



Research Methodology

Paper Writing – Reminder and Questions

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Status of paper exercises

- Current status
 - Mostly coming together nicely
 - Common problems being encountered
- Next steps
 - Review comments from me tomorrow
 - Full paper draft on Friday 26.10
 - Final version due on Friday 2.11



Primary small problems

- Spelling and wording
- Related work
- References



Spelling and wording

- Spelling errors
- Grammatical errors
- Wording problems



Related work

- Related work is “a list”
- Related work not really related
- Connection to contribution unclear



References

- Mostly reasonably done
- Websites (use APA style for those)
- Format of reference in text
- Contextual information missing



Primary “big” problems

- Flow and structure of paper
- Specification of problem
- Indication of contribution



Flow and structure

- Think about it up front
- Identify “elements” of structure
- Tie elements together
- Pull out the “key stuff” separately



Specify problem scope

- Specify problem tackled
- Identify scope and focus of work
- Clearly state objective of work
- Should match contribution



Indicate contribution

- Identify what paper contributes
 - In abstract, introduction, main part, etc.
- Separate results from context
- Restate contribution in conclusion