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**Abstract:** In this paper, we describe the formatting requirements for ICDI2023-Blockchain & Fintech publications, and we offer a few suggestions on writing style for the worldwide ICDI2023-Blockchain & Fintech readership. These instructions pertain to the published component of submissions only. It should be written in a single paragraph using single line spacing, Times New Roman, font size 10, justify and A4 format. Do not include reference citations in the abstract. Please take note that the abstract should be between 200 to 350 words.

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1. **Introduction**

The ICDI2023-Blockchain & Fintech Proceedings are the records of the conference. We hope to give these conference proceedings a single, high-quality appearance. To achieve this, we ask that authors follow some simple guidelines. In essence, we ask you to make your paper look exactly like this document. The easiest way to do this is to download this template and replace the content with your own material. State the background, a short literature survey and objective(s) in Introduction section. Use the international system of units (SI). Technical terms should be explained unless they may be considered to be known to the conference community. State the corresponding author. The manuscript should at least contain Introduction, Method, Results and Discussion, Conclusion, Acknowledgement and References.

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All material on each page should be centered on an *A4 size* (8.26 x 11.69 inch, or 21 x 29.7 cm) page. The following margin settings in MS Word will produce the correct result, for *A4 size* paper: top 1 inch (2.54 cm); bottom: 0.8 inch (2.03 cm); left and right: 1 inch (2.54 cm). It is important to check the margins even if you use this template, because they might have been overwritten by your local settings. Page limit for full paper is 7 to 10 pages.

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Start a new paragraph without indenting and add space before paragraph.

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For lists, bulleted lists, and numbered lists, please use the MS Word styles “List,” “List 2,” “List Bullet,” “List Bullet 2,” “List Number,” “List Number 2,” etc. See example of List Bullet in this paper.

In general, use of styles rather than manual formatting is preferable to enable us to give the proceedings a uniform appearance.

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Use *American Psychological Association (APA)* 7th edition to format in-text citations, e.g., Jonassen et al. (1999), or (Jonassen et al., 1999), and the reference list at the end of each paper, under the heading **References.** A quick reference on APA 7 style is available on: https://apastyle.apa.org/

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Table 1. *Example of Table for the ICDI2023-Blockchain & Fintech Proceedings*

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\* Do not include vertical lines in the table. Follow APA style.



*Figure 1.* The Logo of the 6th International Conference on Digital Innovation – Blockchain & Fintech

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* Write in a straightforward style. Use simple sentence structure. Avoid long sentences and complex sentence structures if possible. Use semicolons sparingly or not at all.
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