# Literature Research



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# **Literature Research Common Questions**



## How to find relevant related work?

- What exactly defines "relevant"?
- Where to search, what to search?
- Citations, conferences, and impact



# How to read a scientific paper?

- Skimming or: the structure of a research paper
- Taking notes, discussing ideas
- Structuring related work



# How to write a survey paper?

- Goal of a survey more than just summaries!
- LaTeX vs. Word no, really: why you should use LaTeX
- Examples and elements of good survey papers



# This is a Workshop!



# You should ask questions and discuss

- With us (Björn, Nils, Manisha) and with your supervisor
- With your colleagues

## Anytime: just raise your hand, ask!

(we might delay the question if we have a corresponding slide)

# Coffee (and water) flat rate for the duration of the Workshop!

Use the coffee machine in the KOM Lounge (just outside this room)

Just add a mark to the ATFIR-List when you grab a hot drink

- no marks needed for water!
- Your chance to grab a coffee: in a few seconds
- And *please*: let staff members cut the queue



# **Agenda**



#### How to find relevant related work?

- Tools and metrics (citations, h-index)
- Conferences vs. journals (impact)

#### Discussion and coffee break

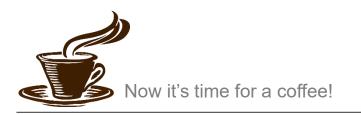
## How to read a scientific paper?

- Structure of a research paper, skimming
- Annotations and notes: tools and techniques

### Discussion and coffee break

## How to write a survey paper?

- Structure and contribution of a survey paper
- Tools, templates, and techniques (LaTeX, BibTeX, ...)





## How to find relevant related work?

# The Lifecycle of a Scientific Paper



# Researcher identifies a problem and proposes a solution

- May be a system, an algorithm, a theory, ...
- Based on the current state of the research community
- Accompanied by an evaluation to prove the soundness of the solution

# Researcher submits the resulting paper to a conference

- Usually yearly submission deadlines
- Papers are anonymously "peer-reviewed" by other researchers why?
- Based on the reviews, the paper is accepted or rejected

# Accepted papers are presented at the conference

- And later included in the proceedings of the conference
- And, after some time, available online on the publisher's website
- The whole process can easily take a full year!

## **Review process**

- Paper is distributed to a number of anonymous reviewers – why?
- Reviewers provide (among other things) a score and their reasons
- Authors have to address the reviewers' comments
- Best papers get accepted, some may be shepherded

# The choice of reviewers is crucial in the process

# Usually not published

Very few conferences include reviews and authors' answers

#### Reviewer comment:

"The authors fail to reference the work of Smith et al., who solved the same problem 20 years ago."

#### How NOT to respond:

X"Huh. We didn't think anybody had read that. Actually, their solution is better than ours."

#### Correct response:

"The reviewer raises an interesting concern. However, our work is based on completely different first principles (we use different variable names), and has a much more attractive graphical user interface.

#### Reviewer comment:

"This paper is poorly written and scientifically unsound. I do not recommend it for publication."

#### How NOT to respond:

X"You #&@\*% reviewer! I know who you are! I'm gonna get you when it's my turn to review!"

#### Correct response:

"The reviewer raises an interesting concern. However, we feel the reviewer did not fully comprehend the scope of the work, and misjudged the results based on incorrect assumptions.

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# **Different Types of Scientific Papers**



# "Paper" or "Full Paper"

- A "complete" paper: problem statement, solution, evaluation, related work
- Most common paper type, usually 8-10 pages in IEEE format

# "Short Paper" or "Idea Paper"

- Intended for "work in progress" or preliminary results, usually 4 pages
- However: often a result of rejected full papers
  - (paper is not rejected, but accepted as short paper) why?

# "Demo Paper", "Poster Abstract"

- Short papers accompanying a technical demonstration or a poster why?
- Usually limited impact, but often focused on very technical problem, 2-3 pages

# Finding Literature: ask Google (Scholar)!



## **Advantages**

- Indexes nearly everything: papers, patents, journals, ...
- Provides a lot of metadata: citation counter, cited works, ...







## **Disadvantages**

- Indexes nearly everything
- Provides a lot of metadata

# Google

location-based service privacy

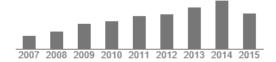
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Biggest (	challenge:
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- Identify the right keywords!
- Find the most important authors!





