

# Paper 20-WEB REFERENCING IN ONLINE SCHOLARLY WORLD: A CASE STUDY OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE RESEARCH

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**ABSTRACT:**Referencing is one of the popular methods of citing the material which the author has used in his/her research for readers. Due to the emergence of World Wide Web, the use of web references has become common in the scholarly research. The present study makes an attempt to explore and analyse the growth of web references in one of the eminent journals in the field of Library and Information Sciences, Library and Information Science Research. In order to fulfil the set objectives, we conducted a survey of the scholarly articles published over ten years' time span (2004-2013). Data collected from the journal included the no. of articles and no. of references. The results reveal that the total of 293 articles were published from the year 2004-2013 with 13468 references, the journal references being the dominating ones contributing 57.94% of the total references. The web references are contributing 16.3% of the total references and have shown a growth rate of 25.72% in 2013 with respect 11.61% in 2004. Since the data was collected from Library and Information Sciences Research only, hence precautions should be taken while generalising the results.

**KEYWORDS:**Internet; WWW; Scholarly Communication; Referencing; Web Referencing; Citation Analysis; URL Domains.

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