



APA Style: Electronic Sources

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Examples: Internet Sources

Basic:

Mayo Clinic Staff. (2007, February 21). *Carpal tunnel syndrome*. Retrieved June 1, 2007, from <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/carpal-tunnel-syndrome/DS00326>

Annual Report:

Microsoft Corporation. (2007). *Microsoft Corporation annual report 2007*.

Retrieved from <http://www.microsoft.com/msft/reports/ar07/staticversion/index.html>

Consumer Brochure:

American Psychiatric Association. (2005). *Let's talk facts about posttraumatic stress disorder*. [Brochure]. Retrieved from <http://www.healthyminds.org/multimedia/ptsd.pdf>

Chart/Image:

United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. (2007). [Chart showing time use on an average weekday for full-time college and university students]. *American Time Use Survey*. Retrieved from <http://www.bls.gov/tus/charts/students.htm>

Video Post:

Rose, C. (2007, September 21). Charlie Rose: An hour with Alan Greenspan. [Video file]. Video posted to <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-8342614253746711839>

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Journal Article with a DOI:

Tien, F. F. & Fu, T. T. (2008). The correlates of the digital divide and their impact on college student learning. *Teachers and Computers*, 50(1), 421- 436.
doi:10.1016/j.compedu.2006.07.005

Magazine Article without a DOI:

Is this the Mideast's future? (2007, July 2). *Newsweek*, 150, 38. Retrieved from Academic Search Premier database.

Encyclopedia Article Available Online through a Database:

Hess, F. M. & Okun, J. R. (2002). Home schooling. In J. W. Guthrie (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of education*. (2nd ed., Vol. 3, pp. 1060-1063). Retrieved from Gale Virtual Reference Library.

Book Available Online through a Database:

Longest, B. B. Jr. (2006). *Health policymaking in the United States* (4th ed.). Retrieved from NetLibrary database.