



## ACM: In-text Citations & References

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### In-Text Citations

#### Numerical Citations

- Most citations are done numerically.
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- For multiple citations in the same sentence, numbers should be listed in ascending numerical order inside the brackets and separated by commas.
  - Despite the complexity of the patent process, there are still a number of new patents being released featuring artificial intelligence and machine learning [1, 15].

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### Paginated Journal Articles

- [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>

### Enumerated Journal Articles

- [2] Sarah Cohen, Werner Nutt, and Yehoshua Sagie. 2007. Deciding equivalences among conjunctive aggregate queries. *J. ACM* 54, 2, Article 5 (April 2007), 50 pages. <https://doi.org/10.1145/1219092.1219093>

### ArXiv Articles

- [3] 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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## Books

- [4] David Kosiur. 2001. *Understanding Policy-Based Networking* (2nd. ed.). Wiley, New York, NY.

## Anthologies or Collections

- [5] David Harel (Ed.). 1979. *First order dynamic logic* (1st. ed.). Lecture notes in computer science, Vol. 68. Springer Berlin, Heidelberg.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/3-540-09237-4>

## Multivolume Works (as a Book)

- [6] Donald E. Knuth. 1997. *The Art of Computer Programming, Vol. 1: Fundamental Algorithms* (3rd. ed.). Addison Wesley Longman Publishing Co., Inc.

## Websites

### *Specific Articles or Pages on a Website*

- [7] Harry Thornburg. 2001. *Introduction to Bayesian Statistics*. (March 2001). Retrieved March 2, 2005 from  
<http://ccrma.stanford.edu/~jos/bayes/bayes.html>

### *Whole Websites*

- [8] ACM. 2024. *Association for Computing Machinery: Advancing Computing as a Science & Profession*. Retrieved February 20, 2024 from  
<http://www.acm.org/>.

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**SWC [41]:** Here, you should include the title of the website in plain text.



## Videos

### Videos Included in Scholarly Publications

- [9] 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/10.1145/1006091.1006096>

### Videos from Popular Sources

- [10] Barack Obama, 2008. A more perfect union. Video. (5 March 2008).  
Retrieved March 21, 2008 from  
<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=6528042696351994555>

**SWC [42]:** Here, you should include the name of the author of the source material in which the video appears or the person primarily responsible for the content of the video.

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**SWC [56]:** Here you should include the word from and the URL where the video was retrieved from.



### Theses or Dissertations

- [11] Kenneth L. Clarkson. 1985. *Algorithms for Closest-Point Problems (Computational Geometry)*. Ph.D. Dissertation. Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA. UMI Order Number: AAT 8506171.

### Articles in Conference Proceedings

- [12] 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>

### Technical Reports

- [13] David Harel. 1978. *LOGICS of Programs: AXIOMATICS and DESCRIPTIVE POWER*. MIT Research Lab Technical Report TR-200. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.

### Patents

- [14] Solyman Ashrafi. 2020. Unified nonlinear modeling approach for machine learning and artificial intelligence (attractor assisted AI). (Aug. 2020). Patent No. 10755188B2, Filed Oct. 16th., 2018, Issued Aug. 25th., 2020.

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