This guide provides examples of the CSE (Council of Science Editors) citation style as found in Scientific Style and Format: the CSE Manual for Authors, Editors, and Publishers, 7th edition (2006). CSE is used primarily in the Life Sciences.

References/Cited References Listing

The “References” or “Cited References” page is a listing of sources used in your paper or report. Each entry includes the following: author, year of publication, title, and publishing data. Entries are not indented in any way.

Books

Book documentation may contain some or all of the following elements: Author(s) or Editor(s), Date of publication, Chapter Title, Book title, Publication Information, and Number of Pages. Do not put commas between the last name and initials or periods after the initials of an author's name, except for the final period at the end of the author list. Only the first word and proper names are capitalized in titles.

There are two different ways to organize your reference list. You should check with your professor to determine which is most appropriate.

1. Citation-Sequence System—The entries are numbered in the order in which they appear in the text. In this system, the year of publication is placed after the name of the journal in the citation or in the case of a book, after the publisher information.

2. Name-Year System—The entries are listed in alphabetical order by last name of author (or organization name or if no author present, the title of the work). In this system, the year of publication is placed after the last author's name. The entries are not numbered.

This handout will show the Citation-Sequence System. See the Scientific Style and Format: the CSE Manual for Authors, Editors, and Publishers for the Name-Year System.

Single Author


Two to Ten Authors


More than Ten Authors

List the first ten authors, last names and initials, followed by "et al."

Editor


Book Chapter


Society, Institution, or Association as author

Organizational author names are preceded by an abbreviation in square brackets to simplify the in-text citation.

Journal Articles

Article documentation may contain any or all of the following elements: Author(s), Date of Publication, Article Title, Periodical Title, and Publication Information. Authors’ names are treated the same way as with books. Only the first word and proper names are capitalized in article titles.

Follow the Citation-Sequence System for citing a journal article, magazine or newspaper.

Rules for journal titles:
1. Single word journal titles should be spelled out.
2. Abbreviate and capitalize significant words in a journal title and omit other words, such as articles, conjunctions, and prepositions. For example: of, the, at, and in.
   - The Journal of Biocommunication becomes J Biocommun.
3. Do not include journal subtitles as part of the abbreviated title
   - JAMA: the Journal of the American Medical Association becomes JAMA.

Articles in Print

Scholarly Journal

Magazine article
If a magazine has volume and issue number, format the reference as for a scholarly journal; otherwise include the date.

Referenced with volume and issue number:

Referenced with date:

Daily Newspaper Article
With Author:

No Author:

Internet/Electronic Texts

References for electronic and Internet sources are similar to print sources with the addition of a format reference [Internet, etc], availability information, and the date accessed. There is no period after the URL. The following are based on the NLM format for Internet references (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bookshelf/br.fcgi?book=citmed), the recommended reference in the CSE Manual.

Article in an Internet-Only Journal

Online Database—article found in a database the library owns

Electronic Book (E-Book)
In-text Citations

There are two different ways to organize your in-text citations which is reflected in the way the list is generated. You should check with your professor to determine which is most appropriate.

1. Citation-Sequence System—The entries are numbered in the order in which they appear in the text. In this system, the year of publication is placed after the name of the journal in the citation or in the case of a book, after the publisher information.

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In-text citations direct the reader to a specific page in a book, journal, magazine, or other source. They provide the exact source of a quote without breaking the chain of thought in your paper. They increase the validity of your work, by informing the reader of sources you have drawn upon whether you are paraphrasing or including a direct quote.

Citation-Sequence System

1. A single citation.
   The findings show that fifty-three percent of the transactions provided specific titles in their answers.

2. Multiple citations.
   Previous research has focused on the context of the service rather than the actual sources used.

3. Second use of a citation number used earlier
   Other studies have also looked at the types of questions asked.

Remember, the reference page would be numbered in the order that the citations were listed in the text. The citations may not be in alphabetical order.

All authors cited in the text of your paper must appear in your reference list.

If you have any further questions, please consult a Reference Librarian.