

The IEEEconf class*

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1 Introduction

The IEEEconf class implements the formatting dictated by the IEEE Computer Society Press for conference proceedings. `IEEEconf.cls` replaces `latex8.sty` and is compatible with any BibTeX style, not just `latex8.bst`. The goal was to produce a more faithful implementation of the formatting rules and to do so with cleaner L^AT_EX code than that provided by the `latex8.*` files:

- IEEEconf is written as a class, which makes more sense than implementing it as a style file.
- IEEEconf uses the `titlesec` package to redefine `\section`, `\subsection`, and `\subsubsection` as dictated by the guidelines. `latex8` requires that authors use `\Section`, which internally calls `\section` then backspaces to add the required period after the section number. Yuck! By using proper sectioning, IEEEconf is compatible with the `hyperref` package. (Examine the PDF bookmarks produced when using `latex8` with `hyperref`.)
- IEEEconf changes bibliography formatting by redefining the `thebibliography` environment instead of by requiring the author to use a particular BibTeX style file.
- IEEEconf selects fonts using the L^AT_EX 2_ε font commands instead of T_EX primitives. This lets an author redefine `\rmdefault`, `\sfdefault`, and `\ttdefault` and have those changes honored by IEEEconf.
- IEEEconf uses the `geometry` package to construct the page layout rather than setting L^AT_EX registers directly.

Note that IEEEconf is intended specifically for preparing manuscripts for IEEE Computer Society Press conference proceedings. Most other IEEE publications—including other IEEE conference proceedings—specify different formatting requirements. Unless you were instructed explicitly to follow IEEE Computer Society

*This document corresponds to IEEEconf v1.4, dated 2009/04/05.

Press's conference-proceedings guidelines, you may find the `IEEEtran` package more appropriate than `IEEEconf`.

Caveats First, as of this writing, `IEEEconf` has been neither validated nor endorsed by the IEEE Computer Society Press. Second, some of the IEEE Computer Society Press's guidelines are outside of `IEEEconf`'s scope. See Section 3 for details. Third, the IEEE Computer Society Press occasionally changes their guidelines; `IEEEconf` v1.4 implements the guidelines that were current on 2007/01/15. In fact, the IEEE Computer Society Press Web site provides two sets of guidelines:

- `ftp://pubftp.computer.org/press/outgoing/proceedings/instruct8.5x11.pdf`. `IEEEconf` relies on this document for its primary set of guidelines.
- `http://www.computer.org/portal/site/ieeecs/index.jsp?pageID=ieeecs_level1&path=ieeecs/publications/cps&file=cps_forms.xml&xsl=generic.xsl`. This Web page contains almost the same contents as the preceding PDF file except that the "Footnotes" section has nothing to do with footnotes but rather with column formatting. Footnote guidance is taken from the other set of guidelines.
- `ftp://pubftp.computer.org/press/outgoing/proceedings/INSTRUCT.HTM` and `ftp://pubftp.computer.org/press/outgoing/proceedings/instruct.txt`. This document provides guidance on footnote formatting. However, it contradicts the previous documents by specifying that paragraphs be indented by 1 pica while the preceding document says to indent paragraphs by 1/4 inch (1.5 picas). It limits the abstract to 3 inches (7.62 cm) while the previous document dictates a 150-word limit. `IEEEconf` follows the previous document in the case of any conflict.

This document contains an additional section about illustrations that says not to use color figures unless instructed to do so and presents a few pre-historic guidelines about penciling in page numbers and how to use rub-on symbols.

Pages on the IEEE Computer Society Web site are frequently moved and/or renamed. You may need to search a bit to find the latest versions of the documents described above.

2 Usage

Unlike `latex8`, `IEEEconf` is a proper $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X} 2_{\epsilon}$ class. Also unlike `latex8`, it automatically loads the packages it needs and sets all of the correct formatting options by default.

2.1 Class options

`\documentclass` Begin your document by loading the `IEEEconf` class:

```
\documentclass{IEEEconf}
```

Although `IEEEconf` is derived from `article` and accepts the same class options, you should not, in general, pass any extra options to `\documentclass`. `IEEEconf` will automatically set two-column mode and a 10 pt. Times Roman font. `IEEEconf` honors the user's default paper size because the IEEE Computer Society Press now allows both U.S. Letter- and A4-sized paper. The default paper size can be overridden by the `letterpaper` or `a4paper` class options if a conference dictates a particular paper size.

