

Hints from etherpad

0.1 Reading

- read your paper multiple times
- find out when and where it has been published
- understand the relevant basics of the field
- search for other papers on the same topic to judge the relevance and contribution of your paper
- published at an earlier time or at a later time
- dealing with other problems in the same field
- dealing with similar problems in different fields
- tackling a similar challenge or other challenges

0.2 Writing

- Write up a summary with your findings
- length restriction: fit it into 4 pages A4 max!
- two-column 11pt Times!
- please use LaTeX for the layout (see template below)
- You may (re-)use figures or formulas whenever appropriate (if referenced correctly)
- Do not re-use text from the paper (no copy&paste)!
- upload your summary by the deadline to the skiconf tool
- authors remain anonymous => do NOT include your names!
- bonus: ensure that the PDF metadata does not disclose your login name etc.
- language: English

0.3 General hints for summary

- Briefly outline the "field" this paper belongs to, the challenges that exist in this field and how your paper fits into the bigger picture
- Explain the relevant basics and fundamentals
- What stuff do you have to know in order to understand the content of the paper and to judge its impact?
- Your summary should contain answers to the following:

- What are the problems to be solved? Why are they worthwhile to solve?
- What methods are used? How is the problem tackled?
- What results are obtained? What do the results mean?
- Additionally: outline the impact of the paper
- What is the "delta" that the authors of the paper achieved in comparison of the state of the art at the time the paper was published
- How is it different/better compared to related works?
- How has the paper been received by the scientific community?
- How do papers that have been published later talk about this paper?
- Is the delta of the paper of relevance today?
- Did the paper influence its field?

0.4 General advice

- be as descriptive and concrete as necessary, but still as concise as possible
- give examples if suitable
- most important challenge
- your Summary should be *understandable on its own*
- you will have to leave out lots of (less relevant) details
- but: you may have to add things that are not described in the paper
- ask yourself: does the summary contain the most relevant contributions of the paper?
- do not confuse your summary with the "Abstract" at the beginning of a paper
- your summary contains more details than the abstract of the paper
- your summary contains information *about* the paper (which was not available when the paper was published)
- remember: do not copy text word by word from your paper (plagiarism)!!!