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Change Log

Date	Version	Editor	Summary of changes made
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Executive summary

The executive summary of a report deliverable is expected to be an abstract version of it. It should give a quick glimpse of the main results of the deliverable. In principle, the executive summary should consist of about 10 to 20 lines of text.

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1 Section top level

Text ...

1.1 Section 2nd level

Text ...

1.1.1 Section 3rd level

Text ...

2 Report titles

Deliverables have a title that is defined in the DoA (Description of the action – part A of annex 1 of the grant agreement). This title is referred to as the full title of the deliverable. Please stick to the official spelling. It is important to also define a short title (max 60 characters) for each deliverable as it can be cumbersome to always use a lengthy (full) title.

3 File naming

The project will generate many documents (deliverable reports) and versions of these reports. It is therefore beneficial to consistently use an agreed file naming format.

NewsEye-Tmm-Dnn-DeliverableShortName-status-vn.n.Extension

Notice the hyphen between the various elements of the file name.

- **NewsEye:** Each NewsEye report should be preceded by the project acronym. Notice, there is only a single spelling of the acronym: 'NewsEye'.
- **Tmm:** Indicating the task number, e.g., 'T21' for 'Task 2.1' following the numbering of the DoA (part A of annex 1 of the grant agreement). Notice, there is no dot between the two parts of the task number.
- **Dnn:** Indicating the deliverable identifier, e.g., 'D34' for 'D3.4' following the numbering of the DoA. Notice, there is no dot between the two parts of the deliverable number.
- **DeliverableShortName:** This should be based on the formal short title of deliverables but 'contracted' into a single (no spaces) character string using Java class naming convention, e.g., 'ExploitationPlan', or 'MWPrototypeForLibX' or 'ProjectWebSite'. Avoid underscore, space and other unusual characters.
- **Status:**
 - draft = draft version – indicates that the drafting of the report is in progress; The 'final draft' is the version sent to reviewers (v1.x);
 - final = final version as checked and updated by the reviewers/WP leader/quality manager. It can still evolve before its last version (v2.x) is sent to the project administrator;

- submitted = submitted version as submitted to the EC by the project coordinator (normally v3.0).
- **vn.n:** The version of the report starting from v1.0. Once more, conventionally:
 - 1.x stands for the draft versions;
 - 2.x stands for final versions;
 - 3.x stands for the submitted version (in theory, only 3.0 will exist);
 - x is an integer, starting with 0, and incremented by 1 for each new subversion within the status ('draft', 'final', or in rare cases 'submitted').¹
- **Extension:** File extension, e.g., 'doc' for Microsoft Word and 'pdf' for Portable Document Format. All deliverables will be submitted in PDF format.

Examples:

- NewsEye-T13-D111-DataGeneration-draft-v1.2.doc
- NewsEye-T41-D42-AnalysisOfDataInAGivenContext-final-v2.0.pdf
- NewsEye-T83-D82-QualityAssurancePlan-submitted-v.3.0.pdf

4 Change log

The change log is there to keep track of the changes made to the document. Whenever changes are made to the document, a new version should be created and the changes should be briefly summarized in the change log. There is a minimum of three phases of change log entries. (1) The Deliverable Manager (researcher responsible for this deliverable) enters changes as he or she develops the document. (2) The two reviewers and the Quality Manager register the changes made in the quality assurance phase. Once the Deliverable Manager passes the report on to the Project Manager, the status should be changed from 'draft' to 'final'. (3) The Project Manager registers the changes before submitting the document. Before he submits the report to the EC, the status should be changed from 'final' to 'submitted'.

5 Document formatting

6 Basic formatting

Use standard \LaTeX formatting to write your document.

Format lists using `\begin{itemize}`.

- Point 1
- Another point

Separate paragraphs using blank lines.

If you need to force a page break, use `\newpage`.

¹ Please note: when using a collaborative platform for co-writing, the x number (in 1.x for instance) will remain unchanged.

You can use footnotes using the `\footnote{}` command².

6.1 Headings

Like in many journals and books, it is a good practice not to use more than 3 levels of headings. If you really need more, then by all means do so, but you may first consider how to structure the document with a maximum of three heading levels.

Use the following capitalization style for all headings:

‘Text text text text’

Only first term is capitalized (unless, of course, English grammar capitalization require otherwise) and do not use a full stop at the end.

Notice, there is an empty line before each new heading!

A paragraph title. You can also use `\paragraph{}` for small divisions.

6.2 Paragraph

The paragraphs are separated by an empty line (not by ad hoc spacing). Each plain paragraph has the style Normal, which has the following main formatting features:

- Style: Arial
- Font size: 10 pt
- Alignment: Justified
- Spacing: 1.2 lines

6.3 Page set-up

Format: A4

Left and right margins: 2.54 cm

Top and bottom margins: 2.00 cm

6.4 Captions and citations

Use the following for captions and cross-referencing:

- ‘Table 1’ for tables, not ‘table 1’ or ‘Tab. 1’, etc.
- ‘Figure 1’ for figures, not ‘figure 1’ or ‘Fig. 1’, etc.
- ‘Section 1.1.1’ to cross-reference other sections, not ‘section 1.1.1’ or ‘S. 1.1.1’, etc.

