

Reference Format Proposal

Reference guidelines

- Use “Clause” before the clause number only if the clause number is a top-level clause. Otherwise just use the subclause number.
 - Example:
 - reference “Clause 12 of IEEE Std 802.1Q-2018”;
- For references that are not a top-level clause, append the name of the standard.
 - Example:
 - reference “12.13.2.1 of IEEE Std 802.1Q-2018”;
- When there are multiple sub-clauses in the same document separate them by commas (or the word “and”) then identify the standard.
 - Examples:
 - reference “12.13.2.1, 12.13.2.2 of IEEE Std 802.1Q-2018”;
 - reference “12.13.2.1 and 12.13.2.2 of IEEE Std 802.1Q-2018”;
- Limit the number of referenced clause/sub-clauses to no more than two per reference statement.
- Don’t use ranges (12.13.2.1 through 12.13.2.3), ranges are discouraged by the IEEE Style Manual.
- For references to Tables or Figures, use the word Table or Figure along with the table or figure number and include the name of the standard.
 - Example:
 - reference “Table 6-1 of IEEE Std 802.1Q-2018”;
 - reference “Figure 28-6 of IEEE Std 802.1Q-2018”;
- For Tables and Figures: treat them as nouns so ensure Table or Figure is capitalized.
- Editor’s discretion on above guidelines is allowed but may be commented on during a ballot cycle.