

# Instructions to Authors

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1. Fogg, B.J, *Persuasive technology: using computers to change what we think and do*, Morgan Kaufmann Publishers, Boston, 2003, 30-35.

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Authors, "Title of the article", *Journal name*(in italics), Volume (Issue), Pages, Month Year.

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Hirsh, H., Coen, M.H., Mozer, M.C., Hasha, R. and Flanagan, J.L, "Room service, AI-style", *IEEE intelligent systems*, 14 (2). 8-19. July 2002.

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Authors, "Title of the article", in *Title of conference*(in italics),Publisher, Pages.

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Leclercq, P. and Heylighen, "A. 5,8 Analogies per hour: A designer's view on analogical reasoning", in *7th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Design*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 285-303.

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T. Eckes, *The Developmental Social Psychology of Gender*, Lawrence Erlbaum, 2000.

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A. Altun, "Understanding hypertext in the context of reading on the web: Language learners' experience", *Current Issues in Education*, 6(12), July 2003. [Online].  
[Online]. Available: <http://cie.ed.asu.edu/volume6/number12/>. [Accessed Dec. 2, 2004].

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All tables must be numbered consecutively (in Arabic numbers). Table headings should be placed (centered) above the table. Place tables as close as possible to where they are mentioned in the main text. All Tables should be referred to in the text as Table 1, Table 2, etc.

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$$d(fu, t) \leq \frac{\beta + \gamma + \delta + \eta}{1 - (\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta)} d(t, fu) \quad (1)$$

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- Abstract and keywords are provided.
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