Short Title

# Structure

Your paper needs to cover following contents:

* **Short title** that summarizes the content (max. 10 words)  
  *Example: Using chatbots to increase gratitude — a design science approach*
* **Research problem** (max. 300 words)  
  *Very brief introduction to the phenomena to be studied and the theory used as well as the research question that should be answered*
* **Research design** (1.000 to 1.700 words)

*Presentation and justification of the research design (i.e., data collection and data analysis) that shows how you intend to generate meaningful answers to the research question*

* **References**

All page counts exclude figures, tables, and references.

# Formal requirements

## Indexes

Tables of contents and lists of figures/tables are not required.

## Formatting

You should format your paper exactly like this document. The template file contains specially formatted styles that are designed to reduce the work in formatting your paper and increase comparability.

## Length

Paper should be at least 1.200 words, but not exceed 2.000 words (excluding tables, figures, and references)

## Header and Footer

Please modify the header from page 2 on (running title) and the footer accordingly.

## Sections

Use the title style for your short title, the heading style 1 for sections and heading style 2 for subsections. Please do not go any further into another layer/level.

## Figures

Place figures and tables close to the relevant text (or where they are referenced in the text).



Figure 1. Model

## Tables

Inserting a table in the text can work well. You may want to adjust the vertical spacing of the text in the tables. (In Word, use Format | Paragraph… and then the Line and Page Breaks tab. Generally, text in each field of a table will look better if it has equal amounts of spacing above and below it, as in Table 1.)

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|  | **Treatment 1** | **Treatment 2** |
| **Setting A** | 125 | 95 |
| **Setting B** | 85 | 102 |
| **Setting C** | 98 | 85 |

Table 1. A Very Nice Table

## References and Citations

References are to be formatted using the *APA 7th* style. References must be complete, i.e., include, as appropriate, volume, number, month, publisher, city and state, editors, last name & initials of all authors, page numbers, etc.

Your references should comprise only published materials accessible to the public. Proprietary information may not be cited.

References should be ordered in alphabetic order.

# References

Haki, Kazem; Beese, Jannis; Aier, Stephan; and Winter, Robert. 2020. "The Evolution of Information Systems Architecture: An Agent-Based Simulation Model," *MIS Quarterly*, (44: 1) pp.155-184.

# Sample Text (500 words)

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