# Communities



# Scientists tend to form clusters of expertise: communities

- Reflected in the conferences and journals of the field
- Top conferences and journals are measured by their impact
- What is the h-index?

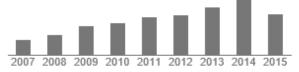
# Restricting search to these topvenues leads to better results

- Usually publications with high citation count - why?
- From well-known scientists (reoccurring names!)
- Accepted by the community

Top-Publikationen - Computer Networks & Wireless Communication Weitere Informationen

Publikation	h5-Index	h5-Median
IEEE Communications Magazine	90	162
2. IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications	78	109
3. Annual Joint Conference of the IEEE Computer and Communications Societies (INFOCOM)	78	106
4. IEEE Communications Surveys & Tutorials	76	114
5. IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology	72	87
6. IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications	66	97
7. ACM SIGCOMM Conference	64	118

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Zitate	6459	4771
h-index	34	29
i10-index	75	70
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# Finding Related Papers



# Your tutors provided you with some initial literature pointers

- Have a look at these papers
  - Their reference list (paper)
  - Their "cited by" list (Google)
  - Their conferences
- The respective paper titles help in refining search keywords

# Caution: this might lead to exponential paper fan-out!

- Restrict yourself to a bunch of well-known conferences first
- Rule of thumb: more citations = higher acceptance of the paper

#### AOC-8, Björn Richerzhagen

#### **Subscription Schemes for Privacy-Aware Location-based Mobile Applications**



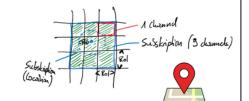
Location-based mobile apps: get notifications related to your current surroundings (e.g., nearby events) - requires filtering based on a user's position

#### Multiple different subscription schemes have been proposed

- Parametric Subscriptions
- Context-based & Location-based
- Channels ("Darmstadt"), e.g. for cloaking → location privacy

#### Goal: provide an overview of subscription schemes w.r.t.

- Characteristics, benefits, drawbacks
- Applicability of cloaking schemes (increasing privacy for end users)



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  Jayaram, K. R., Chamikara Jayalath, and Patrick Eugster, "Parametric subscriptions for content-based publish/subscribe networks." Middleware 2010. Springer Berlin Heidelberg, 2010. 128-147.

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# **Reference Chain**

- Click on "cited by"
- Click on "similar articles"
- Click on authors' names
  - Author's top publications
  - Author's h-index

context based publish subscribe

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Tipp: Suchen Sie nur nach Ergebnissen auf Deutsch. Sie können Ihre Sprache in den Scholar-Ei

#### The many faces of publish/subscribe

PT Eugster, PA Felber, R Guerraoui... - ACM Computing ..., 2003 - dl.acm.org

... are strongly simi- lar to the notion of groups, as defined in the **context** of group communication [Powell 1996] and often used for repli- cation [Birman 1993]. This similarity is not surprising, since some of the first systems to offer **publish/subscribe** inter- action were **based** on the ...

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#### Meghdoot: content-based publish/subscribe over P2P networks

A Gupta, OD Sahin, D Agrawal, AE Abbadi - ... of the 5th ACM/IFIP/USENIX ..., 2004 - dl.acm.or ... Content-based publish/subscribe systems allow more complex subscriptions by enabling restrictions on the event content. ... to support high rates of subscriptions and events in a content-based system ... been proposed for scal- able matching of predicates in the context of ...

#### Supporting mobility in content-based publish/subscribe middleware

L Fiege, FC Gärtner, O Kasten, A Zeidler - ... of the ACM/IFIP/USENIX 2003 ..., 2003 - dl.acm.or ... Publish/Subscribe Systems. ... Here, producers and consumers are enabled to exchange info based on message type or content rather than particular destination ... this paper we study how

to exploit these advantages and what extensions are eligible in the context of mobile ...



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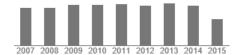
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Epidemic information dissemination in distributed systems PT Eugster, R Guerraoui, AM Kermarrec, L Massoulié	627 *	2004



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i10-index	55	41



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# **Understanding the Author List**



#### THE AUTHOR LIST: GIVING CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

The first author Senior grad student on the project. Made the figures. The third author
First year student who actually did
the experiments, performed the
analysis and wrote the whole paper.
Thinks being third author is "fair".

