Guidelines for type setting your contribution to the HPSG Proceedings

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1 Things to submit

Please submit:

- 1. your paper in pdf format 1 named 'kruger.pdf', if your lastname is Kruger.
- 2. an abstract

The abstract will be presented at a separate HTML page. You may submit it in ASCII [please remove LATEX mark up, thanks] or—if you have special formatting—in HTML. To get an idea about how this looks like, you may look at the proceedings of previous years at:

https://proceedings.hpsg.xyz/issue/archive

2 Deadline

The traditional deadline for submission is October 15th. Exceptions that may be due to late conference dates will be announced separately.

3 Page limit

The page limit for full papers is 20 pages. The title page does not count with respect to the page limit.

4 Title page

The title page will be created automatically in order to be recognizable by google scholar.

¹If you absolutely cannot do PDF, please let me know as soon as possible and I will accommodate you in some way: point you to some reasonable converters, help you with the conversion, etc.

5 Abstract

Please add a short (one paragraph) abstract directly on the first page. (no pagebreak before the main text, please)

6 Details on formatting

Please use the General style rules for linguistics: http://langsci.github.io/gsr/GenericStyleRulesLangsci.pdf. The most important aspects of these styles are the list of references and the glossed examples. Glossed examples have to be glossed according to the Leipzig Glossing Rules (LGR, https://www.eva.mpg.de/lingua/resources/glossing-rules.php). Abbreviations that are not defined in the LGR have to be listed at the end of the paper.

A list of bibtex items that have been checked during the editing of the HPSG handbook is available here: https://raw.githubusercontent.com/stefan11/HPSG-proceedings/refs/heads/master/hpsg-handbook-bibliography.bib.

If you use Zotero, you may also find my library of checked items useful: https://www.zotero.org/groups/3005400/langsci-syntax/library

6.1 LATEX users

6.1.1 Styles

Please adapt the example.tex file at:

 $https://raw.githubusercontent.com/stefan 11/HPSG-proceedings/master/example. \\tex$

and use the BibTeX file at https://raw.githubusercontent.com/stefan11/HPSG-proceedings/master/example.bib.

6.1.2 PDF creation

It is recommended to use lualatex.

6.1.3 A4 paper

Page numbers are inserted automatically. For this process to work properly it is important to use a4paper rather than letter. Most tex distributions in the US are set up to use letter paper as default.

If you are using dvips, please use the option -t a4. This tells dvips to use A4 paper.

If you are a Mac user and use MacTex you can change this setting with the Tex Live Utility. Go to Configure Change Paper Size and select A4.

6.1.4 Huge AVMs and trees

Please typeset trees, avms, and formulae in a way that they fit the \textwidth. If you see no other way to reduce the size of the respective objects, you may use resizebox from the package graphicx.

6.1.5 Hyphenation

If you write things like head-driven or very long pathes like synsem|loc|cat|head|mod|loc, LATEX does not do hyphenation (in the part following the dash).

If you use babel.sty you can enable German language shortcuts which allow for proper hyphenation:

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head"=driven
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\textsc{synsem$|\$""loc$|\$""cat$|\$""head$|\$""mod$|\$""loc}}
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With this markup even long pathes like synsem|loc|cat|head|mod|loc|cat| head are typeset properly. Alternatively you my write

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\textsc{synsem$|\$\-loc$|$\-cat$|$\-head$|$\-mod}
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which introduces a dash at the place of the linebreak: synsem|loc|cat|head|-mod|loc|cat|head.

You can activate the hyphenation shorthands by:

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\label{thm:linear_label} $$\addto\extrasenglish{\ngerman}}\useshorthands{"}
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This sets English as the main language but also loads code for German which includes the shorthands.

6.1.6 URLs

There is a cool package: url.sty. It helps you typeset URLs and together with the hyperref style the URLs are even clickable. The '~' symbol is correctly displayed with url.sty. Please use the hyphens option for the url package. See example.tex for details.

