

Instructions to Authors for Extended Abstracts

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1 Introduction

Here are some basic instructions to prepare your final abstract for the book of abstracts of the VIII Metaheuristics International Conference (MIC 2009).

We thank you for your cooperation in following the instructions contained in this file. We hope that you find these instructions useful.

We are grateful to the organizers of MIC 2007 for allowing us to use the templates of MIC 2007 as a starting point for ours.

In case you need any help or if you have any questions or problems, please feel free to send an e-mail message to mic09@econ.uni-hamburg.de.

2 Author instructions

All final abstracts prepared using LaTeX should follow the instructions below. After downloading the MIC 2009 LaTeX Template package, please unpack the archive. You should obtain the following files:

- `yourArticle.tex`, the LaTeX template file. You should use this file as a template in preparing your contribution.
- `mic09.sty`, the MIC 2009 style file. Do not change the content of this file.

Please, consider the following instructions in preparing your contribution:

- Language: English.
- Layout: Use file `yourArticle.tex` as a template. The overall layout is defined in the `mic09.sty` LaTeX style file. Therefore, you do not need to change the content of such file.

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- Page limit: 10 pages. This limit is strict. Do not try to reduce the number of pages by using 10pt font size or changing the text height, the text width or the margins.
- \LaTeX packages: You can use other packages if necessary; however, if you do, please make sure that everything works correctly and let us know which package(s) you used.
- Hyperlinks: For hyperlinks you can use the `\verb` command. Therefore place the hyperlink *after* the `\verb` command between two + symbols like in the following example:
`\verb+http://www.mic09.de/verb+`
- Submission: Upload all the following on the MIC 2009 website:
 - `yourArticle.tex`,
 - All other files included in your final abstract,
 - Pdf formatted file of your final abstract.

See the MIC 2009 website <http://www.mic09.de/> for the submission deadline.

2.1 Figures

The only graphics that you can include in your final abstract are Encapsulated PostScript (EPS) figures. Use the `graphicx` package. The following is a sample of commands.

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\begin{figure}[h]
  \begin{center}
    \includegraphics[width=6.0cm]{3d.eps}
    \caption{Sample figure.}\label{fig1}
  \end{center}
\end{figure}
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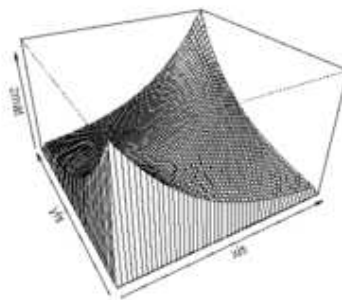


Figure 1: Sample figure.

2.2 Tables

The table caption is given with the `\caption` command. This command is required! If you do not have a caption, use `\caption{}`.

Table 1: Sample table.

Description 1	Description 2	Description 3
Row 1, Col 1	Row 1, Col 2	Row 1, Col 3
Row 2, Col 1	Row 2, Col 2	Row 2, Col 3

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\begin{table}[h]
  \caption{Sample table.}\label{tab1}
  \begin{center}
    \begin{tabular}{lll} \hline
      Description 1 & Description 2 & Description 3 \\ \hline
      Row 1, Col 1 & Row 1, Col 2 & Row 1, Col 3 \\ \hline
      Row 2, Col 1 & Row 2, Col 2 & Row 2, Col 3 \\ \hline
    \end{tabular}
  \end{center}
\end{table}

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2.3 References

All references should appear together at the end of the final abstract. References should be listed in alphabetical order of the last name of the first author.

The format follows the rules given below for an article in a journal [2], a chapter in a book or collection [3], a working paper [1], or a book [4].

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