# How to Write an Effective Technical Paper

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#### Education

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#### **Professional Society Activities**

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➤ President, IEEE PES, 2018-2019

➤ Vice president, Publications, IEEE PES, 2001-2003, 2012-2013

>Vice President, Publications, IEEE, 2006

➤ Editor-in-Chief, IEEE Transactions on Sustainable Energy, 2010-2012

>Editor-in-Chief, IEEE Electrifications Magazine, 2013-2014

>Launched, the IEEE Power & Energy Technology Systems Journal (Open Access), 2014







# Writing Quality Technical Papers (Webinar)









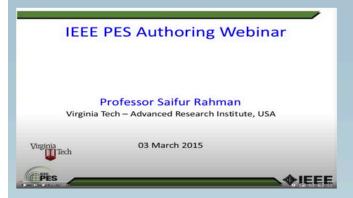


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# **Basic Questions**

- 1.Are you writing this paper for the sake of writing a paper?
- 2.Or do you want to show how others can benefit from your work?





# Scientific research publishing

- Who writes scientific papers?
  - Engineers, scientists, educators and researchers from:
    - Corporations
    - Academia
    - Government
  - Students typically write and present conference papers before submitting journal articles







# What IEEE editors and reviewers are looking for

- Content that is appropriate, in scope and level
- Clearly written original material that addresses a new and important problem
- Extension of previously published work
- Valid methods and rationale
- Illustrations, tables and graphs that support the text
- References that are current and relevant to the subject





# How does the review process work?

- Editor-in-Chief gets the paper after it goes through content match check (iAuthenticate) and "banned author" check
- If the paper is in scope for the journal, it is assigned to an editor (associate editor)
- Editor assigns the paper to five or more reviewers
- Reviewers send their comments back to the editor
- Editor makes a recommendation to the EIC as follows:
  - Accept
  - Revise & Resubmit
  - Reject
- The EIC makes the final decision and informs the corresponding author





# Why IEEE editors and reviewers reject papers

- The content is not a good fit for the publication
- There are serious scientific flaws:
  - Inconclusive results or incorrect interpretation
  - Fraudulent research
- It is poorly written
- It does not address a big enough problem or advance the scientific field
- Most of the work was previously published
- The quality is not good enough for the journal
- Reviewers have misunderstood the article





# Structure





# **Elements of a manuscript**

Title

Abstract

Keywords

Introduction

Methodology

Results/Discussions/Findings

Conclusion

References







# Paper Structure **Title**

An effective title should...

- Answer the reader's question: "Is this article relevant to me?"
- Grab the reader's attention
- Describe the content of a paper using the fewest possible words
  - Is crisp, concise
  - Uses keywords
  - Avoids jargon







# Title Dos and Don'ts



A Human Expert-based Approach to Electrical Peak Demand Management

**VS** 

A better approach of managing environmental and energy sustainability via a study of different methods of electric load forecasting







# Paper Structure Abstract

A "stand alone" condensed version of the article

No more than 250 words; can use past or present tense

Uses keywords and index terms

Why they're useful & important & move the field forward

How the results

were useful, important & move the field forward

What you did





# Abstract Dos and Don'ts



The objective of this paper was to propose a human expert-based approach to electrical peak demand management. The proposed approach helped to allocate demand curtailments (MW) among distribution substations (DS) or feeders in an electric utility service area based on requirements of the central load dispatch center. Demand curtailment allocation was quantified taking into account demand response (DR) potential and load curtailment priority of each DS, which can be determined using DS loading level, capacity of each DS, customer types (residential/commercial) and load categories (deployable, interruptible or critical). Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP) was used to model a complex decision-making process according to both expert inputs and objective parameters. Simulation case studies were conducted to demonstrate how the proposed approach can be implemented to perform DR using real-world data from an electric utility. Simulation results demonstrated that the proposed approach is capable of achieving realistic demand curtailment allocations among different DSs to meet the peak load reduction requirements at the utility level.

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This paper presents and assesses a framework for an engineering capstone design program. We explain how student preparation, project selection, and instructor mentorship are the three key elements that must be addressed before the capstone experience is ready for the students. Next, we describe a way to administer and execute the capstone design experience including design workshops and lead engineers. We describe the importance in assessing the capstone design experience and report recent assessment results of our framework. We comment specifically on what students thought were the most important aspects of their experience in engineering capstone design and provide quantitative insight into what parts of the framework are most important.



