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| <b>Conference proceedings</b><br>Author's last name, initials. (Publication year). Title of paper. In editors' initials. last name (Ed./Eds.), Title of proceedings (pages of paper). Location: Publisher. | James, P., & Griffiths, D. (2012). The mobile execution environment: A secure and non-intrusive approach to implement a bring your own device policy for laptops. In T. Williams, M. Johnstone, & C. Valli (Eds.), <i>Proceedings of the 10th Information Security Management Conference</i> (pp. 100–109). Perth, Australia: Edith Cowan University.  |
| <b>Thesis / dissertation</b><br>Author's last name, initials. (Publication year).<br>Thesis/dissertation title (doctoral or master's thesis/dissertation, institution, location). Retrieved from URL       | Chu, S. K. W. (2005). <i>Development of information search expertise of research students</i> (Doctoral thesis, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong). Retrieved from <a href="http://hub.hku.hk/handle/10722/134022">http://hub.hku.hk/handle/10722/134022</a>  |

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