The second-to-last author Ambitious assistant professor or post-doc who instigated the paper.

Michaels, C., Lee, E. F., Sap, P. S., Nichols, S. T., Oliveira, L., Smith, B. S.

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The second author
Grad student in the lab that has
nothing to do with this project,
but was included because
he/she hung around the group
meetings (usually for the food).

The middle authors Author names nobody really reads. Reserved for undergrads and technical staff. The last author
The head honcho. Hasn't even read the paper but, hey, he got the funding, and his famous name will get the paper accepted.

# Bypassing the Cloud: Peer-assisted Event Dissemination for Augmented Reality Games

**Discussed** 

Did the work Worked on paper

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# **ACM Digital Library**

- Indexes all publications by ACM
- Subpages for important journals, e.g.: csur.acm.org

# IEEE Xplore Digital Library Springer Link







### **Caution**

- Most services are only fully accessible from within the TUD network (eduroam) or via VPN
- The publisher (ACM/IEEE) does not ensure quality – who does?







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# **Exercise and Coffee Break**



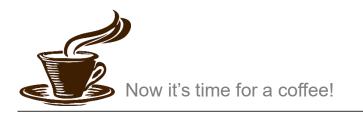


# If you do not like coffee...

- Take your time to search for some related papers on your own topic – using the tools provided by Google Scholar
- Create a Google Scholar alert for your topic to retrieve relevant new publications
- Ask us if you have any open questions regarding literature research

We will continue in 10 minutes.







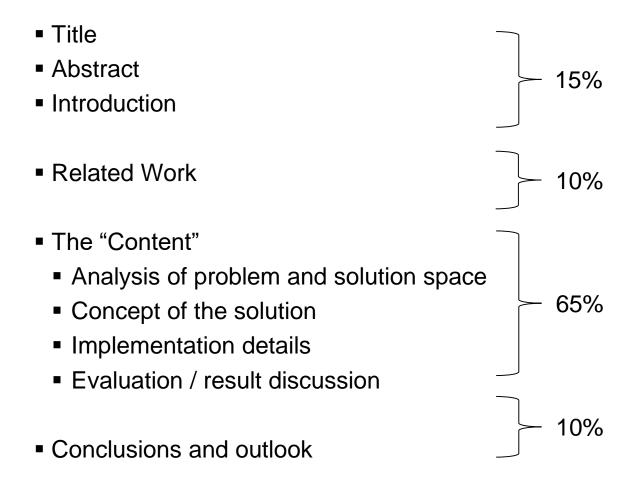
# How to read a scientific paper

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# **Structure of Research Papers / Articles**

(in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering)



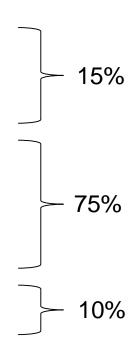


# **Structure of Survey Papers**

(in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering)



- Title
- Abstract
- Introduction
- Related Work
  - Classification of RW
  - Discussion of the approaches
- Conclusions and outlook



# Before you read... Assess the quality of the publication



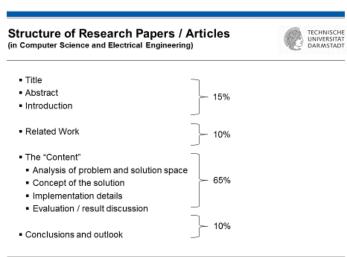
### Of the conference

- Quality: Top-level (INFOCOM, MOBICOM, SenSys, ...) vs rater poor level (IARIA, HighSci, SciRP, ...)
- Acceptance rate (< 20%), CORE ranking</p>

Memorize: Top-level conferences are listed in rankings

## Of the paper

- Check for completeness (simple, yet effective)
  - Meet the general structure (cf. slides before)?
  - Section on related work?
     (Caution: sometimes merged with concept)



# Before you read... Assess the quality of the publication



### Of the conference

# Of the paper

- Check for completeness (simple, yet effective)
- Check for visual appearance
  - Equations, figures, and tables legible and well formatted?
  - Sections of only a few lines length?
  - Typos in section headings?

