Writing for Computer Science & Engineering

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Introduction



Class Information

- Writing for Computer Science and Engineering
- Lecturer: Ki-II Kim (Room 625, kikim93@gmail.com)
- ❖ Time: Tuesday, 14:00 ~ 17:00
- Grade
 - Exam, Attendance, Assignment (Latex)

Textbook

 Justin Zobel, Writing for Computer Science, Third Edition, Springer 2014.



Lecture Plan

Commencing a research program

- Getting started on the research and writing
- Reading and reviewing
- Principle of hypotheses, research question and evidence

Organization of paper and theses

Practice of writing

Good writing

 Writing style, mathematical style, presentation of algorithms, design of figures and graphs, experts writing for other professional contexts, final editing



Lecture Plan

- Research methodology
 - Experimentation and statistical principles
- Presentations
 - Talks and posters
- ***** Ethics



Getting Your Research Published



Why Publish?

- * Requirement for getting degree
- Personal satisfaction (pure pleasure)
- Establish a reputation and build a career (promotion)
- Build knowledge (save the world)

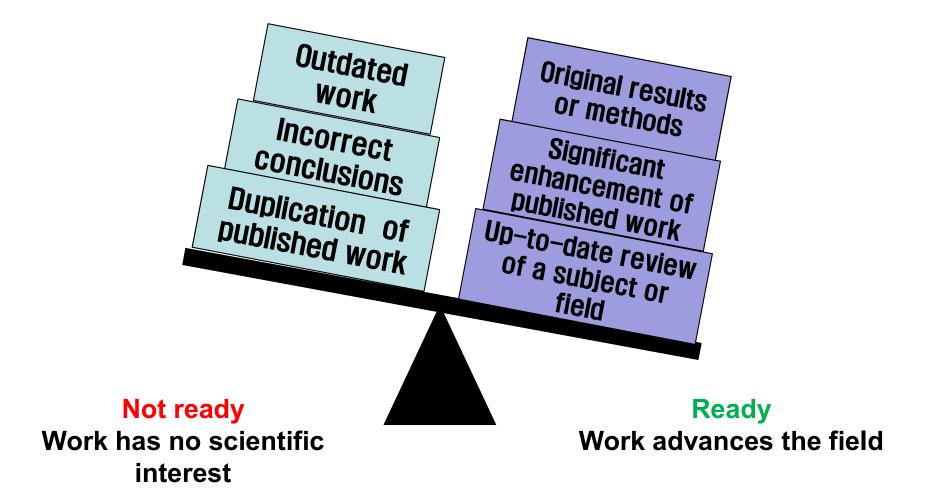


How Does it Work?

- Do some research
- Write it up
- Send it to a journal
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- Paper is accepted
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Are you ready to publish?