Do not abbreviate the word ‘Equation’ to ‘eq’, ‘Eqn’, etc.

²Like this!

Table captions should be placed **above** the table and figure captions **below** the figure. The captions should succinctly describe the content of the table or figure.

6.5 Tables

6.6 Figures

Good figures/diagrams are even more difficult to produce than tables. Figures should contain legends explaining the symbols in the figure. Avoid surrounding of the figure with a box outline. If there are different parts to a figure (e.g., (a), (b), (c)), indicate these clearly. Make sure that the labels within a figure/diagram are spelled consistently within the figure/diagram and are also consistently spelled in the text. Make sure that caption appears on the same page as the figure. The figure caption is below the figure! See an example of a figure and its caption below (*not currently reproduced in Latex*).

The figure caption should follow the sentence style layout and end with a full stop. The figure caption as well as the figure should be left-aligned.

To include figures inline, using `\begin{figure}[H]`. For example, the following chart provides an overview on the main components of the project:

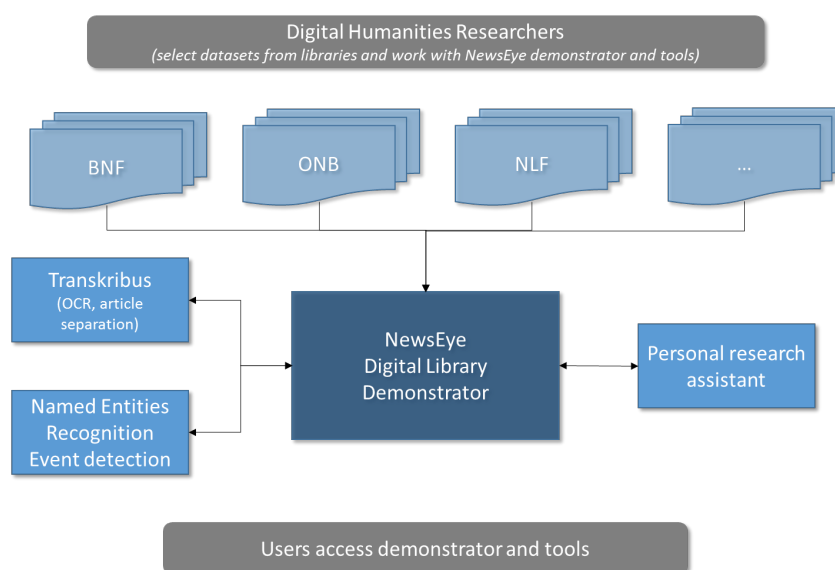


Figure 1: Overview of NewsEye

6.7 Footnotes

This³ is a footnote.

³Usually the footnote is at the bottom of the same page where the footnote is cited and the font size is only 9 pt. Footnotes are useful to for including nasty-looking long Web references which would look terrible if used in the main flow of the text.

7 Language and notation

There are a few things one should consider when writing documents in terms of language. The question is not deeply philosophical in the sense of whether one or the other approach is fundamentally correct (or wrong). It is more a case of maintaining a certain level of consistency across the project.

Since **British/UK English** is the official version of English within the EC, we should adopt this, rather than using different forms of English ranging from US to Australian to Caribbean through to Zimbabwean. So (a) use a spell-checker, and (b) set it to UK English!

Quotation marks. UK English (unlike US), use single quotation marks ('X') instead of double quotation marks ("X"). At least maintain consistency within a document.

- It is claimed that Y is 'superior' to X.
- 'Good morning, Dave,' greeted HAL.

Do not use quotation marks to indicate emphasis – use italics, bold or underline style instead.

Avoid **colloquial English** and highly informal expressions in scientific writing. The Web is full of good guidelines on writing scientific documents and the use of English.

The accepted standard for separating **orders of magnitude** in large figures is not ',' or ''' (quotation mark) or '.', but a non-breaking (small) space.

- This is bad: 1,000,000 or 1.000.000 or 1'000'000 (very bad!)
- This is good: 1 000 000. For four-digit numbers, no separation symbol is usually used, e.g., 1000, 9300.

Capitalization. Use capitalization according to English grammar rules, not according to what you read in papers, especially in IT papers, as IT people (and some other engineering folks) are notoriously poor in adhering to good standards of English grammar and expression. Apart from few exceptions, you capitalize words that are either a name or a kind of title, and, obviously, at the beginning of a sentence. So capitalizing terms like 'machine learning', 'data mining', etc. is grammatically incorrect (unless they occur in a name or title). Avoid capitalization of the word 'grid' and similar words, unless grammar rules suggest otherwise. Also, you do not capitalize a term just because the acronym comes in capital letters, so it is 'case-based reasoning (CBR)' and not 'Case-Based Reasoning (CBR)'. Incidentally, the whole point of introducing abbreviations like 'Web services (WS)' in a text is that the abbreviation, instead of the full version, is to be used subsequently. Hence, it does not make sense, as it is sometimes seen, to introduce the same abbreviation more than once. Sometimes, if too many abbreviations are introduced and used, the text becomes unreadable, so use this mechanism only for the most important concepts and use the full terms for most other notions.