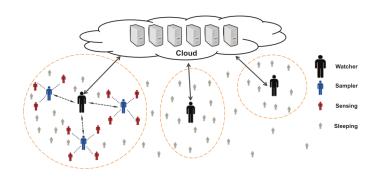


Figure 1: The Hierarchy of a Crowd

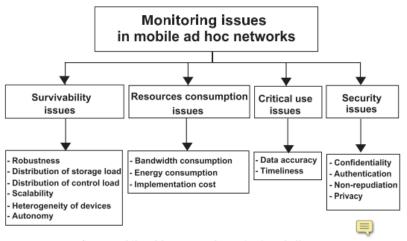


Fig. 1. Mobile ad hoc network monitoring challenges.

However: No guarantee for high quality papers → Hints for reading the good ones

# When you start to read... **First Impressions**



## Step 1: Read the paper title

Can you get a rough idea what the paper might present?

## **Step 2: Read the abstract**

- The abstract should motivate the problem and outline the authors' contributions
- Does it fit to the paper title?

## **Step 3: Read the conclusions**

Check if they match the claims made in the abstract

# **Step 4: Read the introduction**

Does it still match the abstract/title?

# Outcome: What are your expectations to the paper?

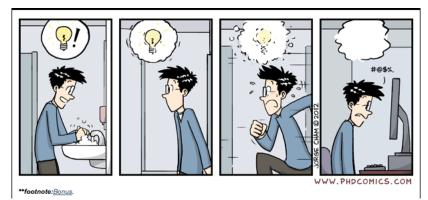
Keep these in mind – or even better: write them down!

# When you read on...



# Continue reading the paper

- Check whether the contributions meet the claims in the abstract/introduction
- Keep a clear mind: Check claims for feasibility
  - The more experienced you are, the less time it takes...



# Consolidate your general impression

- Is there a clear flow of thoughts?
- Do the contributions sound feasible/credible?
- Were your expectations fulfilled?
- Does the outer appearance meet the quality of the contents?

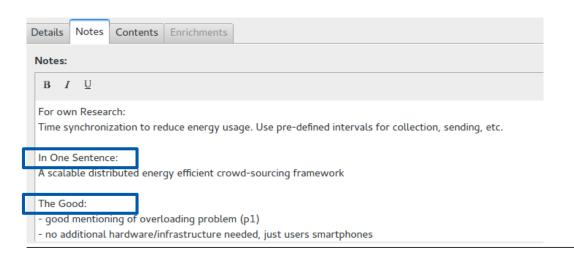
# When you finished reading... Good and/or Interesting Publications



# If the publication is (possibly) relevant for your own research

- Add it to your bibliography management system (if not read there)
- Annotate it!
  - Aspects that you found interesting and remarkable results
  - Keywords or tags
  - "In one sentence"; "the good"; "the bad"
- Check its references for further interesting publications





# When you finished reading... Good and/or Interesting Publications



## But beware of the "Exponential reference fan-out"

- Each publication has ~30 references
- Each of these references has ~30 references
  - One would have to read 930 papers → selection criteria?
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# How to write a survey paper

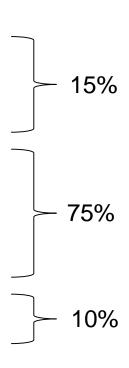
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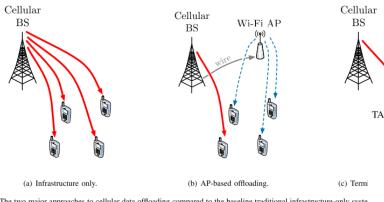


Fig. 1. The two major approaches to cellular data offloading compared to the baseline traditional infrastructure-only syste Access Point (b). Offloading through terminal-to-terminal transmissions (c).



TABLE I: A classification of mobile data offloading strategies, along with their research directions and surveyed works.

	Delay Requirements		
Strategy	Non-delayed	Delayed	
AP-based	AP Deployment and Modeling [12], [13], [14], [15], [16], [17], [18], [19].  3GPP Standardization [28], [29], [30], [31], [32], [33].  Transport Protocols [40], [41], [42], [43].	Prediction-Based Offloading [20], [21], [5], [22], [23], [24], [25], [26], [27]. Feasibility and AP Deployment [12], [34], [5], [35], [36], [37], [38], [39].	
Т2Т	Cooperative Distribution [44], [45], [46], [47], [54], [55], [56], [57], [58], [59], [60], [61].  D2D Capabilities Integration [70], [71], [72], [73], [74], [75], [76], [77], [78], [79], [80].	Subset Selection [48], [49], [50], [51], [52], [53].  Architecture [62], [63], [64], [65], [66], [67], [68], [69].	