`IEEEconf` introduces one class option of its own: `latex8`. The `latex8` option instructs `IEEEconf` to violate the IEEE Computer Society Press guidelines in the same manner that the `latex8` package provided by the IEEE Computer Society Press violates them. The advantage of using the `latex8` option is that `latex8`'s incorrect formatting provides a larger text block (27 pt. wider) than the guidelines allow. Hence, if you need to squeeze a little extra text into your paper, the `latex8` option lets you do that without violating the rules any more than the `latex8` package does.

2.2 User commands

```
\title The \title command behaves identically to the one in the article class. Just
remember to follow what the guidelines say about capitalization of words in the
title.
\author The guidelines specify different formatting for an author's name and for an
affiliation author's affiliation and e-mail address. For convenience, IEEEconf provides an
\email affiliation environment for typesetting affiliations and an \email macro for
typesetting e-mail addresses. The following examples show how to format an
author list:

% Individual author
\author{%
  Amy Author \\\
  \begin{affiliation}
    Fancy Text Processing Department \\\
    University of Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllllantysiliogogoch
  \end{affiliation} \\\
  \email{author@llanfairPG.ac.uk}
}

% Multiple authors
\author{%
  Ray Writer \\\
  \begin{affiliation}
    International Giant Mega-Corporation, Inc.
  \end{affiliation} \\\
  \email{writer@giantmegaco.com}
```

```

\and
  Kim Composer \\
  \begin{affiliation}
    Department of Reading, 'Riting, and 'Rithmetic
    \LaTeX{} State University
  \end{affiliation} \\
  \email{composer@latexstate.edu}
}

```

There is not currently any special support in `IEEEconf` for typesetting multiple affiliations per author.

`\date` The date macro is implemented but doesn't actually typeset anything.

`\callout` A *callout* is a piece of text referring to a figure or table. When the IEEE Computer Society Press re-typesets a document they supposedly want the “See Figure...” and “See Table...” text to stand out to help the typesetter ensure that figures and tables are placed as close as possible to their references. The `\callout` macro simply typesets its argument in 9-point Helvetica as per the guidelines and is typically used as follows: “For details, see `\callout{Figure~\ref{myfigure}}`”. My understanding is that `\callout` should be used only when a paper will be re-typeset and not when producing camera-ready copy.

`\dobeforekey` The IEEE Computer Society Press guidelines say, “If the last page of your paper is only partially filled, arrange the columns so that they are evenly balanced if possible, rather than having one long column.” While the `balance` and `multicol` packages may help, this is a fairly tricky requirement in the general case for $\text{\LaTeX} 2_{\epsilon}$. Because the last page of a conference paper typically contains only references, `IEEEconf` provides a simple command, `\dobeforekey`, to help with that specific case. `\dobeforekey` takes two arguments: a bibliography key (i.e., a string passed to the `\cite` command) and a command to execute before typesetting the corresponding bibliography entry. When preparing the final version of your paper, put “`\dobeforekey{<key>}{\newpage}`” anywhere before the `\bibliography` command and use trial-and-error to find the key that best balances the columns on the last page of the paper.

Reference lists The IEEE Computer Society Press provides little guidance about typesetting reference lists. Apparently, the author is granted some flexibility. `IEEEconf` uses the specified font but leaves the rest of the formatting decisions to the author's chosen bibliography style. As the IEEE Computer Society Press's two sample references both use abbreviated author names, it's probably best to use `\bibliographystyle{abbrv}` when including a $\text{BIB}\text{\LaTeX}$ bibliography.¹ `IEEEconf` also supports the `\thebibliography` environment for authors who prefer to typeset their reference lists manually.

`\extrareflistcode` Previous versions of the IEEE Computer Society Press guidelines stated that

¹`latex8.bst` is in fact identical to `abbrv.bst` except that it injects “`\setlength{\itemsep}{-1ex}\small`” into its generated `thebibliography` environment.

bibliographic references must be single-spaced, and that’s how `IEEEconf` formats the list of references. The current guidelines say nothing about inter-reference spacing but their two sample references are in fact separated by a blank line. To provide the author with both alternatives, `IEEEconf` provides a “hook” macro called `\extrareflistcode` that enables one to alter the line spacing—or any other aspect of reference-list spacing.

