Paper Preparation Guide and Submission Instructions

for SimBuild 2026

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# Abstract

This document explains how to prepare a paper for submission to SimBuild 2026 organized by IPBSA-USA. It also includes the instructions for submission and some additional information. This document can be used as a template with MS-Word.

# Introduction

The paper should be prepared for letter-size paper (ANSI A at 8.5 x 11 inches), with overall margins of one inch on all sides of the paper (top, bottom, right and left). Use font type Times (Times New Roman) for the entire document, with different styles at different parts of the paper, as indicated below.

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# Parts of the Paper

## Title, authors, and authors’ affiliations

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## Abstract

The abstract, limited to about 100 words, should consist of a concise, self-contained description of the paper that clearly identifies the unique features of your study.

## Main body

The main body of the paper should contain (but is not limited to):

* Introduction
* Background or previous work, if needed
* Simulation and/or experiment
* Discussion and result analysis
* Conclusion
* Acknowledgments
* Nomenclature, if needed

The headings of each section should use 12-point font, in bold, with 6 and 3 points spacing above and below. The headings of the subsections should use 10-point font, in bold, with 6 and 3 points spacing above and below. The text should be typed in 10-point font with either single-line or 12-point spacing. Neither the sections or subsections should be numbered.

## References

All publications cited in the text should be listed at the end of the paper and should be ordered alphabetically by author name. All lines, other than the first in each entry, should be indented. In the main text, refer to a reference using author-year style (*e.g.*, Mitchell et al. 1995, Hensen 2003).

## Figures and Tables

Figures and tables, both of which must have numbers and captions, can be included in the body of the text or collected at the end of the paper. Color images are welcome. Figure 1 is an example of an image with a caption below the figure. Please use the Figure and Figure Caption styles to produce the appropriate spacing around the image and caption.



*Figure 1 Example of a figure*

Table 1 shows an example of a table, where the caption should be on the top of the table. Please use the Table Title and Table Text styles to produce the appropriate spacing around the title. Tables should be followed by one inch of space controled by the Table Properties.

*Table 1 Example of a table*

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| Entry 1 | Entry 2 | Entry 3 |
| Entry 4 | Entry 5 | Entry 6 |
| Summary 1 | Summary 2 | Summary 3 |

Oversized figures and tables may be included in the body of the text or collected at the end.

## Equations

Center equations and place consecutive equation numbers flush right in parentheses. For example,

|  | *a2* + *b*2 = *c*2. | (1) |
| --- | --- | --- |

Symbols used in equations and in the main text should be italicized. Mathematical symbols and formulae should be clear to avoid ambiguities. Equation numbers should appear in parentheses as in (1) and be numbered consecutively. A brief description of the symbols used in your paper should then be added in a nomenclature section at the end of the text.

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# Submission Instructions

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2. Please convert your document to PDF format. Other formats are NOT acceptable.
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4. Please submit your paper through ConfTool. Your specific link was included in your abstract acceptance letter. If your paper does not meet the submission requirements, your file will not be processed for review.
5. You will receive a confirmation via e-mail if your paper is successfully uploaded. You may submit your Conference Paper in advance of the deadline. You will be notified of the results of the peer review in January and may be asked to submit revisions for re-review.

# Conclusion

This paper has described how to prepare a paper for submission to SimBuild 2026 organized by IPBSA-USA. Good luck with your paper. Hope to see you in Minneapolis!

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This document was derived from the author guidelines used for the 2003, 2005, 2008, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2022 Building Simulation and SimBuild Conferences.

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