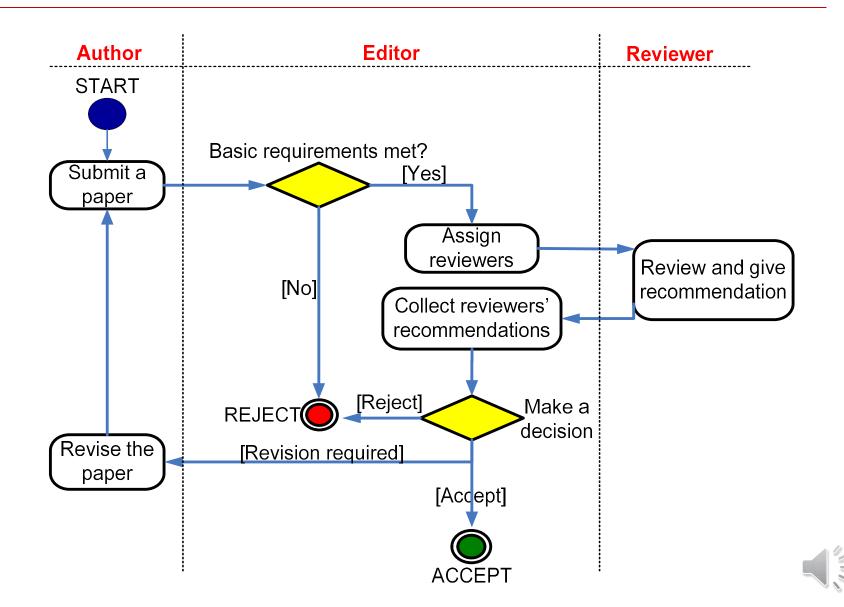


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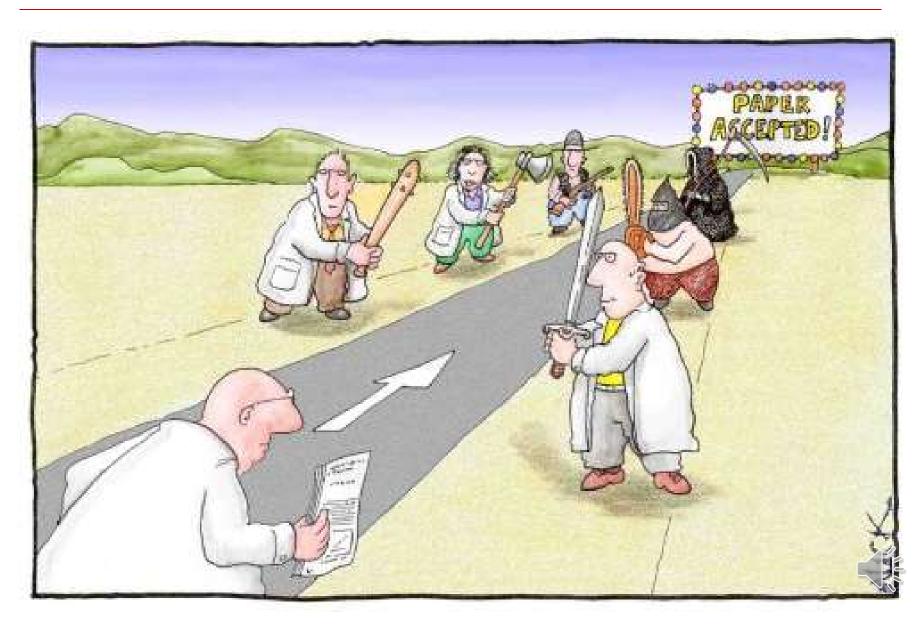
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What actually happens



Not how it works



That's Easy – What's All the Fuss About?

- Doing top-quality research is hard
- Top journals (IEEE, ACM) accept only 10% of papers
- Review process is slow and frustrating
- Reviewers generally less knowledgeable about your work than you are



Send it to a journal or conference

Submission

- Target the right journal were previous key papers published in this journal?
- Format your paper to that used by the target journal (including references)
- Get feedback before you submit the paper
- Make the Abstract and Introduction exciting and get your point(s) across
- Have something to say and communicate this

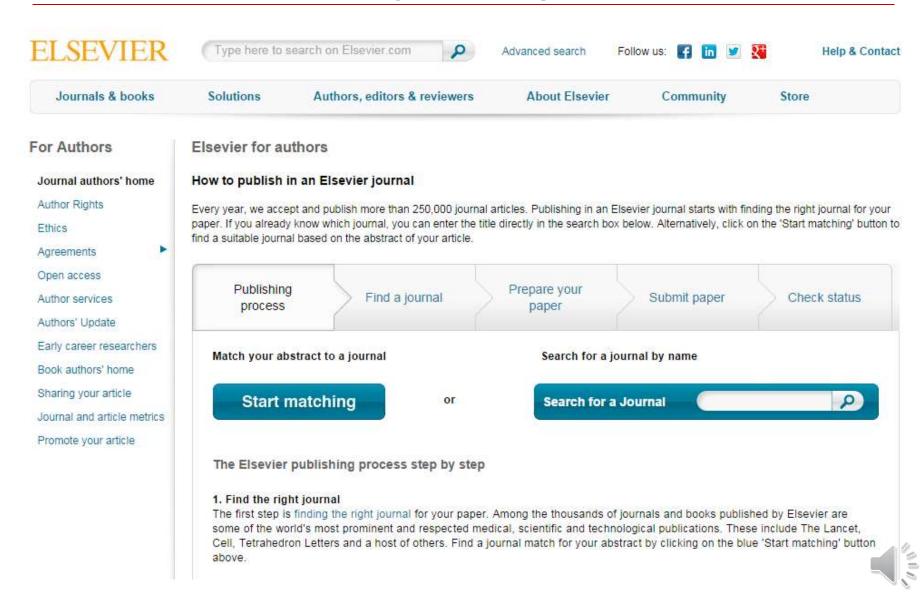


How do I choose the right journal?