As in most $\text{\LaTeX} 2_{\epsilon}$ classes, references are typeset within a \LaTeX `list` environment. The `\extrareflistcode` macro specifies extra code to execute as part of the second argument to `\begin{list}` when typesetting the document’s References section. `\extrareflistcode` is initially empty but can be redefined by the author with `\renewcommand`. For example, the following code instructs `IEEEconf` to insert a blank line between entries in the references list:

```
\renewcommand{\extrareflistcode}{\setlength{\itemsep}{\baselineskip}}
```

3 Limitations

There are some requirements in the Computer Society’s guidelines that `IEEEconf` is unable to enforce:

- “All manuscripts must be in English.”
- “Capitalize the first letter of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs; do not capitalize articles, coordinate conjunctions, or prepositions (unless the title begins with such a word).”
- “Avoid the use of academic degrees and society affiliations.”
- “Avoid using bit-mapped fonts if possible. True–Type 1 fonts are preferred.”
- “Use footnotes sparingly (or not at all!)”. The guidelines do specify how to format footnotes if you’re desperate and `IEEEconf` honors the those requirements.
- “Where appropriate, include the name(s) of editors of referenced books.”

Furthermore, there are also some requirements the `IEEEconf` does not currently implement:

- “The abstract is to be...up to 150 words in length.” `IEEEconf` currently allows abstracts of any length.
- In the author list, “[m]ultiple authors may be shown in a two- or three-column format”. Like `article`, `IEEEconf` packs as many authors as possible onto a line.

- “Initially capitalize only the first word of each figure caption and table title . . . Figure captions are to be centered below the figures. Table titles are to be centered above the tables.” Consider using the `topcapt` package to help with this captioning requirement.
- “If the last page of your paper is only partially filled, arrange the columns so that they are evenly balanced if possible, rather than having one long column.” Consider using either `IEEEconf`’s `\doafterkey` macro or the `balance` package to help with this formatting requirement.

Some of the above shortcomings may be fixed in a future release of `IEEEconf` if I figure out a good way to do so.

Also note that currently, only $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ ” proceedings are supported, not 6×9 ” proceedings.

4 Implementation

This section contains the complete source code to `IEEEconf`. If you’re not a \LaTeX hacker you probably won’t find it particularly interesting or useful. However, if you’re comfortable reading \TeX and \LaTeX code, you can see exactly what `IEEEconf` is doing and how.

4.1 Initialization

`\iee@column@spec`

The guidelines require that all text be in a two-column format. However, there may be some special cases in which a single-column format is desirable, for example if the `multicol` package is needed anywhere in the document. We therefore provide a `onecolumn` option to suppress the default two-column formatting.

```
1 \def\iee@column@spec{twocolumn}
2 \DeclareOption{onecolumn}{\def\iee@column@spec{onecolumn}}
```

`\if@iee@correct@geometry@`
`@@iee@correct@geometry@true`
`@@iee@correct@geometry@false`

`IEEEconf` lays out the page geometry according to the IEEE Computer Society Press guidelines. However, as `IEEEconf` is not yet recognized by the IEEE Computer Society, virtually all IEEE Computer Society conferences point authors wanting to use \LaTeX to the old, broken `latex8` package, which fails to honor the IEEE Computer Society Press’s formatting guidelines. However, because of its incorrectness, `latex8` actually gives authors a little more space for text. `IEEEconf` therefore provides a `latex8` option to give authors the extra space provided by the `latex8` package without sacrificing compatibility with other $\text{\LaTeX} 2_{\epsilon}$ packages and flexibility as would using the `latex8` package directly.

```
3 \newif\if@iee@correct@geometry@
4 \@iee@correct@geometry@true
5 \DeclareOption{latex8}{\@iee@correct@geometry@false}
```

For simplicity, we’ll derive everything from the standard `article` class but force the `10pt` and, unless overridden, `twocolumn` options.

```

6 \DeclareOption*{\PassOptionsToClass{\CurrentOption}{article}}
7 \ProcessOptions\relax
8 \PassOptionsToClass{\ieeecommonspec,10pt}{article}
9 \LoadClass{article}