Capitalization rules:

<http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/~jlynch/Writing/c.html>

<http://www.grammarbook.com/punctuation/capital.asp>

Tense. Use **past tense** when describing activities and tasks (experiments, developments, etc.) carried out in the past.

- A test bed **was** set up to ...
- The evaluation **revealed** that ...

Use **present tense** when describing the ideas, design, systems, etc. that exist in the present.

- The system supports the following exchange formats ...
- A key property of the system is its ability to ...

Large numbers. Use explicit format or scientific notation for large numbers

Use 1 200 000 000, not 1.2bn or 1,200,000,000

Or use $1.20 \cdot 10^9$ or 1.20×10^9

Small numbers. As usual, unless in tables and similar things, use one, two, ..., twelve for numbers < 13, and {13, 14, ...} for large numbers.

Numbers and units. Use small space (In Latex: \, or ~) to separate figures from units. E.g.,

- 10 GB, not 10GB
- 2.13 s, not 2.13s

Bits, bytes and pieces. Use the following terms and abbreviations for bytes. By the way, sometimes it is better to use the full term than the abbreviation.

Bits:

kb or Kb	kilobit	10^3
Mb	megabit	10^6
Gb	gigabit	10^9
Tb	terabit	10^{12}
Pb	petabit	10^{15}
Eb	exabit	10^{18}
Zb	zettabit	10^{21}
Yb	yottabit	10^{24}

Bytes:

kB or KB	kilobyte	10^3
MB	megabyte	10^6
GB	gigabyte	10^9
TB	terabyte	10^{12}
PB	petabyte	10^{15}
EB	exabyte	10^{18}
ZB	zettabyte	10^{21}
YB	yottabyte	10^{24}

Precision, accuracy and significance. In the decimal system, the **accuracy** of a number x is given by the number of **significant** decimal digits to the right of the decimal point in x , the **precision** of x is the total number of significant decimal digits. <http://mathworld.wolfram.com/Precision.html>

When a number is expressed in scientific notation, the number of **significant** digits (or significant figures) is the number of digits needed to express the number to within the uncertainty of calculation. For example, if a quantity is known to be 1.234 ± 0.002 , four figures would be significant. <http://mathworld.wolfram.com/SignificantDigits.html>

Unless there is a good reason, **do not** use more than three fractional digits or places (the number of digits following the point). For example, you may have ‘measured’ the run time of a grid data mining process as 12.346789 s (probably difficult if not impossible – but system clocks spit out all sorts of things), you need to think if it is really of importance to report all those fractional digits, maybe 12.35 s will do.

Other issues. Avoid overly long sentences. Certain studies suggest that sentence over approximately 20 words become difficult to understand and should therefore be avoided. An example of a long sentence is shown below.

Now if nature should intermit her course and leave altogether, though it were but for awhile, the observation of her own laws; if those principal and mother elements of the world, whereof all things in this lower world are made, should lose the qualities which now they have; if the frame of that heavenly arch erected over our heads should loosen and dissolve itself; if celestial spheres should forget their wonted motions, and by irregular volubility turn themselves any way as it might happen; if the prince of the lights of heaven which now as a giant doth run his unwearied course, should, as it were through a languishing faintness, begin to stand and to rest himself; if the moon should wander from her beaten way, the times and seasons of the year blend themselves by disordered and confused mixture, the winds breathe out their last gasp, the clouds yield no rain, the earth be defeated of heavenly influence, the fruits of the earth pine away as children at the withered breasts of their mother no longer able to yield them relief — what would become of man himself, whom these things now do all serve?

Incidentally, the opposite, too many short sentences, may also undermine the scientific character of a technical/scientific document. For example:

BlindEye is the user interface. It has many options. For example, the ‘save’ option. Its function is to save user files. The file size is limited to 10 MB. Typically, this is not a problem. But biologists may require large files. This study addresses this issue. ...

Other. There are a number of other things one should consider when writing technical and scientific reports. There is a lot of material on the Web on this.

8 Source code etc.

You can use the `minted` package for formatting source code.

9 References

There are infinite options of how to format references and their citations within a document. Since there are many different partners and possible preferences from different domains, the best solution is not to define this globally. However, one should make sure that within a single document the notation for references and their citations should be consistent.

You can cite papers by adding them to `references.bib` and then including the `\cite{}` command to refer to them: `[1]`.

To update your bibliography, you need to run `pdflatex main`, then `biber main`, then `pdflatex main` again.

[URLs](#) should be included using the `\href{}{}` command.

Refer to sections within the document by placing a `\label{myname}` command at the start of the section, then using the `\ref{myname}` command to refer to it, as in the case of the section [1.1](#). Use the same method for referring to figures, like fig. [1](#).

References

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