

HOW TO WRITE AN ABSTRACT

An abstract is a short (250-350 words) summary of your completed research. If done well, it makes the reader want to learn more about your research/report. Here are the basic components of an abstract in any topic:

1. **Motivation:** Why was it done? Why is your topic important? Why do we care about your topic?
2. **Problem Statement:** What problem are you trying to solve? What is the scope of your work? What practical, scientific, theoretical point is your report covering?
3. **Methods/Procedure/Approach:** What did you actually do to get your results? (e.g. analyzed 3 articles, completed a series of 5 experiments, interviewed 17 students)
4. **Results/Findings/Product:** As a result of completing the above procedure, what did you find out? What did you learn/observe?
5. **Conclusion/Implications:** What are the larger implications of your findings/observations/results, especially for the problem/point identified in step 1?

To have a very thorough description of each of the components named above, go to:
<http://www.ece.cmu.edu/~koopman/essays/abstract.html>

Abstract

Computers...Are They Really Safe?

This research paper focuses on the crimes that most people do not see. The reader is going to read through this informative paper about computer crimes and the people who commit them. Who knew that there are more than forty crimes that are done by cons and crooks. As the reader gets towards the end of the paper, they will see that even though computer crimes may seem simple and petty, they hold great consequences.

This paper is going to take a look inside the dangers of these crimes and how they affect the people around us. These crimes can mess up the lives of the people who commit them and the ones who the crimes are targeting. It takes a lot of brains for these crimes to actually take place, but the brains that committed these crimes are the ones who do the time and pay the fines. This information is going to inform people of the dangers of the things they do on the computer.

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