Sources Published Directly Online

Website names: Sources published directly online have no in print originals, and therefore, it is important to include online publication information. With APA 6, this only means primarily the URL. The new APA guidelines suggest that a website name is not always needed, given that it can be deduced from the URL or by visiting the site. Generally include the website name if the content is published by the website.

URLs: Unlike APA 5, where you would often include the exact URL, APA 6 recommends to only cite the homepage URL, and only the exact URL if the page is not properly indexed or easy to find from the homepage. For blog posts, user contributed content, and discussion forums, APA 6 recommends to include the exact URL.

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Citing an article from an online only resource

> **Freidland, L. (2008, September 22). Top 10 natural and wildlife adventure travel trips.**
>   **Retrieved from http://adventuretravel.about.com**

Citing an entire website with no identifiable electronic publication date

> ***EasyBib.com.* (n.d.). Retrieved June 22, 2009, from http://www.easybib.com**

Citing an article from an online only news source

> **Chen, S. (2009, May 7). Growing up is hard with mom in prison. *CNN*. Retrieved**
>   **http://www.cnn.com**

Citing an article from an online newspaper

> **Shorto, R. (2009, April 29). Going Dutch. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from**
>   **http://www.nytimes.com**

Note that when citing online sources in APA, generally follow the same structure of its in print equivalent, and then follow this information with the date of access and the URL.

Citing an online only journal

> **Glotzer, R., & Federlein, A. (2007). Miles that bind: Commuter marriage and family strength.**
>   ***Michigan Family Review, 12*, 7-31. Retrieved June 22, 2009, from**
>   **http://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/t/text/textidx?c=mfr;cc=mfr;q1=Miles%20that%20Bind;rgn=m**
>   **ain;view=text;idno=4919087.0012.102**

*Note the above example has a poorly indexed URL and the material may change over time. Hence the URL is included.

Citing a journal article with a digital object identifier

> Oakley, R. (2004). How the mind hurts and heals the body. *American Psychologist*, *12*(1), 25-47. doi: 10.1037/0003-066X.59.1.29

If you are citing an online only book, the electronic information replaces the publication information

Online-only book

> Eckel, B. (n.d.). *Thinking in java* (3rd ed.). Retrieved from http://www.bruceeckel.com

Sources Published Indirectly Online

As opposed to some sources published directly online (by a website), other sources may be originally in print, or in another medium, and found online. Cite these sources as you would in their original form, and then add the relevant web information (date accessed and URL).

Citing a book originally in print found online

> Catton, B. (2005). *The Civil War*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin. Retrieved from http://www.books.google.com

Citing a newsletter found online with no page information

> Puzzanchera, C. (2009, April). Juvenile arrests 2007. *Juvenile Justice Bulletin*. Retrieved from http://www.ncjrs.gov

Citing a video found online

> West, K. (2009). *Amazing* [Online Video]. Roc-A-Fella Records. Retrieved from http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=at4OQvNlxSw

Note that because this from a website with user generated content, the exact URL is included, instead of the homepage.

Citing a painting viewed online

> Picasso, P. (1921). *Three musicians* [Painting found in Modern Art Museum, New York]. Retrieved from http://www.artquotes.net

Citing a blog post

> Schonfled, E. (2009, September 13). Shutterfly buys Tiny Pictures for a tiny price. *TechCrunch*. Retrieved from http://www.techcrunch.com

Note that because blog posts are informally published, do not italicize the article titles.

Sources found in online databases typically have been published elsewhere. Include as much as the original publication information as possible. The new APA rules explain that database names are not necessary, but if you'd like, include as supplementary information.

Citing an originally in print journal article found in a database

> Ahn, H., & Kim, K. (2008). Using genetic algorithms to optimize nearest neighbors for data mining. *Annals of Operations Research, 263*(1), 5-18. Retrieved from Academic Search Premier