



ECNDT2023 guidelines for the preparation of manuscripts for full papers for conference proceedings

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Abstract

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1. Introduction

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2.2.1 Title and Author

The title should emphasise the objective of the paper. Avoid excessive length and use secondary titles only when necessary. The title should be in 14pt bold, sentence case (only the first letter of the first word capitalised except for proper nouns), centred on the width of the opening page and spaced 30mm from the top of the page. Names of authors should be centred on the third line below the title. The name(s) should be shown as first name, middle initial, and last name or first initial, middle name, and last name, as preferred. Only the first letter of names should be capitalised. If there is only one author, his/her Affiliation, Country, E-mail should be single spaced below the name. If there is more than one author their names should appear in accordance to their contribution to the work described in the paper. In the event of different affiliations, these should be indicated by means of numbers in superscript. The main author is assumed to be the corresponding author and if not, please indicate this by underscoring the co-author that is.

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The abstract begins on the third line below the authors' names and addresses, as described above. The abstract should be typed in the same manner as the text. The abstract should clearly state the objective of the paper and should present salient conclusions in minimum 200 words and maximum 300 words.

2.2.3 Body

The body of the paper should begin on the third line below the last line of the abstract. The body of the paper should open with an introduction, which is a brief assessment of prior work by others, and an explanation of how the paper contributes to the field. The introduction should briefly describe the extent of the study and techniques employed. The introduction part of the body should not contain information on results obtained.

After the introduction, the main body of the paper is presented. It is here that the primary information contained in the paper is located. The author is free to select the format best suited to the paper. Sections may cover such topics as previous work, experimental methods, theory, results, discussion, etc. The author should present material succinctly, eliminating details readily available from other sources.

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Terms to be abbreviated should be given in full the first time they appear, followed by the acronym or abbreviation in parentheses. Subsequently, the acronym is used. Acronyms should be used prudently; an excessive number should be avoided.

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$$r(k) = r_0 e^{(-2R_q^2 k^2)} \quad (1)$$

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Table 1: Table example

Item	Specifications
Table caption defined	The table caption, in bold and Times New Roman 10pt, should always be centred with the table number above the table. Arabic numbers should be used for table numbers. Do not end the table caption with a full stop.
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Following the body of the report the author should present, in narrative format, conclusions drawn from the paper. The conclusions should be based on the discussion in the body of the paper. In addition, it may be valuable to demonstrate the value of the work to the profession. The conclusions should be written for the general reader. Specific detailed information is better confined to the body of the paper.

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