```

```

\ieeecommonspec The guidelines say not to paginate.
\maketitle
10 \let\ieeecommonspec=\maketitle
11 \renewcommand{\maketitle}{%
12 \ieeecommonspec
13 \thispagestyle{empty}%
14 }
15 \pagestyle{empty}

```

```

    "All paragraphs should be indented 1/4 inch (approximately 0.5 cm)."
```

```

16 \setlength{\parindent}{0.25in}

```

4.2 Page layout

Define the page layout as per the following instructions:

All printed material, including text, illustrations, and charts, must be kept within a print area of 6-1/2 inches (16.51 cm) wide by 8-7/8 inches (22.51 cm) high. Do not write or print anything outside the print area. All *text* must be in a two-column format. Columns are to be 3-1/16 inches (7.85 cm) wide, with a 3/8 inch (0.81 cm) space between them. Text must be fully justified.

We set the top margin to 1 inch and let the bottom margin define itself based on the top margin and the text height as per the following instructions:

The second and following pages should begin 1.0 inch (2.54 cm) from the top edge. On all pages, the bottom margin should be 1-1/8 inches (2.86 cm) from the bottom edge of the page for 8.5 × 11-inch paper; for A4 paper, approximately 1-5/8 inches (4.13 cm) from the bottom edge of the page.

```

17 \if@ieeecommonspec@correct@geometry@
18 \RequirePackage[%
19 noheadfoot,
20 textwidth=6.5in,
21 textheight=8.875in,
22 tmargin=1in
23 ]{geometry}
24 \setlength{\columnsep}{0.375in}
25 \else

```

The following was copied verbatim from `latex8.sty`:

```

26 \setlength{\textheight}{8.875in}

```

```

27 \setlength{\textwidth}{6.875in}
28 \setlength{\columnsep}{0.3125in}
29 \setlength{\topmargin}{0in}
30 \setlength{\headheight}{0in}
31 \setlength{\headsep}{0in}
32 \setlength{\parindent}{1pc}
33 \setlength{\oddsidemargin}{-.304in}
34 \setlength{\evensidemargin}{-.304in}
35 \fi

```

4.3 Font selection

The guidelines specify Times (or similar) as the default font and Helvetica as the sans-serif font. While we're at it, we specify Courier as the fixed-width font.

```

36 \RequirePackage{mathptmx}
37 \RequirePackage{helvet}
38 \RequirePackage{courier}

```

Next, we define commands to set the fonts we'll need later in this file.

```

\ieeetimes@xiv@bold Set Times 14 pt. bold.
39 \newcommand{\ieeetimes@xiv@bold}{%
40 \rmfamily\bfseries\upshape\fontsize{14}{16}\selectfont}

\ieeetimes@xii@bold Set Times 12 pt. bold.
41 \newcommand{\ieeetimes@xii@bold}{%
42 \rmfamily\bfseries\upshape\fontsize{12}{14}\selectfont}

\ieeetimes@xi@bold Set Times 11 pt. bold.
43 \newcommand{\ieeetimes@xi@bold}{%
44 \rmfamily\bfseries\upshape\fontsize{11}{13}\selectfont}

\ieeetimes@x@bold Set Times 10 pt. bold.
45 \newcommand{\ieeetimes@x@bold}{%
46 \rmfamily\bfseries\upshape\fontsize{10}{12}\selectfont}

\ieeetimes@xii@roman Set Times 12 pt. roman.
47 \newcommand{\ieeetimes@xii@roman}{%
48 \rmfamily\mdseries\upshape\fontsize{12}{14}\selectfont}

\ieeetimes@xii@italic Set Times 12 pt. italic.
49 \newcommand{\ieeetimes@xii@italic}{%
50 \rmfamily\mdseries\itshape\fontsize{12}{14}\selectfont}

\ieeetimes@ix@roman Set Times 9 pt. roman.
51 \newcommand{\ieeetimes@ix@roman}{%
52 \rmfamily\mdseries\upshape\fontsize{9}{11}\selectfont}

```

`\iee@helv@ix@roman` Set Helvetica 9 pt. roman.
53 `\newcommand{\iee@helv@ix@roman}{%`
54 `\sffamily\mdseries\upshape\fontsize{9}{11}\selectfont}`

`\iee@helv@x@bold` Set Helvetica 10 pt. bold.
55 `\newcommand{\iee@helv@x@bold}{%`
56 `\sffamily\bfseries\upshape\fontsize{10}{12}\selectfont}`

4.4 Title formatting

We use the array package to help center the text within tabular “p” columns.

