the Learning Assistance Center. For the most recent updates, check the American Psychological Association's site for Electronic Reference Formats at <http://www.apa.org/journals/webref.htm>.

## Citing Specific Documents from a Web Site

*All references begin with the same information that would be provided for a printed source. The web information is then placed in a retrieval statement at the end of the reference:*

**Retrieved [month, day, year] from the World Wide Web: [URL]**

A) An article in the scholarly journal...



B) An article in a magazine...

Burness, H. (1995, November 17). Economic Forecast is Private. *National Business Employment weekly*, pp. 22-25. Retrieved January 10, 1998 from the World Wide Web: <http://www.business.com/economics/article.ret/html>

C) An article in a newspaper...

Glazier, L. (1995, January 15). Arbitrary Values and Contemporary Music, *New York Times on the Web*, 11 pars. Retrieved Feb. 2, 1998 from the World Wide Web: <http://www.nytimes.com/AP-/values/html>.

**D) An Article in a reference or encyclopedia**

Douglas Fir. (1998). In *Britannica Online*, 98.1. Retrieved October 21,1999 From the World Wide Web: <http://eb.com:240>.

**E) A government document**

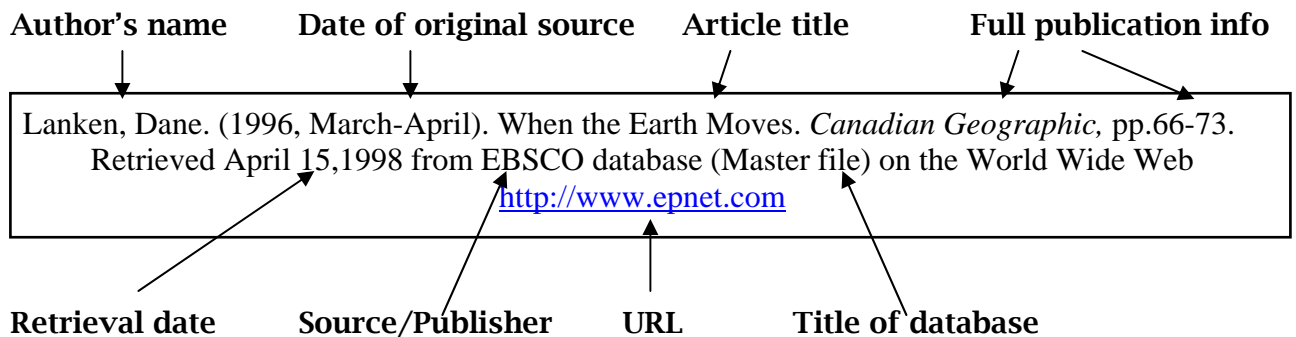
Census Bureau. (1999, February 3). *Income 1947-1997 chartbook*. Retrieved March 12, 1999 from the World Wide Web: <http://www.census.gov/hhes/income/chartbk.html>.

**Citing Articles From a Database**

**A) World Wide Web Databases**

If the database can be accessed by anyone via the Web, use this basic retrieval statement, replacing the bracketed items with the appropriate information from the source:

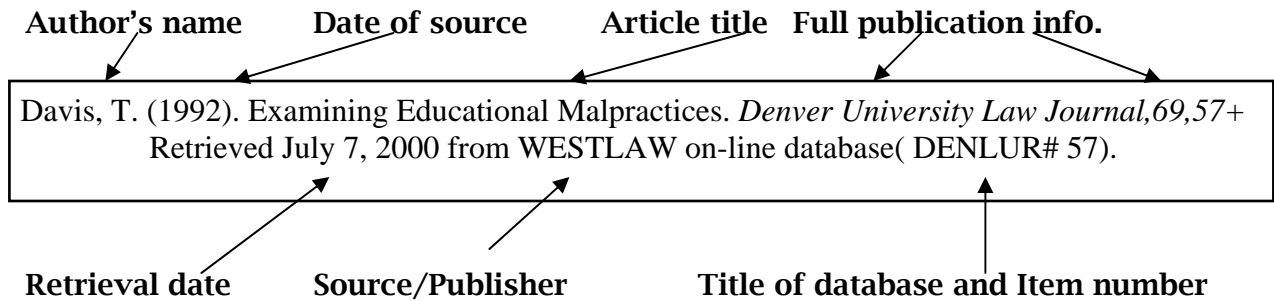
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**B) Proprietary Database**

If the user (or institution) must subscribe to or sign in to the database, use this basic retrieval statement, replacing the bracketed items with the appropriate information from your source:

**Retrieved** [month date, year] **From** [source] **on-line database** ([name of database], [item number, if applicable])



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If the databases is on a CD-ROM, use this basic retrieval statement, replacing the bracketed items with the appropriate information from the source:

**Retrieved from** [source] **Database** ([name of database], [item number, if Applicable]).

