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Abstract

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1 Introduction

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2 System Overview

3 Approach

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3.2 This also is a subsection.

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3.3 This too is a subsection

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\usepackage{latexsym}

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Table 1: Font guide.

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5 Discussion

It is also advised to supplement non-English characters and terms with appropriate transliterations and/or translations since not all readers understand all such characters and terms. Inline transliteration or translation can be represented in the order of: original-form transliteration "translation".

6 Conclusion

Long papers may consist of up to 9 pages of content, plus two extra pages for references. Short papers may consist of up to 5 pages of content, plus two extra pages for references. Papers that do not conform to the specified length and formatting requirements may be rejected without review.

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