57 `\RequirePackage{array}`

`\iee@author@width` `\@maketitle` sets this *<dimen>* to the width of the widest author block.
58 `\newlength{\iee@author@width}`

`\and` Redefine the `\and` macro used in titles to force some blank space above each author block. (Other than the `\rule` line, this version of `\and` is identical to the one in `ltsect.dtx`.)

59 `\def\and{%`
60 `\end{tabular}%`
61 `\hskip 1em \@plus 0.17fil%`
62 `\rule{0pt}{1.5\baselineskip}%`
63 `\begin{tabular}[t]{@{>\centering}p{\iee@author@width}@{}}%`
64 `}`

`\@maketitle` The guidelines say that the “title (on the first page) should begin 1-3/8 inches (3.49 cm) from the top edge of the page, centered, and in Times 14-point, boldface type... Leave two blank lines after the title.”

65 `\def\@maketitle{%`
66 `\newpage`
67 `\null`
68 `\vskip 0.375in%`
69 `\begin{center}%`
70 `\let\footnote=\thanks`
71 `{\iee@times@xiv@bold\@title\par}%`
72 `\vskip 24pt`
73 `\iee@times@xii@roman`

Set `\iee@author@width` to the width of the widest author block.

74 `\settowidth{\iee@author@width}{%`
75 `\let\and=\crr`

We temporarily let-bind both `\thanks` and `\footnote` to `\@gobble`. If we didn’t, IEEEconf would output each footnote twice: once when calculating the width of the author blocks and once when typesetting them. Note that we use `\@gobble` instead of, say, `\footnotemark` because `\@iee@old@maketitle` (a.k.a. the article class’s `\maketitle` macro) places footnote markers within an `\rlap` so they occupy no horizontal space.

```

76     \let\thanks=\@gobble
77     \let\footnote=\@gobble
78     \begin{tabular}[t]{@{}c{}}%
79         \@author
80     \end{tabular}%
81 }%

```

Typeset all author blocks with columns exactly of width `\iee@author@width`.

```

82     \begin{tabular}[t]{@{}>\hfil}p{\iee@author@width}<\hfil}@{}%
83         \@author
84     \end{tabular}%
85 \end{center}%

```

“Author information should be followed by two 12-point blank lines.” The old, broken `latex8` package incorrectly follows the author information with only *one* 12-point blank line, so we do likewise when the `latex8` package option is specified.

```

86 \if@iee@correct@geometry@
87     \vskip -\baselineskip
88     \vskip 24pt%
89 \else
90     \vspace*{0.5em}%
91     \vspace*{12pt}%
92 \fi
93 }

```

affiliation Affiliations are supposed to be in Times 12 pt. italic type. We define an environment to help out with that. In `latex8` compatibility mode we introduce an extra, unnecessary half em of vertical space between the author name and affiliation.

```

94 \newenvironment{affiliation}{%
95     \iee@times@xii@italic
96     \if@iee@correct@geometry@
97     \else
98         \rule[10pt]{0pt}{0.5em}%
99     \fi
100 \begin{tabular}[t]{c}%
101 }{%
102 \end{tabular}%
103 }

```

email E-mail addresses are supposed to be in Times 12 pt. italic type. We define a macro to help out with that.

```

104 \newcommand*{\email}[1]{%
105     {\iee@times@xii@italic#1}}

```

4.5 Abstract

abstract The guidelines have a lot to say about formatting abstracts:

The abstract is to be in fully-justified italicized text, at the top of the left-hand column as it is here, below the author information. Use the word “Abstract” as the title, in 12-point Times, boldface type, centered relative to the column, initially capitalized. The abstract is to be in 10-point, single-spaced type, and up to 150 words in length. Leave two blank lines after the abstract, then begin the main text.

