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APA instructions for citing electronic media are located in Section 4.16 1 of the manual starting on page 268. The web version of these instructions is located at:
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If a specific document mounted on a web site is used as a resource, the document should be cited in the reference list rather than in the text. Examples of specific documents include: a particular link on a web site, a chapter or section of an Internet publication, a technical or research report, and proceedings of meetings or symposia. Web retrieval information in these citations should be as descriptive as possible.

Nostroni, Eric. "Collaborative Learning in a Networked Environment."

Online posting. 8 Sept. 1997.
Electronic Forum. Retrieved 9 Nov. 1997. <eforum@cgu.edu>

Articles or Abstracts From Electronic Databases

This format is used to cite full-text articles or abstracts from fee-based article databases such as *Academic Universe (Lexis-Nexis)*, *JSTOR*, and *PsycINFO*. This format uses the standard APA format for referencing articles, with a retrieval statement added to the end of the citation.

Brown, S.G., & David, S. (2000). Putting a new face on self-sufficiency programs. *American Journal of Public Health*, 90, 1383-1384. Retrieved August 10, 2001, from PsycINFO database.

Articles From an Electronic Journal on a Web Site or in Print

(not retrieved from an electronic database)

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- **To Cite an Electronic Journal When Electronic and Print Versions are Identical**

Heimlich, R., & Anderson, W. (2001, August). Development at and beyond the urban fringe: Impacts on agriculture [Electronic version]. *Agricultural Outlook*, 15-18.

- **To Cite an Electronic Journal When Electronic and Print Versions Differ**

Haskins, R. (2001). Giving is not enough: Work and work supports are reducing poverty. *Brookings Review*, 19, 13 -15. Retrieved August 10, 200 1, from <http://www.brook.edu/PUB/REVIEW/REV-DES.HTM>

Articles From an Electronic Journal Not Otherwise Available in Print

Fine, K. (2001, June). The question of realism. *Philosophers' Imprint*, 1, Article 00 100 1. Retrieved August 10, 2001, from <http://www.umich.edu/~philos/Imprint/browse.html>

IN-TEXT REFERENCES

To cite a specific electronic source within the body of text, use a parenthetical reference citation. Include the author's name or the web site address, followed by the publication date and paragraph number or section:

As Myers (2000, sect. 5) aptly phrased it, "positive emotions are both an end and means to a more caring and healthy society."

"The conclusion system of managed care is shortsighted" (Buetler, 2000, Conclusion section, para. 1).

The full references for these citations will be found at the end of your paper.

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