

ACM Style Guide – Citing Videos and Presentations

APSU Writing Center Handout

What is an in-text citation?

An in-text citation is a short reference within your writing that shows where your information came from. ACM uses numbered citations in square brackets.

- Do NOT include years in in-text citations.
- Do NOT use author-date style (like APA or ASA)

Examples:

Single source → [1] Multiple sources → [1, 2]

Example Sentences:

This approach has been widely adopted in recent systems [2].

Several studies have shown improvements in performance [3, 4].

What is a Reference Page?

A reference page is a list at the end of your paper that gives full details about all the sources you cited. List references in the order they appear in your paper.

Do NOT alphabetize. Do NOT use hanging indents in ACM format unless stated by your professor. ACM papers are typically formatted using an official template, so students should follow the template instead of formatting citations on their own.

Example (Book Chapter):

BLESS, H. 2000. The Interplay of Affect and Cognition. In *Feeling and Thinking: The Role of Affect in Social Cognition*. Cambridge, MA: Cambridge University Press, 201–222.

ACM (Computing Machinery) Style - Citing Videos

In-text Citation Format: [number]

Use the number corresponding to the reference in your reference list.

Sentence with In-Text Citation Example 1:

Novak's animated short demonstrates advanced soldering techniques for digital fabrication [1].

Sentence with In-Text Citation Example 2:

President Obama's speech outlines key principles of civic unity and engagement [2].

Reference Format:

[number] Creator(s). Year. *Title*. Video. Event/Platform (if applicable), Date. Publisher, City, State/Country. URL or DOI.

Reference 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>, archived at [https://web.archive.org/web/20250310010326/https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zrp-v2tHaDo]

ACM (Computing Machinery) Style - Citing Presentations

In-text Citation Format: [number]

Use the number corresponding to the reference in your reference list.

Sentence with In-Text Citation Example 1:

Reiser's presentation emphasizes the importance of aligning storylines with NGSS for effective K–12 teaching [1].

Sentence with In-Text Citation Example 2:

Conference presentations can provide timely insights into emerging educational strategies [2].

Reference Format:

[number] Presenter(s). Year. Title. Presentation at Event, City, State/Country. URL (optional).

Reference Examples:

[1] Brian J. Reiser. 2014. Designing coherent storylines aligned with NGSS for the K-12 classroom. Presentation at the National Science Education Leadership Association Meeting, Boston, MA, USA.

https://www.academia.edu/6884962/Designing_Coherent_Storylines_Aligned_with_NGSS_for_the_K_12_Classroom

[2] Maria L. Gonzalez. 2018. Integrating Computational Thinking in Early Education. Presentation at the ACM SIGCSE Technical Symposium, Baltimore, MD, USA. URL optional.

ACM (Computing Machinery) Style - Citing Conference Articles

In-text Citation Format: [number]

Use the number corresponding to the reference in your reference list.

Sentence with In-Text Citation Example 1:

Andler's work introduces predicate path expressions that enhance programming language semantics [1].

Sentence with In-Text Citation Example 2:

Conference proceedings often provide early access to emerging research trends before journal publication [2].

Reference Format:

[number] Author(s). Year. Title. In *Proceedings of Conference Name (Abbreviation)*, Dates, Location. Publisher, City, State/Country, Pages. DOI/URL (if available).

Reference Examples:

[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>

[2] Jane Smith and John Doe. 2015. Efficient Graph Algorithms for Big Data. In *Proceedings of the 27th ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD '15)*, August 10–13, 2015, Sydney, Australia. ACM Inc., New York, NY, 123–132.

<https://doi.org/10.1145/2783258.2783415>

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