Literature References

The following text should give you an understanding how to write literature references. There are three common ways how to cite literature:

- Citing it in the text as “… [1] … [2] … [3]…”; this means to sort the reference section due to the order of using the literature in the paper.
- Citing it in the text as “… [17] … [4] … [23]…”; this means to sort the reference section due to alphabetical order of the authors of the literature and use that number in the paper.
- Citing in the text as shown below, i.e. in a combination of authors’ names and year of publication. The sorting of the reference list than has to be in alphabetical order of the references.

Note: there is no general “force” to format it like it is shown in the following examples. The important thing is to consider all the important information, but the exact format (italic, bold, or plain; “Pages” vs “pp”; …) you can choose as you want.

It depends on the literature source how to cite:

1. Journal Article


Information: Authors, title of article, publisher, title of journal, volume and number, page numbers, year

2. Conference book


Information: Editors, Title of book, Conference name and place, publisher (if given, with book number, as for LNCS), year

3. Conference article


Information: Authors, title of paper, title of conference, place of conference, year, pages in the proceedings (exact page numbers or, if not existing, „6 pages“)


Information: Authors, title. Then the statement „White Paper“ resp. „Technical Report“ with number, depending of the publication: is it part of an internal series, or an independent article. Next the name of the university/company/research institute/... which has written the document, if available the URL of the document, year.

5. **Book**


Information: Authors, title, publisher, year

6. **Book article**


Information: Authors, title of article, editors, title of book, publisher, year

7. **PhD thesis**


Information: Author, title, „PhD thesis“, university, publisher resp. The note „electronic publication“, year

8. **Master thesis**


Information: Author, title, „Master Thesis“, university, year
9. Standards


Information: Standardization group, title, standard number, if given, URL, if given, year

10. Software


Information: Company or developer team, Name of software, Web page, developing time span

11. Webseite


Information: Author, title, URL, then it is variable: if given, time of last actualization of the pages, otherwise time of your last visit on the page, noted by “last visited …”