

Guide to the Fields in APA Database Records

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FIELD NAME	CONTENT OF FIELD or POSSIBLE VALUES
Unique Identifier	PsycINFO unique record identifier
Author	Name of Author(s)
Author ID	A unique code that identifies academic authors, such as ORCID
Author E-mail	Author's e-mail address
Author Correspondence Address	Address for corresponding author
Affiliation	Institutional affiliation of authors
Title	Title of material, including translated titles for non-English language material
Special Section Title	A publisher's label for articles that make up a special section of a journal issue
Source	Full citation for journals, book chapters, dissertations, and electronic collections. Publisher, year, and pagination only for books. Contains the sub-field, ARTICLE ID*, uniquely identifies an article-by-article published record.
Source Title Translation	Gives the English translation of a non-English journal title
NLM Serial Title Abbreviation	Gives the PubMed abbreviation for a journal title
Page Count*	Total number of pages for a journal article. Generally used when pagination is not available.
Publication Status*	This field is intended to capture the publication status of an article in journals. Currently, the value First Posting is being used.
Publication Date	Document's date of publication. Includes year of publication and may include day, month, or season.
Publication History*	Appears only in journal records and may show the dates of First Posting, Accepted Date, Revised Date, and First Submitted date for an article.
Publisher	Publisher of the source material
Other Publishers	Notes variations of the publisher name. It may occur in any publication type, but is most common in journal records.
Dissertation	Describes the publication information of a thesis, including Degree, Degree Date, Degree Granting Institution, and Advisor

Other Serial Titles	Notes variations of serial title name. It may appear in records where the Publication Type is Journal, Dissertation Abstract, or Electronic Collection.		
Country of Publication*	Publisher's location		
ISSN / ISBN	ISSN (journals) or ISBN (books) Book Series ISSNs Book Set ISBNs		
Language	Document language		
Reviewed Item (Journal and Electronic Collection records only)	For book, software, etc. reviews, the full citation of the material being reviewed		
DOI (Digital Object Identifier)	Publisher-supplied DOI for linking to full-text		
Open Access	Indicates a database record has been designated open access		
Abstract	Summary of document's content		
PMID	PubMed unique identifier		
Keywords	Key concepts and / or brief phrases describing document's content		
Index Terms (sometimes called Descriptors, Thesaurus Terms)	Controlled vocabulary from Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms		
Classification Code	Broad content classification		
MeSH	Provides the Medical Subject Headings as assigned by PubMed		
Publication Type	Book Authoried Book Edited Book	Journal Peer-Reviewed Journal Non-Peer-Reviewed Peer-Reviewed Status-Unknown*	Electronic Collection Encyclopedia
Book Type	Classic Book Conference Proceedings	Handbook / Manual Reference Book Textbook / Study Guide	
Document Type	Abstract Collection Bibliography Chapter Clarification Column / Opinion Comment / Reply Dissertation	Editorial Encyclopedia Entry Erratum / Correction Interview Journal Article Letter Obituary	Poetry Publication Information Reprint Retraction Review-Book Review-Media Review-Other

Population	Human Animal	Male Female Transgender	Inpatient Outpatient
Age Group	Childhood (birth-12 years) Neonatal (birth-1 month) Infancy (2-23 months) Preschool Age (2-5 years) School Age (6-12 years) Adolescence (13-17 years)	Adulthood (18 years & older) Young Adulthood (18-29 years) Thirties (30-39 years) Middle Age (40-64 years) Aged (65 years & older) Very Old (85 years & older)	
Location	Country where study was done		
Methodology	Brain Imaging Clinical Case Study Clinical Trial Empirical Study Experimental Replication Follow-up Study Longitudinal Study Prospective Study Retrospective Study	Field Study Interview Focus Group Literature Review Mathematical Modeling Meta Analysis Metasynthesis	Nonclinical Case Study Qualitative Study Quantitative Study Scientific Simulation Systematic Review Treatment Outcome Twin Study
Supplemental Material	3-D modeling images Appendixes Audio Computer Software	Data Sets DVD / CD Experimental Materials Tables and Figures Test-Internet	Text Video Web sites Workbook / Study Guide Other
Tests & Measures	Names of tests and measurements referred to or used in the source material study		
Test Digital Object Identifier	DOI deposited by APA for linking to test overview records in the PsycTESTS database		
Data Set	Includes description and access points for a data set		
Audience Type (book and chapter records only)	Written for the General Public Juvenile Written for Professionals (Psychology: Professional & Research)		
Grant / Sponsorship	Identifies the source(s) of grants, sponsorship, and funding for the research or study. Subfields include Sponsor Organization, Grant/Contract/Award Number, Funding Amount, Country of Sponsor Organization, Funding Dates, Other Details, and Recipients.		
Clinical Trial Number	Identifies a research study sponsored by an institute or agency registered with the World Health Organization		

Copyright Data	Displays copyright information when an article or chapter record is first published. It may contain copyright statement, copyright holder, and year.
Table of Contents* (book records only)	Book table of contents
Cited References	Reference list published with article, book, chapter, dissertation, or electronic collection (Searchable via PsycNET Cited References search screen)
Release Date (sometimes called update code)	<p>The date a record was released into a database and the product name to which it was released. The format is YYYYMMDD followed by the product name, e.g., 20090511 (PsycINFO).</p> <p>Note: If the record was released into another database, e.g., PsycARTICLES, this record will contain two release dates: 20120305 (PsycARTICLES); 20120305 (PsycINFO).</p>
Correction Update Record*	<p>The date a record was corrected if a record is corrected. If corrected, record will always have at least one correction date for PsycINFO. The format is YYYYMMDD and the name of the product in which it was corrected, e.g., 20090701 (PsycINFO).</p> <p>Note: If the record was corrected in additional products, e.g., PsycCRITIQUES, this record will contain two corrections dates: 20120102 (PsycCRITIQUES); 20120102 (PsycINFO).</p>

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