

Instructions for ACL 2016 Proceedings*

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Abstract

This document contains instructions for preparing ACL 2016 submissions and camera-ready manuscripts. The document itself conforms to its own specifications, and is therefore an example of what your manuscript should look like. Papers are required to conform to all the directions reported in this document. By using the provided L^AT_EX and B_IB_TE_X styles (`acl2016.sty`, `acl2016.bst`), the required formatting will be enabled by default.

1 Introduction

The following instructions are directed to authors of papers submitted to and accepted for publication in the ACL 2016 proceedings. All authors are required to adhere to these specifications. Authors are required to provide a Portable Document Format (PDF) version of their papers. The proceedings will be printed on A4 paper. Authors from countries where access to word-processing systems is limited should contact the publication chairs as soon as possible. Grayscale readability of all figures and graphics will be encouraged for all accepted papers (Section 2.8).

Submitted and camera-ready formatting is similar, however, the submitted paper should have:

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2 General Instructions

Manuscripts must be in two-column format. Exceptions to the two-column format include the title, as well as the authors’ names and complete addresses (only in the final version, not in the version submitted for review), which must be centered at the top of the first page (see the guidelines in Subsection 2.4), and any full-width figures or tables. Type single-spaced. Do not number the pages in the camera-ready version. Start all pages directly under the top margin. See the guidelines later regarding formatting the first page.

The maximum length of a manuscript is eight (8) pages for the main conference, printed single-sided, plus two (2) pages for references (see Section 3 for additional information on the maximum number of pages).

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Table 1: Example commands for accented characters, to be used in, e.g., BIB_TE_X names.

Abstract: Type the abstract at the beginning of the first column. The width of the abstract text should be smaller than the width of the columns for the text in the body of the paper by about 0.25in on each side. Center the word **Abstract** in a 12 point bold font above the body of the abstract. The abstract should be a concise summary of the general thesis and conclusions of the paper. It should be no longer than 200 words. The abstract text should be in 10 point font.

Text: Begin typing the main body of the text immediately after the abstract, observing the two-column format as shown in the present document. Do not include page numbers in the camera-ready manuscript.

Indent when starting a new paragraph. For reasons of uniformity, use Adobe’s **Times Roman** fonts, with 11 points for text and subsection headings, 12 points for section headings and 15 points for the title. If Times Roman is unavailable, use **Computer Modern Roman** (L^AT_EX₂e’s default; see section 2.3 above). Note that the latter is about 10% less dense than Adobe’s Times Roman font.

2.5 Sections

Headings: Type and label section and subsection headings in the style shown on the present document. Use numbered sections (Arabic numerals) in order to facilitate cross references. Number subsections with the section number and the subsection number separated by a dot, in Arabic numerals.

Citations: Citations within the text appear in parentheses as (Gusfield, 1997) or, if the author’s name appears in the text itself, as Gusfield (1997). Using the provided L^AT_EX style, the former is accomplished using `\cite` and the latter with `\shortcite` or `\newcite`. Collapse multiple citations as in (Gusfield, 1997; Aho and Ullman, 1972); this is accomplished with the provided style using commas within the `\cite` com-

mand, e.g., `\cite{Gusfield:97,Aho:72}`. Append lowercase letters to the year in cases of ambiguities. Treat double authors as in (Aho and Ullman, 1972), but write as in (Chandra et al., 1981) when more than two authors are involved.

References: We recommend including references in a separate .bib file, and include an example file in this release (`naalhl2016.bib`). Some commands for names with accents are provided for convenience in Table 1. References stored in the separate .bib file are inserted into the document using the following commands:

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\bibliography{acl2016}
\bibliographystyle{acl2016}
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References should appear under the heading **References** at the end of the document, but before any Appendices, unless the appendices contain references. Arrange the references alphabetically by first author, rather than by order of occurrence in the text. Provide as complete a reference as possible, using a consistent format, such as the one for *Computational Linguistics* or the one in the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (American Psychological Association, 1983). Authors’ full names rather than initials are preferred. You may use **standard** abbreviations for conferences¹ and journals².

Appendices: Appendices, if any, directly follow the text and the references (but see above). Letter them in sequence and provide an informative title: **Appendix A. Title of Appendix**.

Acknowledgment sections should go as a last (unnumbered) section immediately before the references.

2.6 Footnotes

Footnotes: Put footnotes at the bottom of the page. They may be numbered or referred to by asterisks or other symbols.³ Footnotes should be separated from the text by a line.⁴ Footnotes should be in 9 point font.

2.7 Graphics

Illustrations: Place figures, tables, and photographs in the paper near where they are first discussed, rather than at the end, if possible. Wide illustrations may run across both columns and

¹https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_computer_science_conference_acronyms

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Captions: Provide a caption for every illustration; number each one sequentially in the form: “**Figure 1:** Figure caption.”, “**Table 1:** Table caption.” Type the captions of the figures and tables below the body, using 9 point text. Table and Figure labels should be bold-faced.

2.8 Accessibility

In an effort to accommodate the color-blind (as well as those printing to paper), grayscale readability for all accepted papers will be encouraged. Color is not forbidden, but authors should ensure that tables and figures do not rely solely on color to convey critical distinctions. Here we give a simple criterion on your colored figures, if your paper has to be printed in black and white, then you must assure that every curves or points in your figures can be still clearly distinguished.

3 Length of Submission

The ACL 2016 main conference accepts submissions of long papers and short papers. Long papers may consist of up to eight (8) pages of content, plus unlimited pages for references. Upon acceptance, final versions of long papers will be given one additional page (up to 9 pages with unlimited pages for references) so that reviewers’ comments can be taken into account. Short papers may consist of up to four (4) pages of content, plus unlimited pages for references. Upon acceptance, short papers will be given five (5) pages in the proceedings and unlimited pages for references. For both long and short papers, all illustrations and appendices must be accommodated within these page limits, observing the formatting instructions

given in the present document. Papers that do not conform to the specified length and formatting requirements are subject to be rejected without review.

4 Double-blind review process

As the reviewing will be blind, the paper must not include the authors’ names and affiliations. Furthermore, self-references that reveal the author’s identity, e.g., “We previously showed (Smith, 1991) ...” must be avoided. Instead, use citations such as “Smith previously showed (Smith, 1991) ...” Papers that do not conform to these requirements will be rejected without review. In addition, please do not post your submissions on the web until after the review process is complete (in special cases this is permitted: see the multiple submission policy below).

We will reject without review any papers that do not follow the official style guidelines, anonymity conditions and page limits.

5 Multiple Submission Policy

Papers that have been or will be submitted to other meetings or publications must indicate this at submission time. Authors of papers accepted for presentation at ACL 2016 must notify the program chairs by the camera-ready deadline as to whether the paper will be presented. All accepted papers must be presented at the conference to appear in the proceedings. We will not accept for publication or presentation papers that overlap significantly in content or results with papers that will be (or have been) published elsewhere.

Preprint servers such as arXiv.org and ACL-related workshops that do not have published proceedings in the ACL Anthology are not considered archival for purposes of submission. Authors must state in the online submission form the name of the workshop or preprint server and title of the non-archival version. The submitted version should be suitably anonymized and not contain references to the prior non-archival version. Reviewers will be told: “The author(s) have notified us that there exists a non-archival previous version of this paper with significantly overlapping text. We have approved submission under these circumstances, but to preserve the spirit of blind review, the current submission does not reference the non-archival version.” Reviewers are free to do what they like with this information.

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406 Acknowledgments

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425 A Supplemental Material

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454 B Multiple Appendices

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