6.2 Others (StarOffice, Word Perfect, Open Office, Word, ...)

6.2.1 Font

Please use a 11pt times (Type 1 font).

6.2.2 No page numbers

Please submit your paper without page numbering. I will add in the page numbering on the PDF file as I am putting the proceedings together.

6.2.3Justification

Please make sure that the text is typeset in justification, i.e. with the text aligned at both the left-hand side and the right-hand side.

6.2.4 Papersize and margins

Please use A4 paper:

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paperheight = 297mm
paperwidth = 210mm
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The text size should be:

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textwidth = 120mm
textheight = 201mm
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distance from the top
                                     = 50 \text{ mm}
distance from the left-hand side = 45 \text{ mm}
distance from the right-hand side = 44 mm
distance from the bottom
                                     =48 \text{ mm}
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This is important since otherwise automatic page numbering will not work. If you are not sure whether you did things right, you may compare your file with (my) papers from the past years:

https://doi.org/10.21248/hpsg.2021.5

6.3 PDF creation

Please use LibreOffice to create the PDF. PDFs created by word will not be accepted, since AVMs do not display correctly accross platforms.

7 Things you should not do

- Do not change the margins or other LATEX internal values! Page numbers will be inserted automatically and if you changed things this will not work and cause me and you additional work.
- Do not change the font size.

8 Checklist

- Did you use the Leipzig Glossing Rules?
- Do you have the right margins ($\LaTeX X \to \text{no problem if you didn't}$ change the styles, others see Section 6.2.4)?
- Do you use a4 paper, rather than letter? dvips has to be used with the option "-t a4" if you work in a setup that has letter as the default.
- Are you within the page limit of 20 pages?
- Did you suppress the page numbers?
- If you look at figures in the pdf file, do rotated figures flip back? Please edit your text in a way that figures do not flip back, since this breaks the process of automatic page numbering.
 - If you used LATEX to produce your document you can avoid rotating figures by calling ps2pdf13 with the option -dAutoRotatePages=/None.
- Is there something sticking out at the right-hand side of the text? If so, see Section 6.1.5.
- Are there coloured URLs or something like that in your paper? If so, please change this to the text colour.
- Are the URLs underlined? If so please change this to normal text.
- Do you have AVMs, equations, or trees that do not fit the textwidth? If so, please fix this. See Section 6.1.4.
- Is the name of the pdf file 'author.pdf', where 'author' is your lastname or a list of the lastnames of several authors separated by '-' (sagwasow.pdf)? Please use small letters only, that is, use potter.pdf not Potter.pdf.
- Does the paper contain an abstract?
- Do you have the abstract ready to send separately? (please put plain text directly into the mail, the format of the abstract is given on the next page)

- Did you remove all LATEX markup from the abstract? (Yes, '---' is also markup)
- If you are a Word user: Did you use LibreOffice for PDF creation? See Section 6.3.

Please do not send zip files or word files or anything else. Just the abstract/author information in the mail and one pdf-attachment.

Great! I am looking forward to your submission! Please send the pdf and the abstract/author information to St.Mueller@hu-berlin.de.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the given adress.

9 Example of an abstract

The abstract/author information has to be part of the email and looks as follows:

First Author & Second Author # First ORCID & Second ORCID # First Affiliation & Second Affiliation # Titel of Paper # Date of Submission # # Abstract # Keywords

Example:

Song, Sanghoun & Bender, Emily M. # 0000-0002-4234-232X & 0000-0001-5384-6227 # University of Washington & University of Washington # Individual Constraints for Information Structure # 2012-10-14 # # This paper, in the context of multilingual MT, proposes the use of ICONS (Individual CONstraintS) to add a representation of information structure to MRS. The value of ICONS is a list of objects of type info-str, each of which has the features CLAUSE and TARGET. The subtypes of info-str indicate which information structural role is played by the TARGET with respect to the CLAUSE. This proposal is designed to support both the calculation of focus projection from underspecified representations and the handling of multiclausal sentences. # HPSG, Information Structure