- Aim to reach the intended audience for your work
- Choose only one journal, as simultaneous submissions are prohibited
- Supervisor and colleagues can provide good suggestions
- Shortlist a handful of candidate journals
 - Aims & Scope
 - Types of articles considered
 - Readership e.g. academic versus practice
 - Subscription versus Open Access
 - Speed of publication
 - Peer review process (single blind, double blind, open)
 - Bibliometrics

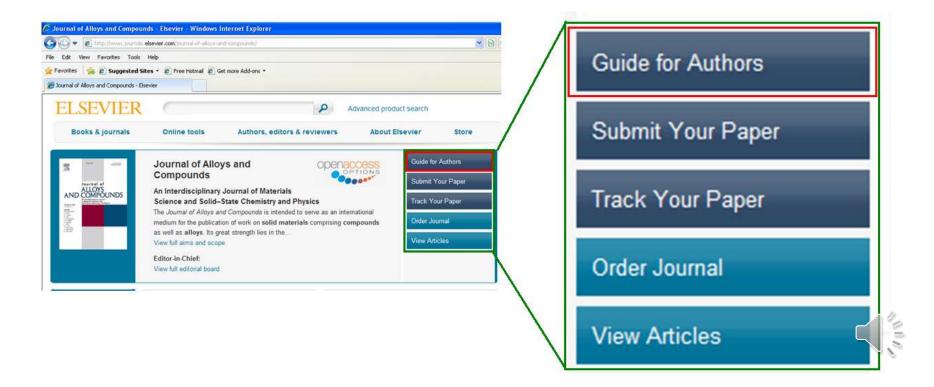


Tools to help you choose the right journal (Elsevier)



The Guide for Authors (Elsevier)

- Find it on the journal homepage of the publisher, e.g. Elsevier.com
- *Keep to the Guide for Authors in your manuscript
- ❖It will save your time



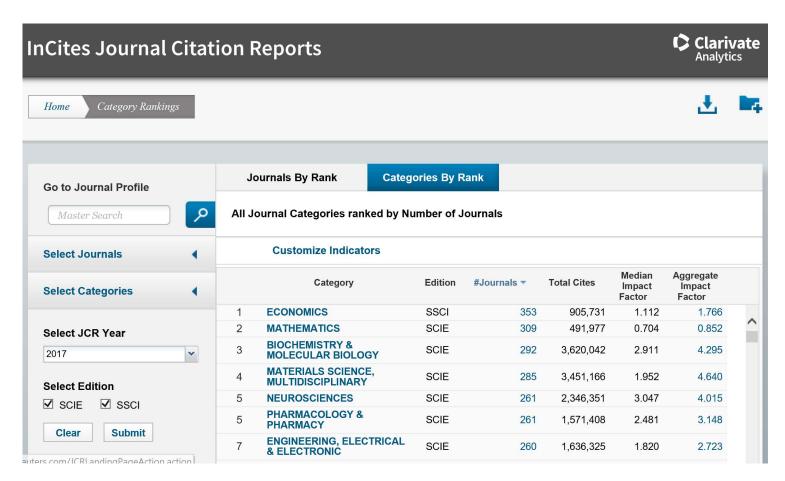
Tools to help you choose the right journal

- Googling
- JCR Website
 - Search the categories (CS)
- Call for papers
 - Special Issue speciality, deadline, fixed publication date



Tools to help you choose the right journal

Journal Citation Reports





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Add Journals to New or Existing List Customize Indicate
Journal Title Total Journal Impact Eigenfactor Score Factor ▼
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How do I choose the right conference?

- **❖** BK21+ conference list
- Networking Conferences Statistics
 - https://www.cs.ucsb.edu/~almeroth/conf/stats/
- Call for paper
 - Enrolling the mailing list (Mycolleagues, seworld)
 - Important factors (?): where, when, how long



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Choice of Word Processor

Choice

- Availability
- Figure, tables, mathematics
- Multiple fonts and size
- Cross-references to figure, table, equations, sections and bibliographic entries
- Lifecycle of technical articles

