CITING ELECTRONIC SOURCES: DISCUSSION AND EXAMPLES

Basically, there are two categories of electronic resources that are used most often: (1) Web pages that you have found by using a search engine or directory like Google or Yahoo! or (2) articles from the Library’s Research Databases, like EBSCOhost or Factson File.com, etc. It is crucial to provide your means of accessing the information— the network address (URL) of the site, the name of the database you used, or the Digital Object Identifier (DOI—see explanation below) as these are the most efficient ways of finding the information again to review it.

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BASIC FORMAT FOR A WEB PAGE
[Not all elements will necessarily be present. DOUBLE-SPACE between lines.)

Author’s Last Name, Author’s Initial(s). (year, month day of publication/creation). Title of page or section in Web site. Title of Complete Web Site or Page, length of publication. Retrieved month day, year from Address.

A NOTE ABOUT RETRIEVAL DATES:

Websites that are freely available (without a subscription or password needed for access) and that are likely to change or be updated DO need a retrieval date.

**EXAMPLE**


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BASIC FORMAT FOR AN ARTICLE FROM LIBRARY’S RESEARCH DATABASES
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Author’s Last Name, Author’s Initial(s). (year, month day of publication). Title of work. Title of Complete Work, volume, (issue number), pages(s) or length of publication. Retrieved from Title of database OR doi: number.

A NOTE ABOUT RETRIEVAL DATES:

The retrieval date is ONLY needed when the content of a Web page is changeable or can be updated. Therefore, journal, newspaper, magazine articles and books do NOT need a retrieval date.

**EXAMPLE**


A NOTE ABOUT DIGITAL OBJECT IDENTIFIERS

A Digital Object Identifier (doi) is a unique identifying number for an article. The APA recommends that when DOIs are available, you include them for both print and electronic sources. The DOI is usually found on the first page of an electronic source, right next to the
copyright notice or right after the “page” information in a citation. (see EXAMPLE below). The database title is not necessary when a DOI is supplied.

However, DOIs are NOT always supplied. In that case, the title of the database will be sufficient.

**EXAMPLE**


**CITING LIBRARY RESEARCH DATABASES: MORE EXAMPLES**

To see examples of how to search some of our most popular databases, go to http://guides.frederick.edu/writing?hs=a, then in the box labeled ”APA Citation Styles,” click on the tab, ”Citing Sources,” then click on “APA Style for Library Databases.”

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