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E-mail communications are not cited in the reference list but should be cited as personal communications (p. 214, p. 276).

EXAMPLES

MULTIPAGE DOCUMENT CREATED BY PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

(APA manual, p. 273)

Greater New Milford (Ct) Area Healthy community 2000, Task Force on Teen and Adolescent Issues. (n.d.). *Who has time for a family meal? You do!* Retrieved October 5, 2000, from <http://www.familymealtime.org>

DOCUMENT AVAILABLE ON UNIVERSITY PROGRAM OR DEPARTMENT WEB SITE (APA manual, p. 274)

Chou, L., McClintock, R., Moretti, F., & Nix, D. H. (1993). *Technology and education: New wine in new bottles: Choosing pasts and imagining educational futures*. Retrieved August 24, 2000, from Columbia University, Institute for Learning Technologies Web site: <http://www.ilt.Columbia.edu/publications/papers/newwine1.html>

JOURNAL ARTICLE (APA Manual, p. 271)

VandenBos, G., Knapp, S., & Doe, J. (2001). Role of reference elements in the selection of resources by psychology undergraduates [Electronic version]. *Journal of Bibliographic Research*, 5, 117 – 123.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE (APA Manual, p. 279)

Hilts, P. J. (1999, February 16). In forecasting their emotions, most people flunk out. *New York Times*. Retrieved November 21, 2000, from <http://www.nytimes.com>

ELECTRONIC COPY OF A JOURNAL ARTICLE RETRIEVED FROM A DATABASE (APA Manual, p. 279)

Moses, L. J. (2001). Executive accounts of theory-of-mind development. *Child Development*, 72, 688 - 690. Retrieved November 2, 2001, from Expanded Academic ASAP database.

STAND-ALONE DOCUMENT, NO AUTHOR IDENTIFIED, NO DATE
(APA Manual, p. 274)

GVU's 10th WWW user survey. (n.d.). Retrieved November 6, 2001, from
http://www.cc.gatech.edu/gvu/user_surveys/survey-1998-10/

MESSAGE POSTED TO AN ELECTRONIC MAILING LIST (APA Manual, p. 278)

Hammond, T. (2001, January 16). YAHC & RDF. Message posted to Ref-Links electronic mailing list, archived at <http://www.doi.org/mail-archive/ref-link/msg00092.html>

Examples are based on the style found in *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th ed.) on Library Reserve BF 76.7 P82 2001.

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