# Goal of a Survey Paper



# Providing a good overview of a specific research topic

- Relevant definition(s) for the topic
- Highlighting potential challenges in that area
- Classification of the existing research
- Detailed presentation and discussion of the existing approaches
  - Core idea/concept
  - Evaluation environment
  - Evaluation methodology
  - Results

Caution: A survey paper is more than just multiple summaries

# LaTeX vs. Word: why you should use LaTeX



# **Document preparation system**

- Clear separation of content and layout
- Platform-independent with numerous distributions
  - Windows, Mac, Linux, ...

\documentclass{article}
 \begin{document}
 Small is beautiful.
 \end{document}

# **Strengths**

- High typographic quality
- Excellent support to typeset mathematical equations
- BibTeX: Simple generation of bibliography
- Extensible: Packages for almost every purpose

# LaTeX templates are often available

- Many conferences in computer science solicit papers in a specific layout (IEEE/ACM)
- Universities often have specific templates for final theses (good exercise for you bachelor's or master's thesis)

# Latex... Getting Started, Getting Help, ...



# Distributions for (virtually) every OS

■ TeXlive, MiKTeX, MacTeX, ...

### **Editors**

- Eclipse, TeXnicCenter, TeXmaker, TeXShop
- LyX (WYSIWYM editor)

## Manuals/How To's

- Google
- YouTube
- The Not So Short Introduction to LaTeX2e
- TeX Frequently Asked Questions
- comp.text.tex, de.comp.text.tex, ...



# One more thing... → Plagiarism

- Steve Jobs



## Although that should be obvious:

## Plagiarism is not tolerated in this seminar.

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- When borrowing another person's ideas, acknowledge their origin.

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Over time technology has been instrumental in increasing industrial and agricultural production, improving transportation and communications, advancing human health care and overall improving many aspects of human life. However, much of its success is based on the availability of land, water, energy, and biological resources of the earth.\*

\*Pimental, David, "Population Growth and the Environment: Planetary Stewardship", Electronic Green Journal, #9, December, 1998. Online. Internet. [June 22, 1999]. Available WWW: http://egj.lib.uidaho.edu/egj09/piment1.html

## Your version:

Research has shown that technology has been instrumental in increasing industrial and agricultural production, improving transportation and communications, advancing human health care and overall improving many aspects of human life. However, much of its success is based on the availability of land, water, energy, and biological resources of the earth.

No citation, large parts copied word by word. Definitely a 5.0!



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## Your version:

Research has shown that the advancement of technology has been instrumental in increasing industrial and agricultural production, improving transportation and communications, health care and overall many aspects of human life. (Pimental, 1998)

The source is cited, but you took large parts word-by-word!



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## Your version:

According to Pimental, "technology has been instrumental in increasing industrial and agricultural production, improving transportation and communications, advancing human health care and overall improving many aspects of human life" (1998). He cautions, however, that technological progress is dependent on natural resources.

- You have properly quoted and paraphrased the author!
- However, do not use too many word-by-word citations: bad style.



### Source:

Over time technology has been instrumental in increasing industrial and agricultural production, improving transportation and communications, advancing human health care and overall improving many aspects of human life. However, much of its success is based on the availability of land, water, energy, and biological resources of the earth.\*

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## Your version:

Research has shown that the advancement of science has been beneficial to the areas of agricultural and industrial production and communication and transportation fields. Furthermore, science has greatly improved health care and is the prime factor in a higher standard of life for many people.

- Most words have changed, but structure remains the same
- This is paraphrasing without indicating the original source the worst!

## **Quick Quiz**



#### Source:

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#### Your version:

According to Pimental (1998), technology has greatly improved our standard of living. He cautions, however, that technological progress is dependent on natural resources.

• The proper way to paraphrase, and credit is given!

# **Discussion / Questions**





# Thank you!



# **Appendix**

### **Literature and Links**



**CORE** ranking

http://portal.core.edu.au/conf-ranks/

**Conference acceptance rates** 

http://isi.usc.edu/confstats/

https://www.cs.ucsb.edu/~almeroth/conf/stats/





#### Most simple document just requires four lines of input

\documentclass{article}
\begin{document}
This is a sample text!
\end{document}

specifies the class/style template start tag indicates that text follows enter your text here closing tag indicates end of document

## Commonly used document classes

- tudreport
  - TU Darmstadt-style reports and theses
- IEEEtran
  - Used by most computer science conferences
- scrartcl
  - KOMA script article (very configurable)
- letter
  - Yes, some people still write letters...