Visual style vs. compiler style

- Ms word vs. Latex
- Immediate use, first draft vs. scientific writing

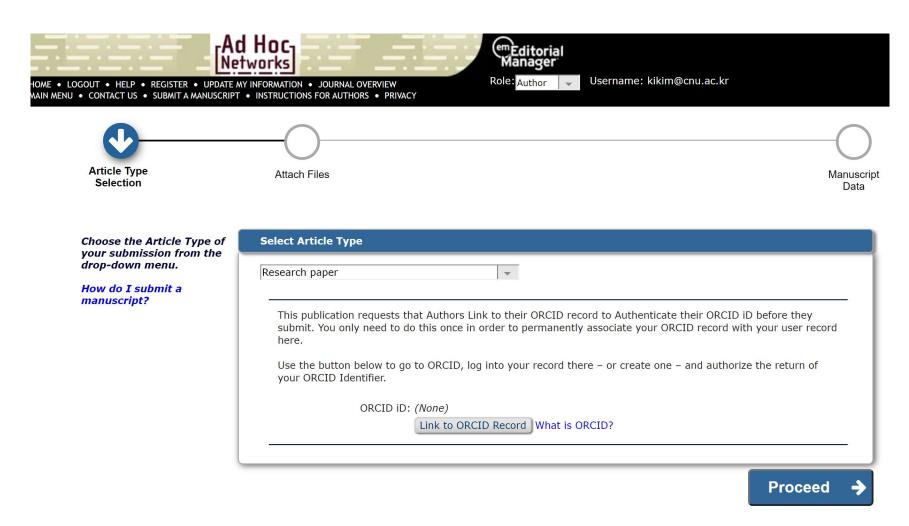
Complier style

- Stable, macro facilities, no mathematical problem (looks amateurish)
- Latex is best word-processor for scientific writing

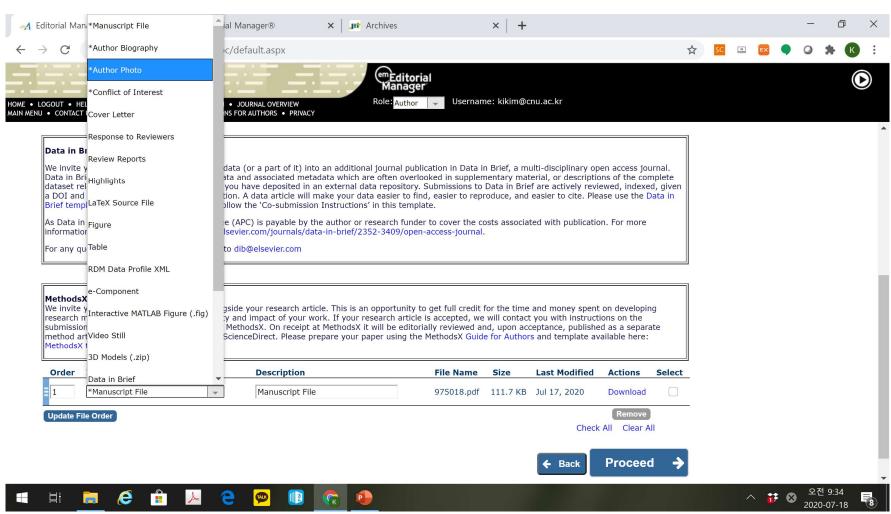


How can I find out more about the status of my manuscript?

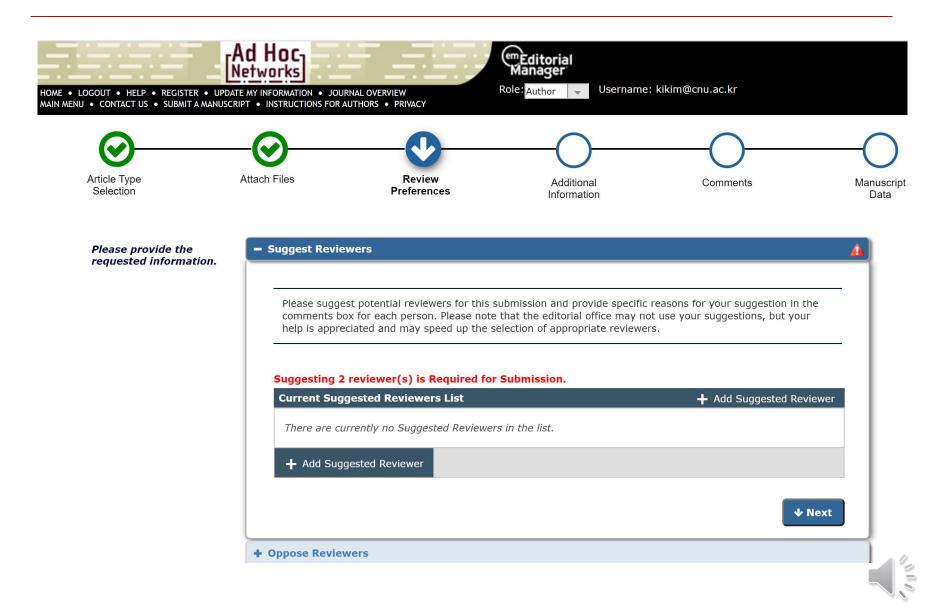












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Peer Review Process

Editorial Screening

- Does the topic fit the scope & aim of journal?
- Some papers are rejected here, called "desk rejection" ...

