

PASTA Workshop No-Nonsense Camera Ready Copy Instructions

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Abstract

These are the camera-ready copy instructions for the Process Algebra and Stochastically Timed Activities (PASTA) Workshop. As you might expect, these instructions themselves are formatted in the preferred manner for the papers for the workshop.

1 No-nonsense instructions

Quite frankly, scientists and academics have more important things to do than word processing. Using the patented Gilmore “no-nonsense” style, these instructions for producing camera-ready copy are intended to be as simple as possible. Anyone who is using the \LaTeX [Lam94] typesetting system, as we are, should find them trivial to implement. Users of other systems or packages might have to work harder to achieve the desired effect, but they’ve brought it upon themselves, haven’t they? In summary, we use \LaTeX defaults throughout.

The title for the paper should be in bold using `\title{\bf ...}` and the author information should be added with the `\author` macro. Addresses should be added to author’s names with `\thanks`. Please include email addresses for all authors.

1.1 A small amount of pedantry

Much as we all love \LaTeX , there is one thing that it gets terribly wrong for British people because it hyphenates words after the second letter. I mean, look at the hyphenation of the word “Algebra” in the abstract above. Oh, it gives me pain! To put an end to this filth include the command `\lefthyphenmin=3` before `\begin{document}`.

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1.2 Sizing, fonts and margins

The size for text in papers is 11pt. The desired font is Computer Modern Roman (the \LaTeX default). If this is not available on your system then you may use Times instead but do try hard to use Computer Modern Roman if you can because it will make your paper look more beautiful, and people will then be more likely to believe your theorems.

The margins are the A4 paper defaults for \LaTeX . Thus the \LaTeX document heading `\documentclass[11pt,a4paper]{article}` gives the correct results. For those not using \LaTeX , use a left and right margin of 36mm, a top margin of 45mm and a bottom margin of 42mm.

1.3 Page layout

In contrast to the usual advice here, all pages should be numbered, including the first. Numbering should be consecutive, starting at 1. (No disrespect to the late Professor Dijkstra intended.) The page number should be centered in the middle of the page at the bottom. This is just the \LaTeX default so unless you muck about you won't get into trouble here.

1.4 Page limit

There is no hard page limit on papers for the PASTA Workshop proceedings but, you know, if you make your paper too long, people probably won't read it all. A fairly good length to aim for is **sixteen pages** including all appendices. Submissions of papers grossly above this length may be returned to the author, if time permits, or omitted from the workshop proceedings.

2 Electronic submission

Please send your paper by email as a PostScript file to `stg@inf.ed.ac.uk` (Stephen Gilmore). Please don't send a PDF file unless you are thoroughly unable to produce PostScript. To reduce the size of your file you might wish to use GNU `gzip` but uncompressed papers are also fine. The deadline for camera ready copy of PASTA Workshop papers is **Thursday 5th June 2003**.

References

- [Lam94] Leslie Lamport. *\LaTeX 2 ϵ : A Document Preparation System*. Addison-Wesley, 1994.