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	<b>Web document with no date or author given</b>	<i>Title of Web site document</i> . (n.d.) Retrieved date, from URL	<i>GVU's 8th WWW user survey</i> . (n.d.). Retrieved August 8, 2000, from <a href="http://www.cc.gatech.edu/gvu/usersurveys/survey1997-10/">http://www.cc.gatech.edu/gvu/usersurveys/survey1997-10/</a>
	<b>Web document from large Web site, e.g., library</b>	Author/Publisher. Date. <i>Title of Web site document</i> . Retrieved date, from URL	Cumming, A. (2002). <i>Strategic Plan 1995-2004</i> . Retrieved July 30, 2002, from The Australian National Library: <a href="http://pqa.anu.edu.au/stratpln/">http://pqa.anu.edu.au/stratpln/</a>

To direct readers to an entire web site (not a specific document), it's sufficient to give the URL in the text. For example, "Kidspeak is a wonderful, interactive Web site for children (<http://www.kidspeak.org>)."

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## ***Electronic Periodical Articles: including Journals, Magazines or Newspapers***

Based on *The Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (APA) (5<sup>th</sup> edition) (Ref 808.02 A512 2001)

Electronic periodical articles are primarily available through PROPRIETARY DATABASES. Libraries pay a fee for subscriptions to these databases. These commercial databases are large electronic files that provide users with ***indexing, abstracts, and/or the full-text of journal, magazine, and newspaper articles***. Although these databases are posted and accessible via the Internet, don't confuse them with general web sites. Examples of how to cite articles from databases, ejournals and Internet articles are listed below.

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	<b>Journal article retrieved from an Internet-only journal. i.e., ejournal</b>	Author(s) Last Name, First Initial. (Date). Title. <i>Periodical Title, Volume</i> , (issue, if any). Pages, if given. Retrieved date, from URL. (URL should link directly to article, whenever possible. If a URL goes to another line, break it after a slash or before a period.)	Kawasaki, J. L., & Raven, M.R. (1995). Computer-administered surveys in extension. <i>Journal of Extension</i> , 33, 252-255. Retrieved June 2, 1999, from <a href="http://joe.org/joe/index.html">http://joe.org/joe/index.html</a>
	<b>Journal article on the Web that is based on a print source</b>	Author(s) Last Name, First Initial. (Date). Title. [Electronic version]. <i>Periodical title, Volume</i> (issue, if any), paging or length. (If you have reason to believe that the article differs from the print source, add the URL)	Fine, M., & Kurdek, L. (1993). Reflections on determining authorship credit and authorship order on faculty-student collaborations. [Electronic version] <i>American Psychologist</i> , 48, 1141-1147. Retrieved June 7, 1999, from <a href="http://www.apa.org/journals/amp/kurdek.html">http://www.apa.org/journals/amp/kurdek.html</a>

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<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/10/>

<http://bailiwick.lib.uiowa.edu/journalism/cite.html>

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