#### Many document classes have parameters

a4paper / letterpaper defines paper size

■ 10pt / 11pt / 12pt defines font size

■ oneside / twoside single- or double-sided document

cf. documentation of used class

## LaTeX documents can be extended by packages

• \usepackage[utf8] {inputenc} adjust input encoding to the system

■ \usepackage[T1] {fontenc} adjust font encoding in output

• \usepackage { amsmath } enable mathematical symbols

• \usepackage[ngerman] {babel} set document language to German

■ \usepackage{color} allow colored text

■ \usepackage {url} make links clickable

■ \usepackage { hyperref } turns all links into references



# **Structuring and Formatting Documents**

### **Hierarchical structuring**

- \chapter{} (only available in reports, starts a new page)
- \section{}
- \subsection{}
- \subsubsection{}
- | \paragraph()
- \subparagraph{}
- Combination with an asterisk (\*) leads to unnumbered entries, e.g., \section\* { }

## **Typefaces**

- texttt{abc}
  typewriter
  textbf{def}
  bold
  memph{ghi}
  emphasized (often the same as italics)
- \textit{jkl} italics





#### **Numbered lists (enumeration)**

- begin{enumerate}
- \item ...
- \end{enumerate}

#### **Unnumbered lists**

- begin{itemize}
- \item ...
- \end{itemize}

- First level, itemize, first item
  - Second level, itemize, first item
  - Second level, itemize, second item
    - 1. Third level, enumerate, first item
    - 2. Third level, enumerate, second item
- First level, itemize, second item

## Lists can be encapsulated in one another

#### **Footnotes**

• \footnote{This is a footnote.}



# More Complex (=Realistic) Example

\end{document}

```
\documentclass[conference] {IEEEtran}
                                                                  Document class
\begin{document}
\title{This Should Be Set In Title Case}
                                                                  Title information
\author{ \IEEEauthorblockN{Andreas Reinhardt}
          \IEEEauthorblockA{Multimedia Communications Lab, TU Darmstadt
\maketitle
\begin{abstract}
                                                                   Actual content
 What is the problem? Why is it a problem?
 What do we do about it? Why is our solution good?
\end{abstract}
\section{Introduction}
 Today, the biggest problem is ...
```

#### **Quotes and Citations**



### LaTeX has different quotation marks

"This is a quote" [1]

- Quotation marks in English documents
  - Before the quote: two forward ticks (``)
  - After the quote: two single ticks ('')
- "German style" in German documents "Das ist wörtlich übernommen"
  - Load the German babel package: \usepackage[ngerman] {babel}
  - Before a quote
    - Double quotation mark and single forward tick ("`)
    - Alternatively two commas (, ,)
  - After the quote: double quotation mark and single tick ("')

## General remark about the usage of verbatim citations

- Use sparingly to avoid distracting the reader from your own contributions
- In any case: Avoid plagiarism!



# **Frequently Asked Questions**

Q: Umlauts in German documents do not work **A1:** Use escape sequences \"A, \"O, \"U, \"a, \"o, \"u, and \ss{} **A2:** Use the inputenc and fontenc packages: (Windows) \usepackage[ansinew]{inputenc} (Linux) \usepackage[latin1]{inputenc} \usepackage[applemac]{inputenc} (OSX) \usepackage[T1]{fontenc}

Q: I need to use a special symbol

**A:** Check out the comprehensive LaTeX symbol list

http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/wiki/index.php/LaTeX:Symbols http://mirror.unicorncloud.org/CTAN/info/symbols/comprehensive/symbols-a4.pdf

Q: The document does not compile

**A:** Check the log output, possibly search the Web for known issues





## LaTeX class for TUD corporate identity

- Packets are available (C. v. Loewenich, J. Werner)
  - http://expl.fkp.physik.tu-darmstadt.de/tuddesign
  - Installation instructions are provided for different operating systems
- Technical reports, student reports (unless other document styles are requested)
  - Use the tudreport class
  - Check your institute for different (modified) templates
    - http://www.kom.tu-darmstadt.de/teaching/theses/templates
- TU Darmstadt uses special fonts in their corporate design
  - Make sure to install them for the template to look properly

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