

# Instructions for \*ACL Proceedings

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## Abstract

This document is a supplement to the general instructions for \*ACL authors. It contains instructions for using the Typst style files for ACL conferences. The document itself conforms to its own specifications, and is therefore an example of what your manuscript should look like. These instructions should be used both for papers submitted for review and for final versions of accepted papers.

## 1 Introduction

These instructions are for authors submitting papers to \*ACL conferences using Typst. They are not self-contained. All authors must follow the general instructions for \*ACL proceedings,<sup>1</sup> and this document contains additional instructions for the Typst style files.

The templates include the Typst source of this document (`main.typ`), the Typst style file used to format it (`acl.typ`), an ACL bibliography style (`association-for-computational-linguistics-blinky.csl`), and an example bibliography (`custom.bib`).

## 2 Engines

The ACL Typst style is written for Typst 0.12.

## 3 Preamble

You can load the ACL template into your Typst file as follows:

```
#import "acl.typ":*
```

```
#show: doc => acl(doc,  
  anonymous: false,  
  title: [(your title)],  
  authors: (  
    (  
      name: "Alexander Koller",  
      affiliation: [Saarland University],  
      email: "koller@coli.uni-saarland.de",  
    ),  
  ),  
)
```

You can then write the rest of your document as usual. Use the `#abstract` command to typeset your abstract.

Use `anonymous: true` to generate an anonymous version of your paper that is suitable for submission to the conference.

## 4 Document Body

### 4.1 Footnotes

Footnotes are inserted with the `#footnote` command.<sup>2</sup>

### 4.2 Tables and figures

### 4.3 Citations

Table 1 shows the syntax supported by the style files. You can use the Typst `cite` command to get “(author, year)” citations ([Gusfield, 1997](#)). You can use the `cite` command in prose form to get “author (year)” citations, like this citation to a paper by [Gusfield \(1997\)](#).

## 5 Limitations

The Typst ACL style currently has a number of limitations compared to the more mature LaTeX style. Here are some workarounds.

- Author lists with more than three authors will be very crowded. There is currently no real way to expand the titlebox or use a larger grid for the author list.

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<sup>1</sup><http://acl-org.github.io/ACLPUB/formatting.html>

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<sup>2</sup>This is a footnote.

Output	Citation command
(Gusfield, 1997)	@, cite
Gusfield (1997)	cite(<...>, form: "prose")

Table 1: Citation commands supported by the style file. The style is based on the natbib package and supports all natbib citation commands. It also supports commands defined in previous ACL style files for compatibility.

- When you directly follow a first-level heading (=) with a second-level heading (==), the style generates some extra whitespace in between. You can remove this extra whitespace with #v(-0.5em). See the source code of [Section 4.1](#) for an example.
- The two columns of a page will not automatically be aligned at the bottom. This is a [known limitation in Typst](#) that should be fixed at some point. For the time being, you can manually insert whitespace above each paragraph in the shorter column with #v.
- There is no command for a possessive citation (\citeposs in the LaTeX style). You can piece it together with the author and year forms of the cite command.

## References

Dan Gusfield. 1997. *Algorithms on strings, trees and sequences*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, UK.

## **A Example Appendix**

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