Most of the following code was taken verbatim from `classes.dtx`.

```

106 \if@titlepage
107   \renewenvironment{abstract}{%
108     \titlepage
109     \null\vfil
110     \@beginparpenalty\@lowpenalty
111     \begin{center}%
112       \bfseries \abstractname
113       \@endparpenalty\@M
114     \end{center}%
115     \par}%
116   {\par\vfil\null\endtitlepage}
117 \else
118   \renewenvironment{abstract}{%
119     \begin{center}%
120       \IEEE@times@xii@bold \abstractname
121     \end{center}%
122     \par
123     \itshape}%
124     {\vspace*{\baselineskip}}}%
125 \fi

```

4.6 Figures and tables

Format figure and table captions as follows:

Figure and table captions should be 10-point Helvetica (or a similar sans-serif font), boldface. Callouts should be 9-point Helvetica, non-boldface. Initially capitalize only the first word of each figure caption and table title. Figures and tables must be numbered separately. For example: “Figure 1. Database contexts”, “Table 1. Input data”. Figure captions are to be below the figures. Table titles are to be centered above the tables.

Currently, the author is responsible for putting captions above tables and below figures. The `topcapt` package is useful for ensuring proper spacing when captions are placed above a table.

`\@makecaption` Modify `\@makecaption` to typeset everything in 10 pt. Helvetica and to put a period instead of a colon after the figure number. See the definition of `\@makecaption` in `classes.dtx` for additional commentary.

```

126 \long\def\@makecaption#1#2{%
127   \vskip\abovecaptionskip
128   \sbox\@tempboxa{\IEEE@helv@x@bold #1. #2}%
129   \ifdim \wd\@tempboxa >\hsize
130     \IEEE@helv@x@bold #1. #2\par
131   \else
132     \global \@minipagefalse
133     \hb@xt@\hsize{\hfil\box\@tempboxa\hfil}%
134   \fi
135   \vskip\belowcaptionskip}

```

`\callout` When the IEEE Computer Society Press re-typesets a document they supposedly want the “See Figure” and “See Table” callouts to stand out to help the typesetter ensure that figures and tables are placed as close as possible to their callouts. The `\callout` macro simply typesets its argument in 9-point Helvetica as per the IEEE Computer Society Press guidelines.

```

136 \DeclareRobustCommand{\callout}[1]{%
137   {\IEEE@helv@ix@roman#1}%
138 }

```

4.7 Section headers

The `titlesec` package makes it easy to modify section headers.

```
139 \RequirePackage{titlesec}
```

Format sections as follows:

For example, “1. Introduction”, should be Times 12-point boldface, initially capitalized, flush left, with one blank line before, and one blank line after. Use a period (“.”) after the Arabic heading number, not a colon.

```

140 \titleformat{\section}{\IEEE@times@xii@bold}{\thesection.}{0.5em}%
141   {}\relax
142 \titlespacing{\section}{0pt}{12pt}{12pt}

```

Format subsections as follows:

As in this heading, they should be Times 11-point boldface, initially capitalized, flush left, with one blank line before, and one after.

```

143 \titleformat{\subsection}{\IEEE@times@xi@bold}{\thesubsection.}%
144   {0.5em}{}\relax
145 \titlespacing{\subsection}{0pt}{11pt}{11pt}

```

Format subsubsections as follows:

Third-order headings, as in this paragraph, are discouraged. However, if you must use them, use 10-point Times, boldface, initially capitalized, flush left, preceded by one blank line, followed by a period and your text on the same line.

```

146 \titleformat{\subsubsection}[runin]{\IEEE@times@x@bold}%
147   {\thesubsubsection.}{0.5em}{.}
148 \titlespacing{\subsubsection}{0pt}{10pt}{0.5em}

```

4.8 References

`thebibliography` In order to make IEEEconf play nicely with the `tocbibind` package we need to separate the code that outputs the word “References” (or whatever `\refname` is defined as) from the code that typesets the bibliography in a list. Hence, our `thebibliography` definition is rather short.

```

149 \renewenvironment{thebibliography}[1]{%
150   \section*{\refname}%
151   \@mkboth{\MakeUppercase\refname}{\MakeUppercase\refname}%
152   \begin{IEEE@thebibitemlist}{#1}%
153 }{%
154   \end{IEEE@thebibitemlist}%
155 }

