

Name of the Tool

APA Style

Home Page

The screenshot shows the homepage of the APA Style website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links to 'APA Style Home', 'APA Style Help', 'Log In', and a 'Cart (0)' icon. Below the navigation is a green header bar with the 'APA Style' logo and three main menu items: 'APA Style Products', 'Publication Manual', and 'APA Style CENTRAL'. Under 'APA Style Products', there's a sub-menu with 'Home // APA Style Products'. On the right side of the page, there's a sidebar with a 'Not sure which Style product is right for you?' section, a 'Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association' section, and a 'Style Guides' section featuring five book covers: 'Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, Sixth Edition', 'Concise Rules of APA Style, Sixth Edition', 'APA Style Guide to Electronic References, Sixth Edition', 'Reporting Research in Psychology', and 'Presenting Your Findings'.

Logo**URL**<http://www.apastyle.org/products/index.aspx>**Subject**

Technical writing—Style manuals;

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Accessibility

On subscription

Language

English

Publisher

American Psychological Association

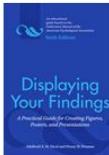
Brief History

APA Style originated in 1929, when a group of psychologists, anthropologists, and business managers convened and sought to establish a simple set of procedures, or *style rules* that would codify the many components of scientific writing to increase the ease of reading comprehension.

Scope and Coverage

APA Style is a writing style and format for academic documents such as journal articles and books. It is described in the style guide of the American Psychological Association (APA), which is titled the ***Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association***. The Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association was first published in 1929 as a seven-page “standard of procedure, to which exceptions would doubtless be necessary, but to which reference might be made in cases of doubt” (Bentley et al., 1929, p. 57). The APA Style have following publications:

Style Guides

 Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, Sixth Edition The sixth edition offers new and expanded instruction on publication ethics, statistics, journal article reporting standards, electronic reference formats, and the construction of tables and figures.	 Concise Rules of APA Style, Sixth Edition This easy-to-use pocket guide provides complete guidance on the rules of style that are critical for clear communication.
 APA Style Guide to Electronic References, Sixth Edition Adapted from the sixth edition of the APA Publication Manual, this comprehensive guide offers up-to-date information on formatting electronic references in APA Style.	 Presenting Your Findings This book provides invaluable guidance on the proper table format for a wide range of statistical analyses in an engaging and accessible format.
 Reporting Research in Psychology This book provides practical guidance on understanding and implementing journal article reporting standards and meta-analyses reporting standards.	 Displaying Your Findings This book provides essential guidance on creating figures that effectively present findings, presenting conference posters, and presentations.

Kind of Information

As with other editorial styles, APA Style consists of rules or guidelines that a publisher observes to ensure clear and consistent presentation of written material. It concerns uniform use of such elements as selection of headings, tone, and length; punctuation and abbreviations; presentation of numbers and statistics; construction of tables and figures, citation of references; and many other elements that are a part of a manuscript.

Within its publications, the ***Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*** is the style manual of choice for writers, editors, students, and educators in the social and behavioral sciences. It provides invaluable guidance on all aspects of the writing process, from the ethics of authorship to the word choice that best reduces bias in language. Well-known for its authoritative and easy-to-use

reference and citation system, the *Publication Manual* also offers guidance on choosing the headings, tables, figures, and tone that will result in strong, simple, and elegant scientific communication. The sixth edition offers new and expanded instruction on publication ethics, statistics, journal article reporting standards, electronic reference formats, and the construction of tables and figures.

The *APA Style Guide to Electronic References, Sixth Edition* is adapted from the sixth edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association; this comprehensive guide offers up-to-date information on formatting electronic references in APA Style. It outlines the key elements to include when referencing electronic sources, with an emphasis on using the digital object identifier (DOI) to locate web-based information reliably. Most important, it provides a wealth of examples for readers to model for everything from online journal articles to supplemental data sets and measurement instruments to books, videos, apps, websites, podcasts, blog posts, and social media. Approximately 70 examples are provided for readers to consider as they learn how to create reliable references for electronic sources. Students and other writers will find this guide indispensable as well as convenient to download and use when creating a reference list.

The *Reporting Research in Psychology: How to Meet Journal Article Reporting Standards Reporting Research in Psychology* provides practical guidance on understanding and implementing journal article reporting standards (JARS) and meta-analyses reporting standards (MARS). Described for the first time in the sixth edition of the Publication Manual, these standards were designed to make the reporting of results both comprehensive and uniform Reporting standards, now widely used in the behavioral, social, educational, and medical sciences, provide transparency to the research process and make the generalization of results across studies more precise. In this book, Harris Cooper includes carefully chosen examples from articles published in APA journals that illustrate how JARS and MARS can be incorporated into various types of research studies, with engaging and helpful commentaries on each item. This book fills an important gap in the literature and is essential reading for undergraduate students in research methods classes as well as graduate students and early career researchers.

The *Concise Rules of APA Style, Sixth Edition* The *Concise Rules of APA Style, Sixth Edition* offers essential writing and formatting standards for students, teachers, researchers, and clinicians in the social and behavioral sciences. This easy-to-use pocket guide, compiled from the sixth edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, provides complete guidance on the rules of style that are critical for clear communication. Readers will learn how to avoid the grammatical errors most commonly reported by journal editors; how to choose the appropriate format for statistics, figures, and tables; how to credit sources and avoid charges of plagiarism; and how to construct a reference list through a wide variety of examples and sources.

The *Presenting Your Findings: A Practical Guide for Creating Tables, Sixth Edition* provides invaluable guidance on the proper table format for a wide range of statistical analyses in an engaging and accessible format. The authors have included statistics commonly used in analyses to make the book as useful as possible for

researchers and students and have organized the chapters according to the complexity of the statistic. Each chapter is devoted to a different statistic and provides a variety of examples of how data could best be displayed. Included for each statistic is a "Play It Safe" table that illustrates the most comprehensive formatting options. This definitive resource for how to build tables will eliminate editorial drudgery and free up your time for more gainful pursuits.

The *Displaying Your Findings: A Practical Guide for Creating Figures, Posters, and Presentations, Sixth Edition* offers readers essential guidance on creating figures that effectively present their findings. Figure examples have been updated to reflect reporting standards and graphics presentation outlined in the sixth edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association.

Special Features

- The APA Style site make possible learning more about the APA style by providing online courses, free tutorials, frequently asked questions on APA style formats.
- It also has associated a blog where APA Style experts and guests tackle a variety of style topics each week in the APA Style Blog.
- It provides pdf of free learning resources on this style format. Here one can browse popular topics on the APA Style site likely Article, Bias-free language, Digital Object Identifier (DOI), Ethics, Grammar and usage, References, Sample papers, Statistics, Tutorials .

Arrangement Pattern

The contents of all above publications are arranged topic wise. Under each topic the related sub topics are arranged.

Remarks

APA style is widely used, either entirely or with modifications, by hundreds of other scientific journals (including medical and other public health journals), in many textbooks, and in academia (for papers written in classes).

Comparable Tools

- A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations (<http://www.press.uchicago.edu/books/turabian/manual/index.html>)
- The Chicago Manual of Style Online (<http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/home.html>)
- Purdue OWL MLA Formatting and Style Guide

(<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>)

- AMA Manual of Style
(<http://www.amamanualofstyle.com/>)

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