

Guidelines for Authors and Publication Requirements

General Information

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The material of the paper must not violate any intellectual property rights of any person or entity, must not contain any subject matter that contravenes any Iraqi or international laws, and must adhere to the ethical standards applicable for all research disciplines.

Requirements

1. All papers submitted for publication must not be published or considered for publication or accepted for publication elsewhere.
2. The papers submitted for publication must be submitted online as an MS Word copy only according to the standards of the journal's research template provided in our website. Please provide a physical copy of the Researcher's Obligation form with the required signatures and physical stamping in person if the researchers are from Iraq or a scanned copy if the researchers are abroad.
3. The manuscript must include a title and an abstract that ranges between 200-250 words for each of the English and Arabic versions (in case of native Arabic authors). The paper pages must not exceed 15 printed pages.
4. Full name(s), qualification(s), affiliation(s), address(es) and e-mail addresses of all the authors must be arranged just below the title of the paper.
5. Abbreviations must not be used in the title of the manuscript and the abstract, except those of the measurement units.
6. Only standard international units (SI units) must be used.
7. Tables and illustrations such as figures, photographs and drawings must be clear, numbered, titled and referred to in the text consequently.
8. Footnotes can be used to clarify information, and, when used, footnotes must be numbered.
9. For the paper to be submitted for publications, 50000 ID should be paid at the time of submission of the paper. This does not apply for International submissions.
10. Font description for papers written in English using the "**Garamond**" font and submitted in **MS word only**.
 - **Title:** 16pt (**Bold**) in the middle.
 - **Authors Name/Names :** 12pt (**Bold**).
 - **Affiliations:** 10pt (Regular).
 - **Headings:** Capital initial letters size 12pt (**Bold**) and placed flush to the left-hand margin.
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 - The paper should be written in **TWO columns** except for the abstracts section.

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- The Arabic abstract should be in "Arabic Typesetting" font with single line spacing and the Arabic title 18pt (**Bold**)
- **Keywords:** should be written after both abstracts. 10pt.
- **Text:** 10pt. The first line should be flushed to the right by 5 mm.
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$$\text{eq. (x)}, \text{ where } x \text{ is the equation number.}$$
- **Figures and Tables:** Should be referenced in bold as follows: Fig.1, Table 1. Figure captions should [**Figure ():**] appear below the figure in small letters sized 10 and must be centered above the table [**Table ():**] in small letter size 10; a single line blank space should be left before and after the table heading.
- **References:** References should be grouped together at the end of the paper, after the acknowledgment. They must be referred to as they appear in the text with square brackets []. References should follow the **IEEE 2006** referencing style using "Garamond" 10pt.

Submission, Revision, and Final Decision Procedures

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The author/s shall receive the reviewers' reports and the required modifications, if available, then are requested to make these revisions within three weeks of receiving them, which shall be resubmitted to the referees for reassessment (if required). A letter detailing the requested revisions, addressed to the reviewers, should be submitted along with the revised paper to be sent to the reviewers with no reference whatsoever to the authors names in that letter.

The minimum period for submissions to be either accepted or rejected is approximately **two months**. Rejected submissions are returned to the corresponding author as soon as possible.

If the paper is accepted for publishing, the author/s are requested to provide a final electronic copy of the paper integrating the journal's typesetting requirements, and incorporating all the modifications requested and made during the assessment process.

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