

# Formatting Instructions for Educational Data Mining Conference

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Abstract. This document contains instructions for formatting papers for the International Conference on Educational Data Mining. Your life will be much easier if you read this document and use the Styles that have been created. The abstract is typically 100 to 200 words in length.

## 1 Introduction

This paper describes and provides an example of the required format for the International Conference on Educational Data Mining (EDM). Authors should follow the format described within this document. Section 2 provides precise formatting specifications.

### 1.1 Examples

Authors should use letter size paper, with margins of 1" (2.5 cm) at the top and bottom, and 1.25" (3.15 cm) left and right.

Figures in text (e.g. Figure 1) should have their caption placed below the figure. Tables (e.g. Table 1) should have their caption placed *above* the table. Tables, figures, and their associated caption should be centered.



Figure 1. The early days of Educational Data Mining

References to prior research [2] should use the numbered citation method, in alphabetic order by last name of the first author [1, 3].

## 1.2 Some tips on writing your paper

In order to maximize your chances of having your paper accepted to the EDM conference you might want to consider the following:

1. Make sure the reviewers can understand what you did. EDM is a data-intensive activity, and details matter. Reviewers should understand the data you used, which data you screened out, your training/testing procedure, and the independent and dependent variables used in your analyses.
2. Tell the reviewers what your claimed contributions are. Make it clear what is now known that wasn't previously known. Reviewers are busy people, and don't want to (nor should they be expected to) spend time mentally comparing your work with every previously published paper to see if there is something new. If you make clear claims of how your work extends prior research, reviewers can check those claims and evaluate them.
3. If your paper is about a new area for EDM, and it might not be obvious how your work connects to EDM, you might want to spend a paragraph explaining it. Connections obvious to you might not be clear to the reviewers.

**Table 1. EDM article production by year**

	EDM articles produced per year
2000	1
2004	10
2005	100
2006	1000
2007	10,000

## 2 Description

This document defines several word-defined styles that we suggest that you use. If you select a bit of text in this document, you will see the style that is used for it. You should use the same style for the corresponding text in your document. If for some reason you cannot or choose not to use the provided styles, your text should conform to the following specifications:

Standard text (*Normal*) should be 12 point Times New Roman, left justified. There should be 1 blank line in between paragraphs.

Section headings (*Style Heading 1*) should be 14 point Times New Roman, bold, and left justified. Sections should be numbered consecutively.

Section subheadings (*Style Heading 2*) should be 13 point Times New Roman, bold, italics, and left justified. Subsections should be numbered consecutively within the section of which they are a part.

Section subsubheadings (*Style Heading 3*) should be avoided. If you must use them, use 12 point Times New Roman, italics, left justified.

Table and Figure captions (*Style Caption*) should be 10 point Times New Roman, bold, and centered.

The title (*Title*) is 16 point, bold, Arial, centered, and has 24 points of spacing after it.

Author information (*Author*), including institutional affiliation and email addresses, are 11 point Times New Roman, and centered.

The abstract (*Style Abstract*) is 10 point Times New Roman, 0.75" margins on both sides, and left justified. There are 12 points of spacing before the abstract and 18 points after.

For tables, *Table Text* is a predefined style. However, we understand that tables often benefit from idiosyncratic formatting to enhance clarity. However, under no circumstances should text be smaller than 9 point Times New Roman.

We apologize for not having a LaTeX style available. If anyone wishes to undertake the effort and allow us to post it on the conference web site, it would be appreciated.

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