

## APSU Writing Center

### ACM Style

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- The Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Citation Style and Reference Formatting.

#### Formatting (Conference Template)

- **Margins:** As per ACM template (typically 0.75 inches or less).
- **Font:** 9 pt serif font (e.g., Times New Roman or Libertine).
- **Spacing:** Single-spaced.
- **Page Numbers:** Omit page numbers for the conference version; may include for arXiv/preprint submissions

#### ACM Style Order

- Title
- Author(s)
  - Name(s)
  - Affiliation(s)
  - Email(s)
- Abstract
- Keywords
- Main Body (Introduction, Related Work, Methods, Results, etc.)
- Acknowledgments (optional)
- References (formatted in ACM Citation Style)

#### Example:

##### Submission Template for ACM Papers

This is Short Title of the paper, used in page headers

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#### ACM In-text Citation Style

- **Parenthetical:** Use square brackets with reference numbers, e.g., [1].
- **Sequential:** Use commas for multiple references, e.g., [1, 2].
- **Narrative Citation:** Reference the author in the sentence and year in brackets:
  - **Example:** "As demonstrated by Burando et al. [2025], this method..."

#### References Section:

- List references alphabetically by the author's last name.
  - **Example** (book chapter):
    - BLESS, H. 2000. *The Interplay of Affect and Cognition*. In Forgas, J.P. (Ed.), *Feeling and Thinking: The Role of Affect in Social Cognition*. Maison des Sciences de l'Homme and Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, MA, 201-222.

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### ACM Style - Citation Guide

#### **For an informally published work (such as some technical reports and dissertations):**

##### **Technical Report:**

- [#] Author(s). Year. Title. *Institution Name*, Report Number. Location.
- [1] David Harel. 1978. *LOGICS of Programs: AXIOMATICS and DESCRIPTIVE POWER*. MIT Research Lab Technical Report TR-200. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.

##### **Doctoral dissertation:**

- [#] Author(s). Year. Title. Ph.D. Dissertation. *Institution Name*, Location. UMI/Order Number (if applicable).
- [1] Kenneth L. Clarkson. 1985. *Algorithms for Closest-Point Problems (Computational Geometry)*. Ph.D. Dissertation. Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA. UMI Order Number: AAT 8506171.

##### **Master's Thesis:**

- [#] Author(s). Year. Title. *Master's thesis*. Institution Name, Location.
- [1] David A. Anisi. 2003. *Optimal Motion Control of a Ground Vehicle*. Master's thesis. Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Stockholm, Sweden.

##### **For an online document/WWW resource:**

- Website year can be found at the bottom of the website page or by viewing page properties/source to see when the page was last modified.
- [1] Harry Thornburg. 2001. Introduction to Bayesian Statistics. (March 2001). Retrieved March 2, 2005 from <http://ccrma.stanford.edu/~jos/bayes/bayes.html>
- [2] ACM. Association for Computing Machinery: Advancing Computing as a Science & Profession. Retrieved from <http://www.acm.org/>.

##### **For a Video (two examples):**

- [1] Dave Novak. 2003. Solder man. Video. In *ACM SIGGRAPH 2003 Video Review on Animation theater Program: Part I - Vol. 145 (July 27-27, 2003)*. ACM Press, New York, NY, 4. <https://doi.org/99.9999/woot07-S422>
- [2] Barack Obama. 2008. A more perfect union. Video. (5 March 2008). Retrieved March 21, 2008 from <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=6528042696351994555>

##### **For arXiv:**

- [1] Martha Constantinou. 2016. New physics searches from nucleon matrix elements in lattice QCD. arXiv:1701.00133. Retrieved from <https://arxiv.org/abs/1701.00133>

For BibTeX examples see: <http://www.acm.org/publications/authors/bibtex-formatting>

For example papers see: <https://chi2021.acm.org/for-authors/presenting/papers/example-papers>



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<https://chi2021.acm.org/for-authors/presenting/papers/example-papers>