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### ABSTRACT

In this paper we describe the formatting requirements for ASIS&T Conference Proceedings, and offer some writing recommendations. Please review this document even if you have submitted to the ASIS&T Annual Meeting before; this format represents a substantial change from previous years. We have endeavored to select a format that is consistent with spirit of the publication, and readable both on the screen and on the printed page. In addition to the new format, please note that: (1) submissions should be uploaded to the conference system as a single PDF file; (2) submissions should adhere to the length limit for the venue venue (papers = about 10 pages or 7500 words – page count will vary depending on figures, tables, bibliography, etc.; panels, posters and others = up to 4 pages, about 1,250 words; workshop/seminar proposals do not need a template as they do not appear in the Proceedings); (3) figures may be in color, but should be legible in black and white; and (4) citations should conform to the APA style conventions (the author-date method). Thank you for submitting to ASIS&T 2011!

### Keywords

Guides, instructions, author's kit, conference publications.

### INTRODUCTION

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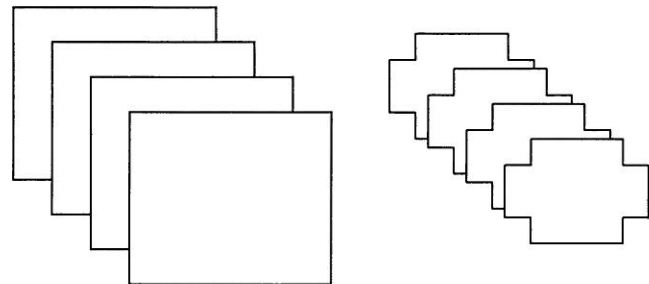
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### CONCLUSION

We recognize that this template is a bit different from the publication template that the ASIS&T Annual Meeting has used in previous years. We have made these changes for several reasons: we want the proceedings to have a consistent and professional look, and we are applying best practices readability guidelines to dictate some important layout parameters.

We hesitate to give too much advice about content; we feel that ASIS&T authors are capable of writing excellent research papers. Please remember a few simple things: be clear about what you have done, and distinguish your accomplishments from your future plans; situate your work by citing appropriate related work, and specifying your work’s unique contribution to the field; and finally think carefully about what readers will take away with them—how do you want to influence the field? Why will others cite your paper?

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