Thesis Template - Generic

This template can be used for any thesis. Other templates can be seen as variations on this one.

*Research type: Any*

*Research strategy: Any*

*Research methods: Any*

# Template Structure

## Part I Introduction

* Provide a brief overall background to the thesis
* Identify the area within computer and systems science to which the thesis contributes

### Problem

* Discuss the problem that the thesis intends to address
* Explain and justify the significance of the problem
* Clarify if the problem is theoretical or practical

### Research question

* State the research question
* Explain how the research question is related to the problem, in particular how an answer to the research question can help to solve the problem

### Delimitations

* State any delimitations of the research question, e.g. delimitations to a geographical area or a certain kind of organizations

### Thesis Structure

* Describe the structure of the thesis

## Part II Extended background

* Provide a detailed background to the thesis
* Describe relevant related work

## Part III Methodology

* State and justify the selection of research strategies as well as research methods for data collection and data analysis
* Discuss alternative research strategies and methods that could have been used
* Describe how the research strategies and research methods have been applied
* Discuss ethical aspects related to the selection and application of the research strategies and research methods

## Part IV Results

* Describe the results from applying the research strategies and research methods
* Provide an explicit answer to the research question (sometimes this can be placed in Part V Discussion)

## Part V Discussion

* Reflect on the research carried out and its contributions
* Identify limitations in the study and discuss them, e.g. in terms of validity, reliability, generalizability, transferability, and confirmability
* Outline the practical and theoretical significance of the contributions and discuss ethical and social aspects
* Suggest areas for future research

# Notes

The easiest way to apply the template is to let each part be a chapter of its own, but sometimes one part can be divided into several chapters or one chapter can cover two parts.

While this template can be used for any thesis, it is often preferable to use another template that is a better fit for the thesis that is to be written.