eWiC: Information for Authors

1. SUBMISSION OF MANUSCRIPTS

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3. PREPARATION OF THE MANUSCRIPT

3.1. General instructions

Papers must be written clearly in English. The article should include the following information: title, author’s name, address (full postal including department, university/institution/company, street, city, postcode, country), email address, abstract. An abstract of approximately 150–200 words plus a list of between 3 and 10 keywords should also be included. Headings should be numbered. Don’t indent at the beginning of paragraphs.

3.1.2. Tables, endnotes and figures

- Table legends should be provided. Tables should be clear and self-explanatory, without vertical rules. Any footnotes required should be indicated using superscripted symbols. Tables should be centred on the column or page. Cite tables as ‘Table 1’ etc.
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3.1.3. General BCS house style

3.1.3.1. General spelling and punctuation

Use British English spelling with the –ise version throughout.

Use abbreviations consistently throughout. Explain unfamiliar or specific abbreviations at their first mention in the text. Write them out in full with the abbreviation in brackets.

Use full stops in etc., a.m., p.m. Use full stops in e.g., but in main text write ‘for example’. Use the short form in tables, bullets, brackets and anywhere else where space is tight.

To avoid over-punctuation do not use a comma after e.g. or i.e., or before ‘and’ and ‘or’ in lists of words (e.g. seven, six and five). It should also be avoided before etc. and ‘respectively’, and after...
short introductory clauses such as ‘to avoid over-punctuation’. However, there should be a comma 
at the end of a clause if there is one at the 
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Always use hyphens:

- in spelled-out fractions, for example, one-third;
- when two or more words frequently used together form an adjective, such as common-sense argument or an in-depth interview.

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Use the following date formats:

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- 2000 (not ‘the year 2000’);
- 19th century, 20th-century computing;
- 1900s, 1960s, 2000s (no apostrophes).

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When items in a displayed list are complete sentences, begin with an upper-case letter and end with a full stop as follows:

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- word;
- phrase;
- phrase;
- word.

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- Click the large Microsoft Office button in the top left.  
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- Click Popular.  
- Select the Show Developer tab in the Ribbon check box.  
- Click OK.  
- Once this is set up:  
  - Click the Developer tab.  
  - Click the Document Template button in the Templates group. This opens the Templates and Add-ins window.  
  - Choose Attach, and then choose ewic-template.dot from the list of templates.  
  - Click automatically update styles and click open, then click OK.

The template is now added.

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Choose Attach, and then choose ewic-template.dot from the list of templates.
Click automatically update styles and click open, then click OK.

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