IEEE Formatting: Reference Page

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Reference Page Formatting:
- The word “References” should be either centered or left justified.
- Each entry is single spaced, without an indentation in the second and third line.
- Entries are listed by number [1] in the order they are used within the document – they are not alphabetized.
- Reference numbers are set flush left and form a column of their own.

References:
- Author name(s) abbreviated to first initial(s) and last name
  - E.E. Reber, R.L. Mitchel, and C.J. Carter,
- List names of all authors unless there are more than six, list name of first author, followed by et al.
  - L.T. Wu et al.,

Book


Example:

Handbooks


Examples:

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Reports
The general form for citing technical reports is to place the name and location of the company or institution after the author and title and to give the report number and date at the end of the reference.

Example:

Online Sources
When citing online sources, follow the standard format for citing and add a DOI at the end or in place of page numbers (if there are no page numbers).

Patents

Example:

NOTE: Use “issued date” if several dates are given.

Periodicals

Example:

NOTE: When referencing articles in periodicals for IEEE, do not include the issue number.

For more information on how to assemble your reference page, consult the IEEE Citation Reference.

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