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# Abbreviations

BBN Bundeseinheitliche Betriebsnummer

CCG Centrale für Coorganisation

DFÜ Datenfernübertragung

dpi dots per inch

EAN Europäische Artikelnumerierung

GoM Grundsätze ordnungsmäßiger Modellierung

VBA Visual Basic for Applications

WWS Warenwirtschaftssystem

ZfB Zeitschrift für Betriebswirtschaft

ZuO Zuordnung

# Symbols

a0 Initial payment in t = 0

C Capital value

dt Deposit surplus in relation to t

i Target rate

n Operating life

q Interest factor 1 + i

rs Distance of step s from the margin in cm

s Step index

t Period index

# Introduction

Please follow the guidelines presented here when completing your thesis at the Tenure-Track-Professorship for Digital Transformation. Essentially, you should format your paper exactly like this document. The template includes specially formatted styles (e.g., abstract, normal, caption, headings) that should reduce the amount of formatting required for your final submission.

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| **Heading 1** | **1. Introduction** | **Arial 14-point-bold, align left** |
| **Heading 2** | **1.1 Motivation** | **Arial 12-point-bold, align left** |
| ***Heading 3*** | ***1.1.1 BPM*** | ***Arial 12-point-bold-italic, align left*** |
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For normal text, please use the "*Normal*" style - this style is configured as a 12-point Arial font. The right margins should be justified and not frayed.

## Figures, Tables, and Captions

Place figures and tables near the relevant text (or where they are referenced in the text).

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* Consistent style
  + When using figures or tables from secondary sources, recreate them using PowerPoint or Visio, for example (exception: the shape of the original figure is the subject of the study).
  + Choose a consistent and legible font (this includes keeping the original aspect ratio and not dragging it in width or height).
  + Use subtle colors for emphasis (see the **tab Design 🡪 Colors** for the Wiso/our department colors).
  + If possible, use vector files (e.g., emf or svg) when including your illustrations.
* Mention in the text
  + Figures and tables must be mentioned in the text and explained if necessary.
* No space fillers
  + Figures and tables that take up unnecessary space should be avoided. Therefore, make your figures and tables compact but easy to read.
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## Program Code

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#include<stdio.h>

int main() {

printf("Hello World\n");

return 0;

}

## Presentation of Interview Data (in the Form of Quotations)

In the course of some theses, interviews with experts may be conducted, excerpts of which are to be presented. In order to present these clearly, they can be placed in a separate paragraph with the "*Interview*" style:

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| Accent 5 (FAU blue) | 0/ 74/ 159 |
| Accent 6 | 4/ 49/ 106 |

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* Explain any acronyms when they are first used in your text - e.g., "primary care provider (PCP)" and include them in the list of abbreviations
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# References and Quotes

Unless your supervisor insists otherwise, we generally use the widely used APA (American Psychological Association) citation style in the current 7th edition (<https://files.taylorandfrancis.com/tf_APA.pdf>). References must be complete, i.e., include volume, number, month, publisher, city and state, editor, last names and initials of all authors, page numbers, etc., as appropriate.

Reference managers (e.g., Mendeley or Citavi) often have these built in and apply the style for you. However, even these templates can contain errors, so you should always double-check that everything fits before submitting your work. There are many websites that describe APA in detail, so here is just a brief overview:

* In-Text Citation:
  + Business Process Management (BPM) is an integral management paradigm for building and leading effective and efficient organizations (Hammer, 2015; vom Brocke et al., 2014).
* If the author's name is dropped into the body text, it may be omitted in the parentheses:
  + See vom Brocke et al. (2014) for a comprehensive overview of BPM best practices.
* Direct citations:
  + Smart service systems are „service system in which smart products are boundary-objects that integrate resources and activities of the involved actors for mutual benefit“ (Beverungen et al., 2019, p. 12).
* List examples of a statement:
  + Digital platforms in the B2B context are different from studies in the B2C context, which has been the main focus of research to date (e.g., Basole & Karla, 2011; Cennamo et al., 2018; Ghazawneh & Henfridsson, 2013).
* Reference to a source that addresses a topic in more depth:
  + To date, numerous definitions of intelligent service systems have been established, with only slight differences between them (cf. Lim & Maglio, 2018).

A list of common abbreviations (e.g., "cf.", "e.g.,", "ibid.") in APA style and their correct usage can be found here: <https://blog.apastyle.org/files/apa-latin-abbreviations-table-2.pdf>.

Please follow the guidelines below for the bibliography:

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* The references in the bibliography depend on the type of literature (e.g., journal article):
  + Journal/ journal: see (Beverungen et al., 2019; Lim & Maglio, 2018; vom Brocke et al., 2014) in the sample bibliography.
  + Conference paper: see (vom Brocke et al., 2009) in the example bibliography.
  + Internet document: see (United Nations, 2015) in the example bibliography.
  + Book contribution: see (Hammer, 2015) in the example bibliography.
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* References should be arranged in alphabetical order.

# Conclusion

It is important that you write for a general audience. It is also important that you present your work in a professional manner. This guide is designed to help you achieve that goal. We look forward to seeing a professional-looking, camera-ready thesis!

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# Appendix (if needed)

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