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PEER REVIEW

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EDITORIAL REVIEW

EDITORIAL DECISION

- Accept
- Accepted with contingencies
- Revise
- · Reject

- Author(s)
 may revise &
 re-submit if
 asked by the
 Editor
- Final copyediting

TO PUBLISH: YES OR NO?



Peer Review









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Why Should You Review Manuscript?

- * Read latest research in public health
- * Read examples of good & horrible papers!
- Improves your own manuscript writing!
- * Add manuscript reviewing to C.V.!



Revision





Revision

- Don't ignore the reviewers or editor no matter how stupid they are
- Tailor your revision notes around the reviewer comments
 - Number the responses or keep them in the same order as the reviewer comments
 - Repeat the reviewer comments then respond to them
 - Help the reviewer navigate through the revised paper by telling him/her where the changes are



Revision

Don't forget to also respond to the editor

- If you disagree with a reviewer, explain this separately to the editor. This is a neutral person
- Make copies of reviewer responses for editor and each reviewer. It's amazing how often paperwork gets mixed up in the review process
- If using electronic submission, watch out for glitches



Responding to reviewer comments

ADDRESSING REVIEWER COMMENTS BAD REVIEWS ON YOUR PAPER? FOLLOW THESE GUIDE-

Reviewer comment:

"The method/device/paradigm the authors propose is clearly wrong."

How NOT to respond:

X"Yes, we know. We thought we could still get a paper out of it. Sorry."

Correct response:

√"The reviewer raises an interesting concern. However, as the focus of this work is exploratory and not performance-based, validation was not found to be of critical importance to the contribution of the paper."

Reviewer comment:

"The authors fail to reference the work of Smith et al., who solved the same problem 20 years ago."

How NOT to respond:

X"Huh. We didn't think anybody had read that. Actually, their solution is better than ours."

Correct response:

"The reviewer raises an interesting concern. However, our work is based on completely different first principles (we use different variable names), and has a much more attractive graphical user interface.

Reviewer comment:

"This paper is poorly written and scientifically unsound. I do not recommend it for publication."

How NOT to respond:

X"You #&@*% reviewer! I know who you are! I'm gonna get you when it's my turn to review!"

Correct response:

"The reviewer raises an interesting concern. However, we feel the reviewer did not fully comprehend the scope of the work, and misjudged the results based on incorrect assumptions.

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Conference

Submission before deadline

Good conference has hard deadline

Most of conference uses web-based submission

- EDAS (IEEE), Self-System (ACM)
- Submission
- Decision
- Camera-ready paper
- Presentation



Some Words Related to Paper Submission

- Conflict of interests
- Acknowledgements
- Covering letter
- Plagiarism
- SCI(E), Impact factor, Scopus
- * IEEE, ACM, USENIX
- * Blind review
- **❖ IEEE Society, ACM SIG**





CS 분야 제출 시스템

- **EDAS**: IEEE Conferences
- EasyChair : IEEE Conference
- EditorialManager: Elseiver
- ScholarOne Manuscripts: IEEE journal
- Susy.mdpi.com : MDPI
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국내 학술대회 및 저널

❖ 학술대회

- 춘계, 추계 학술대회가 매년 개최
- 동계 학술대회가 있는 곳도 있음
- 워크샵의 이름으로 진행되는 곳도 있음

❖ 주관기관

- 정보과학회, 한국통신학회, 한국정보처리학회….

❖ 저널

- 각 기관별 저널이 있음
- 한국연구재단 등재지 제도 확인 필요 (KRI)



Funny Story

❖ 대학원생 죄악

- 교만: 이정도는 금방 쓰겠지

- 시기 : 나도 퍼블리시 할 수 있어

- 분노: 결과가 안 나와

- 나대 : 실험하기 싫다 논문읽기 싫다

- 탐욕: 읽지도 않을 논문 수집

- 식탐: 간식없이 버틸 수 없다





