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  - **Example:** "As demonstrated by Burando et al. [2025], this method..."

References Section:
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  - **Example** (book chapter):
    - BLESS, H. 2000. T*he 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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- [1] Patricia S. Abril and Robert Plant. 2007. The patent holder's dilemma: Buy, sell, or troll? *Commun. ACM* 50, 1 (Jan. 2007), 36-44. https://doi.org/10.1145/1188913.1188915

For an enumerated article in a journal:
- [#] Author(s). Year. Title. *Journal Name* Volume, Issue, Article Number (Month Year), Total Pages. DOI/Link
- [1] Sarah Cohen, Werner Nutt, and Yehoshua Sagic. 2007. Deciding equivalences among conjunctive aggregate queries. *J. ACM* 54, 2, Article 5 (April 2007), 50 pages. https://doi.org/10.1145/1219092.1219093

For a monograph (whole book):
- [#] Author(s). Year. Title (Edition). Publisher, City.
- [1] David Kosiur. 2001. *Understanding Policy-Based Networking* (2nd. ed.). Wiley, New York, NY.

For a divisible book (anthology or compilation):
- [#] Editor(s) (Ed.). Year. Title (Edition). *Series Name*, Vol. #. Publisher, City. DOI/Link
- [1] Ian Editor (Ed.). 2007. *The title of book one* (1st. ed.). The name of the series one, Vol. 9. University of Chicago Press, Chicago. https://doi.org/10.1007/3-540-09237-4

For a multi-volume work (as a book):
- [#] Author(s). Year. Title, Vol. #: Subtitle (Edition). Publisher.
- [1] Donald E. Knuth. 1997. The Art of Computer Programming, Vol. 1: Fundamental Algorithms (3rd. ed.). Addison Wesley Longman Publishing Co., Inc.

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- [#] Author(s). Year. Title. In *Proceedings of Conference Name* (Acronym 'XX), Conference Dates, Location. Publisher, City, Pages. DOI/Link
- [1] Sten Andler. 1979. Predicate path expressions. In *Proceedings of the 6th. ACM SIGACT-SIGPLAN Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages (POPL '79)*, January 29 - 31, 1979, San Antonio, Texas. ACM Inc., New York, NY, 226-236. https://doi.org/10.1145/567752.567774

For a Patent:
- [#] Inventor(s). Year. Title. (Month Year). Patent No., Filed Date, Issued Date.
- [1] Joseph Scientist. 2009. The fountain of youth. (Aug. 2009). Patent No. 12345, Filed July 1st., 2008, Issued Aug. 9th., 2009.

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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:
- *W*ebsite 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

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