

Conference Paper - First Draft

Due Sunday November 5, 2017 @ 23:59

The purpose of this assignment is to produce a draft of your conference paper suitable for review by your co-authors, or as the majority of you are are a solo authors, for review by a research colleague in your field.

We have discussed in class the standard layout of a Computer Science article; you should follow those guidelines in the structure of your paper.

What *must* be included in your first draft

- A title.
- Author name(s) and affiliation(s).
- References.
 - Only papers you cite in the content of your draft should appear. However, as this is a draft, it is perfectly acceptable to include notes to yourself in your \LaTeX saying something like: **include a reference to `\cite{newton1687}` here.** That note would produce a reference to Principia Mathematica, assuming you have the BibTeX entry `newton1687` in your `.bib` file.
 - Pay close attention to the reference formatting. It must include the author(s), title of the article, name of the publisher, name of the publication, year of publication, and, if the publication is a journal, the page numbers on which the article can be found. Do *not* assume the BibTeX entry returned by Google Scholar is accurate.
 - Do *not* cite the papers you are basing yours on. Remember, you are writing as if you came up with this research yourself.
- Draft content of the article.
 - As a rule of thumb, this draft should run to around six pages, certainly no less than five. The bulk of that content should be in the body, related work, and introduction. Fully formed conclusions and abstract can wait for the final draft.
 - Having said that, if you have an almost complete version of your paper, submit it.
 - It is also acceptable to submit a draft a few pages over the ten page limit, but your second draft will need to be edited down.
- In addition, as a footnote at the bottom of the first column on the first page, you must state the following:
 - Name and URL of the conference you are theoretically intending to submit your paper to.
 - Correctly formatted references to the paper(s) you are basing yours on.

What to submit

- Submit your source \LaTeX file, source BibTeX file and the output PDF by uploading them to Canvas as a *single* .zip or .tar archive.
 - For this assignment, you *must* use a separate bibliography (.bib) file.
 - If the conference you have selected to submit your paper to demands an in-line bibliography, then you are granted an exception. However, such a requirement is extremely rare so most if not all of you will be required to have a separate .bib file.

- You are free to choose any academic L^AT_EX format, but you are *strongly* advised to use the format required by the conference you are intending to submit to. Your second draft will be required to adhere to the conference guidelines, so you may as well get used to them now.