

JISCS Author Guidelines

1) Scope & Article Types

We publish impactful work at the intersection of Information Systems (IS) and Computer Science (CS), especially for Africa's digital transformation. Acceptable formats:

- **Research Articles** (full papers)
- **Short Communications**
- **System/Tool Papers** (with evaluation + open artifacts)
- **Surveys/Systematic Reviews**
- **Case Studies/Field Reports**
- **Data/Software Notes** (reusable assets + documentation)

2) Submission Checklist

- Manuscript uses two-column layout (JISCS template)
- **References: APA Style for IC track and IEEE numeric style for CS Track; DOIs/URLs included**
- **De-identified PDF** (no author names/affiliations/acknowledgments)
- **Structured abstract** (Purpose; Design/Methodology; Findings; Social & Practical Implications; Originality/Value; 150–250 words)
- **4–6 keywords**
- **ORCID** for all authors + **CRedit** roles provided in metadata
- **Data/Code Availability** statement with repository links (Zenodo/OSF/GitHub)
- **Funding, Conflicts of Interest, Ethics approvals** (if applicable)
- **AI use disclosure** (tools are not authors; people remain responsible)
- **Similarity $\leq 20\%$** (iThenticate/Turnitin)

3) Manuscript Length Guidance

- Research: 8–12 pages (two-column, refs included)
- Short: **4–6 pages**
- System/Tool: **6–10 pages**
- Surveys: **10–14 pages** (justify scope)
- Case/Field: **4–8 pages**
- Data/Software Notes: **3–5 pages** (with documentation)

If your paper is outside these ranges, justify briefly in the cover letter.

4) Manuscript Structure

1. **Title** (≤ 18 words)
2. **Structured Abstract** (150–250 words)
3. **Keywords** (4–6)
4. **Introduction** (problem, gap, contributions)
5. **Background/Related Work** (focused, comparative)

6. **Method** (data/technology, models/algorithms, evaluation protocols; SI units; equation numbering)
7. **Results** (primary metrics, CIs where possible, error analysis)
8. **Discussion** (implications for theory/practice/policy; limitations)
9. **Conclusion** (contributions, actionable next steps)
10. **Data/Code Availability**
11. **Funding**
12. **Conflicts of Interest**
13. **Author Contributions (CRediT)**
14. **AI Use Disclosure**
15. **References** (IEEE numeric)

5) Formatting (Two-Column)

- Templates: use JISCS two-column LaTeX or Word templates (below).
- **Page size:** A4; **margins:** ~22 mm; **column gap:** ~7 mm.
- **Font:** 10 pt body; consistent math/units (SI).
- **Figures/Tables:** **vector (PDF/EPS) or high-res PNG (≥ 300 dpi); accessible captions;** define symbols/abbreviations; number consecutively.
- **Algorithms/Code:** typeset clearly; provide public artifact link (versioned, with README).
- **Equations:** centered, numbered (1), (2)... and referenced in text.
- **Accessibility:** alt-text for figures; avoid color-only encoding.

6) References (Required)

IEEE numeric style (bracketed numbers in-text: [1], [2]–[4]). Include DOIs/URLs where available.

Examples

[1] A. Author and B. Author, "Paper title," Journal, vol. x, no. y, pp. z–zz, year, doi.

[2] C. Author, "Title," in Conf. Name, year, pp. x–y, url.

[3] D. Author, Book Title. Publisher, year.

7) Ethics & Integrity

- COPE-aligned (plagiarism, corrections/retractions, appeals).
- **Originality:** not under review elsewhere; **preprints allowed** with disclosure.
- **ORCID required** for all authors; **CRediT roles** recorded.
- **AI policy:** permitted **with disclosure**; tools are **not authors**.
- **Similarity check:** $\leq 20\%$ on submission.

8) IS/CS Tracks & Review

- Two editorial tracks: Information Systems and Computer Science.
- **Double-blind** review by **2–3 experts**; **initial check ≤ 7 days**; **typical first decision 6–8 weeks**; **online-first on acceptance**.

9) Data & Code

Provide a Data/Code Availability Statement with persistent identifiers (e.g., DOIs via Zenodo). Ensure licensing and de-identification (if human data). Include instructions to reproduce results when feasible.