```

`IEEE@thebibitemlist` The IEEE guidelines provide very little guidance when it comes to formatting a bibliography. All they insist upon is that it be typeset in 9 pt. Times and use square brackets. The following is almost identical to the definition of `thebibliography` in `classes.dtx` but sets the appropriate font size and—as a courtesy to authors struggling to meet page-length requirements—eliminates blank lines between entries. The user can reinstate blank lines by redefining the `\extrareflistcode` hook.

```

156 \newenvironment{IEEE@thebibitemlist}[1]
157   {\list{\@biblabel{\@arabic\c@enumiv}}%
158     {\IEEE@times@ix@roman
159       \setlength{\itemsep}{0pt}%
160       \setlength{\parsep}{0pt}%
161       \settowidth\labelwidth{\@biblabel{#1}}%
162       \leftmargin\labelwidth
163       \advance\leftmargin\labelsep
164       \@openbib@code
165       \usecounter{enumiv}%
166       \let\p@enumiv\@empty
167       \renewcommand\theenumiv{\@arabic\c@enumiv}%
168       \extrareflistcode}%
169   \sloppy
170   \clubpenalty4000
171   \@clubpenalty \clubpenalty
172   \widowpenalty4000%
173   \sfcode'\.\@m}
174 {\def\@noitemerr
175   {\@latex@warning{Empty ‘thebibliography’ environment}}%
176   \endlist}

```

At the beginning of the document, after the author has finished loading packages, we check to see if the `tocbibind` package was loaded. If it was, we replace its

thebibitemlist environment with our `ieee@thebibitemlist` environment.

```
177 \AtBeginDocument{%
178   \ifpackageloaded{tocbibind}{%
179     \let\thebibitemlist=\ieee@thebibitemlist
180     \let\endthebibitemlist=\endieee@thebibitemlist
181   }%
182 }%
183 }
```

`\ieee@pre@bibitem@key` The commands defined by the user in `\ieee@pre@bibitem@cmd` are executed before IEEEconf typesets a bibliographic entry with key `\ieee@pre@bibitem@key`.

```
184 \newcommand{\ieee@pre@bibitem@key}{IEEEconf}
185 \newcommand{\ieee@pre@bibitem@cmd}{}
```

`\dobeforekey` Store a command to execute before a given bibliography key.

```
186 \newcommand{\dobeforekey}[2]{%
187   \def\ieee@pre@bibitem@key{#1}%
188   \def\ieee@pre@bibitem@cmd{#2}%
189 }
```

`\ieee@old@bibitem` Redefine `\bibitem` to insert `\ieee@pre@bibitem@cmd` before a citation or reference label designated by the user.

`\bibitem`

```
190 \let\ieee@old@bibitem=\bibitem
191 \renewcommand{\bibitem}[2][]{%
192   \def\ieee@biblabel{#1}%
193   \def\ieee@bibkey{#2}%
194   \ifx\ieee@bibkey\ieee@pre@bibitem@key
195     \ieee@pre@bibitem@cmd
196   \fi
197   \ifx\ieee@biblabel\@empty
198     \def\next{\ieee@old@bibitem{#2}}%
199   \else
200     \def\next{\ieee@old@bibitem[#1]{#2}}%
201   \fi
202   \next
203 }
```

`\extrareflistcode` Provide a hook for the user to inject arbitrary code into the `list` environment's spacing argument (i.e., the second argument to `\begin{list}`) when producing a reference list.

```
204 \newcommand{\extrareflistcode}{}
```

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| v1.0 | General: Initial version | 1 | Updated the page layout to match the new IEEE Computer Society Press specifications. | 7 | |
| v1.0a | General: Clarified the documentation as per Ming Kin Lai's suggestions | 1 | Updated the paragraph indentation to match the new IEEE Computer Society Press specifications. | 7 | |
| v1.0b | General: Corrected a formatting problem with <code>\subsubsection</code> identified by Ben Ochoa. | 13 | <code>\callout</code> : Introduced this macro. Thanks to Ming Kin Lai for finding out what a "callout" is. | 12 | |
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