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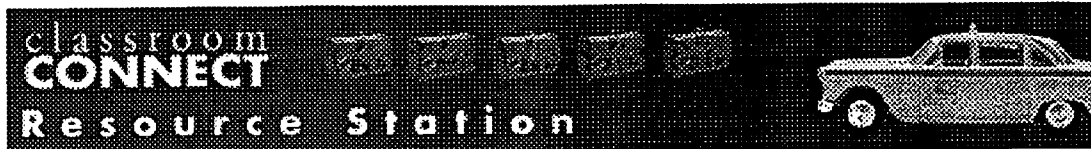
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ABSTRACT

This paper provides easy-to-understand guidelines for citing online information in student bibliographies. Citation structure and examples are provided for each type of Internet source. Guidelines are included for the following Internet sources: electronic mail; Gopher; File Transfer Protocol (FTP); Telnet; World Wide Web; Usenet Newsgroups; Internet Relay Chat (IRC); online images; online sounds; and online video clips. Three Web sites with more information about citing electronic sources are also provided. (SWC)



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Citing Internet Addresses

A how-to guide for referencing online sources in student bibliographies

This article appears in the October 1996 issue of the Classroom Connect newsletter.

Just as your students need to cite the books and periodicals they use to support their research, so too must they cite online sources of information. Last March, Classroom Connect was the first to publish a comprehensive, easy-to-understand method for citing online information in student bibliographies.

This month, we present to you a new, revised method for citing Net resources as accessed through an Internet Web browser. It'll make is easy for you to check the veracity of every online source your students cite.

We've also included new information specifying how to cite the graphics, sounds, and video clips your students retrieve from the Net for use in their multimedia presentations.

Formal guidelines for citing online sources are beginning to evolve. The latest MLA Handbook contains citation information for electronic sources. (See the end of the story for Web links to relevant information.)

Electronic Mail (Email)

Structure

Author of email message. Subject line of the message. [Online] Available email: Student@address.edu from Author@address.edu, date of document or download.

"PERMISSION TO REPRODUCE THIS MATERIAL HAS BEEN GRANTED BY

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Examples

Jones, Tom. Nile River Research Project results. [Online] Available email: student5@smallvillehigh.edu from ert@informns.k12.mn.us, September 25, 1996.

TO THE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES INFORMATION CENTER (ERIC)."

Taylor, Barry. Hubble Space Telescope image enhancement techniques. [Online] Available email: student2@exeter.high.edu from btaylor@hst.nasa.gov, January 23, 1997.

Gopher

Structure

Author. Title of gopher item. [Online] Available gopher://address/path, date of document or download.

Examples

Kinyon, John. India: A Country in Transition. [Online] Available gopher://gopher.india.gov:70/11/papers/trans, October 5, 1996.

Chalmers, Andrea. Bosnia: A Country in Transition. [Online] Available gopher://nywer.net/Today's_News/World News/Bosnia-Herzegovina, February 5, 1996.

File Transfer Protocol (Ftp)

Structure

Author. Title of item. [Online] Available ftp: address, path/filename, date of document or download.

Example

Gates, Gary. Shakespeare and his Muse. [Online] Available ftp://ftp.guten.net/bard/muse.txt, October 1, 1996.

Telnet

Structure

Author. Title of item. [Online] Available telnet://address, path, date of document or download.

Examples

Brady, Larry E. Map of Iraqi Troop Movements for 1/9/96. [Online] Available telnet://fedworld.gov, Government Information/CIA/Maps/Latest Maps/Iraq, November 10, 1997.

Jackson, Fred. Statistical Weather Data for Ohio, January 1996. [Online] Available telnet://weather.machine.umich.edu, Weather Data/January 1996/States/Zooms/Ohio, February 25, 1997.

World Wide Web (WWW)

Structure

Author. Title of item. [Online] Available http://address/filename, date of document or download.

Examples

DiStefano, Vince. Guidelines for better writing. [Online] Available
<http://www.usa.net/~vinned/home/better-writing.html>, January 9, 1996.

Yule, James. The Cold War Revisited: A Splintered Germany. [Online] Available
<http://usa.coldwar.server.gov/index/cold.war/countries/former.soviet.block/G/germany.html>,
 November 5, 1996.

Usenet Newsgroups

Structure

Author. Title of item. [Online] Available news://group, date of document or download.

Examples

Brown, David. Educational Insights 1995. [Online] Available news://k12.ed.research,
 December 27, 1996.

Madige, Ellen. How to Build a Better Moustrap. [Online] Available
 news://sci.tech.inventions.moustrap, January 16, 1997.

Internet Relay Chat (IRC)

Structure

Name of online speaker. [Online] Available IRC: telnet (site address), IRC channel name,
 date of session.

Examples

McBane, Lisa. [Online] Available IRC: telnet world.sensemedia.net:6677, #egypt, March 8,
 1996.

Frappe, Francois. [Online] Available IRC: telnet france.irc.edu:1234, #france, January 23,
 1996.

Online images

Structure

Description or title of image. [Online Image] Available <http://address/filename>, date of
 document or download.

Examples

Hubble Space Telescope release in the Space Shuttle's Payload Bay. [Online Image]
 Available <http://explorer.arc.nasa.gov/pub/SPACE/GIF/s31-04-015.gif>, October 1, 1996.

Online sounds

Structure

Description or title of sound. [Online Sound] Available <http://address/filename>, date of

document or download.

Examples

Reflections on Apollo. [Online Sound] Available

http://town.hall.org/radio/IMS/NASA/100394_nasa_01_ITR.au, September 25, 1996.

Online video clips

Structure

Description or title of video clip. [Online Video Clip] Available <http://address/filename>, date of document or download.

Examples

Shoemaker-Levy Comet enters Jupiter's atmosphere and breaks up. [Online Video Clip]

Available <http://ftp.cribx1.u-bordeaux.fr/astro/anim/sl9/breakingup.mpg>, March 5, 1996.

Web sites about citations

Several Web sites offer more information about citing electronic sources.

MLA Citation Guide

URL: <http://www.cas.usf.edu/english/walker/mla.html>

Launch to Citing Online Addresses

URL: <http://www.pitsco.inter.net/p/cite.html>

Williams College Library Web

URL: <http://www.williams.edu:803/library/library.www/cite.html>

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