

Writing a Language Technology Paper

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1 Introduction

This document provides guidelines for term papers in the Language Technology programs at Uppsala University. It tries to illustrate the guidelines by conforming to them. Please note that papers do not have to look exactly like this document, as long as they contain the main elements required.

2 Title Page

The title page should contain the *title* and *author*, possibly also an affiliation and/or information about the course. Note that the title page, despite its name, is not a separate physical page but only the top part of the first page. The information in the title page should normally be centered.

3 Main Text

The main text of the document should be single-spaced in a reasonably sized font (normally 11 or 12 points). Pages should be numbered 1, 2, 3, etc. Unless the paper is very short, it should also be divided into numbered sections (see below).

New paragraphs are marked by indentation (as in this paragraph) or by inserting a blank line between paragraphs. Note that you should use *either* indentation or blank lines (not both or neither). The paragraph immediately following a heading should never be indented.

3.1 Sections

The major sections are numbered 1, 2, 3, etc. If subsections are used, they should be numbered in decimal notation: 1.1 for the second level, 1.1.1 for the third. More

	Exp 1	Exp 2	Exp 3
System 1	1.0	2.0	3.0
System 2	2.0	4.0	6.0

Table 1: Results for systems 1 and 2 under experimental conditions 1, 2 and 3.

than three levels are normally not needed (and often one or two will suffice). Note that the final section containing bibliographic references should not be numbered (see below).

3.2 Tables and Figures

If the paper contains tables and figures, these should be numbered as well. They should also be accompanied by a caption explaining what is shown in the table or figure (see Table 1 above).

4 Citations and References

Relevant publications should be cited in the text using the author-year format. Citations may take one of two forms:

1. Parenthetical citations are not part of the sentence structure and have both author name and year inside parentheses: “Syntactic structure is a fascinating topic (Chomsky, 1957).”
2. Syntactic citations are part of the sentence structure and has only the year inside parentheses: “According to Montague (1970), semantics is more fun.”

All the works cited in the text should be listed alphabetically (by the last name of the first author) in a final section entitled References. Note that the list of references should contain *all* and *only* works cited in the text.

References

Chomsky, N. (1957). *Syntactic Structures*. Mouton.

Montague, R. (1970). Universal grammar. *Theoria* 36, 373–398.