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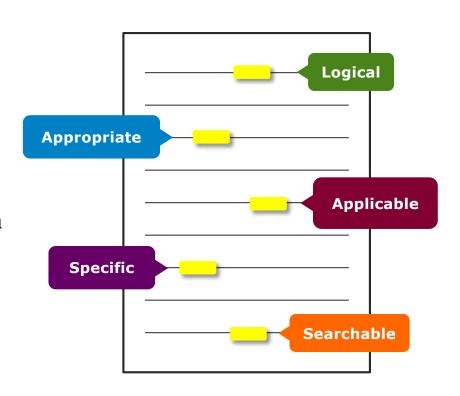
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# Paper Structure Keywords

Use in the Title and Abstract for enhanced Search Engine Optimization







# Paper Structure Introduction

- A description of the problem you researched
- It should move step by step through:

Generally known information about the topic Prior studies'
historical
context to
your research

Your hypothesis and an overview of the results

How the article is organized

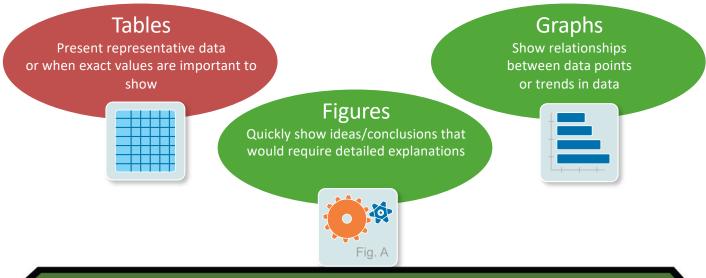
- The introduction should be:
  - Specific, not too broad or vague
  - About 1-2 pages
  - Written in the present tense





# Methodology

- Problem formulation and the processes used to solve the problem, prove or disprove the hypothesis
- Use illustrations to clarify ideas and support conclusions:







# **Results/discussion**

Demonstrate that you solved the problem or made significant advances

#### **Results: Summarizes the Data**

- Should be clear and concise
- Use figures or tables with narrative to illustrate findings

### **Discussion: Interprets the Results**

- Why your research offers a new solution
- How can it benefit other researchers professionals

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#### V. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

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### Results

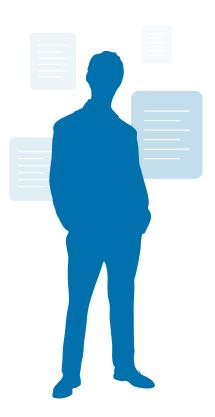
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# **Conclusion**

- Explain what the research has achieved
  - As it relates to the problem stated in the Introduction
  - Revisit the key points in each section
  - Include a summary of the main findings and implications for the field
- Provide benefits and shortcomings of:
  - The solution presented
  - Your research and methodology
- Suggest future areas for research







# References

- Support and validate the hypothesis your research proves, disproves or resolves
- There is no limit to the number of references
  - But use only those that directly support your work (about 30)
- Ensure proper author attribution
  - Author name, article title, publication name, publisher, year published, volume and page number, Digital Object Identifier (DOI)

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# Who should be on the Authors' list

## A Report

A report documents in detail the work done including results for a project and has a lead author and other multiple authors

# A Technical Paper

- It highlights one or more aspects of a report
- Multiple papers can come out of one report
- Include any and all who have contributed to the <u>writing of the paper</u>
- Others can be acknowledged









# **Types of misconduct**

### Conflict of Interest

A financial or other relationship with the publication at odds with the unbiased presentation of data or analysis.

### Plagiarism

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# **Ethical publishing**

### Plagiarism

- Avoid plagiarism
  - Cite and separate any verbatim copied material – but how much?
  - Paraphrase other's text properly, and include citation
  - Credit any ideas from other sources
  - Familiarize yourself with IEEE Policies



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# **Ethical publishing**

# Duplication, Redundancies & Multiple Submissions

- Author must submit original work that:
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  - Indicates how it differs from the previously published work
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# Open Access Publications





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# PES Full Open Access Option #1

# IEEE Open Access Journal of Power and Energy

- Will start publishing articles from January 2020
- Existing <u>OA Journal of Power and Energy Technology Systems</u> will be rebranded with this <u>new name</u>, scope covering the entire field of PES for both practice-oriented and academic articles
- Article processing charge subsidised at US\$1350
- Between 10-15 articles each year will receive further subsidy depending on authors' affordability/circumstances





# PES Full Open Access Option #2

A dedicated section on Power & Energy for publishing papers in the PES field in IEEE Access

- The section will start from January 2020, submissions started in September 2019
- Paper will be handled by 3 PES-appointed Editors
- APC: US\$1750





# Impact Factor





# Are we depending too heavily on Impact Factors?





# **Impact Factor from Journal Citation Reports**







# Impact Factor is not necessarily enough of a metric

# Other attributes:

- Journal's reputation in the community is important
- For new and lesser known journals look at the editorial board, their reputation





# Other ways of judging a journal's value to the engineering community

- 1. Number of Downloads (IEEE uses this information for revenue distribution)
- **2. Patent Citations** (Available from IEEE)





# Follow-up Steps





# **Process of Writing the Paper**

Discuss the content among team members

Literature search – Reference List

Description of the Experiment/Model

Results/Discussion

Write the Conclusion

Collect the components – Prepare the draft

All members comment on the draft

Produce the final copy





# I would like to see a broader IEEE

We need to ensure that we are "READY FOR RECOVERY", when we get back to the "NEW NORMAL" after COVID-19. Let us enhance cooperation, collaboration and community spirit.

For this we need to make IEEE broader so that IEEE is more relevant to the work our members do regardless where they work.

We need more participation from volunteers globally in IEEE governance. A broader based IEEE will make the Institute more relevant to technologists and academics from all parts of the world.





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