



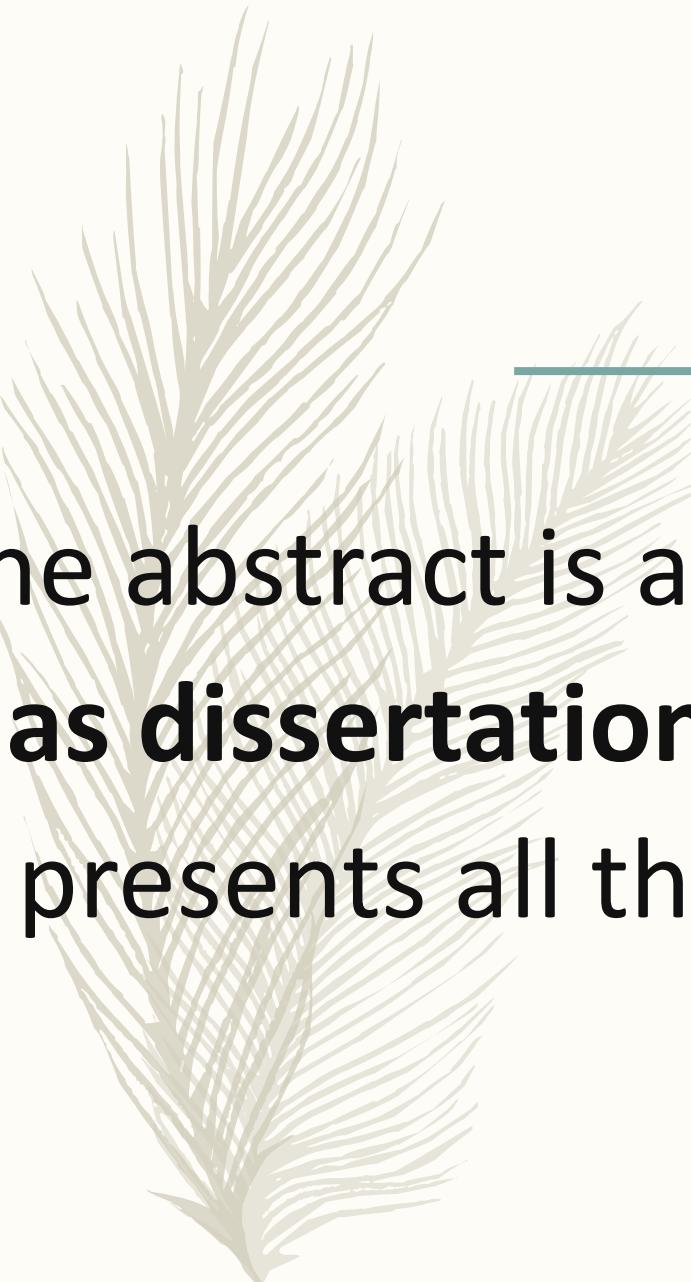
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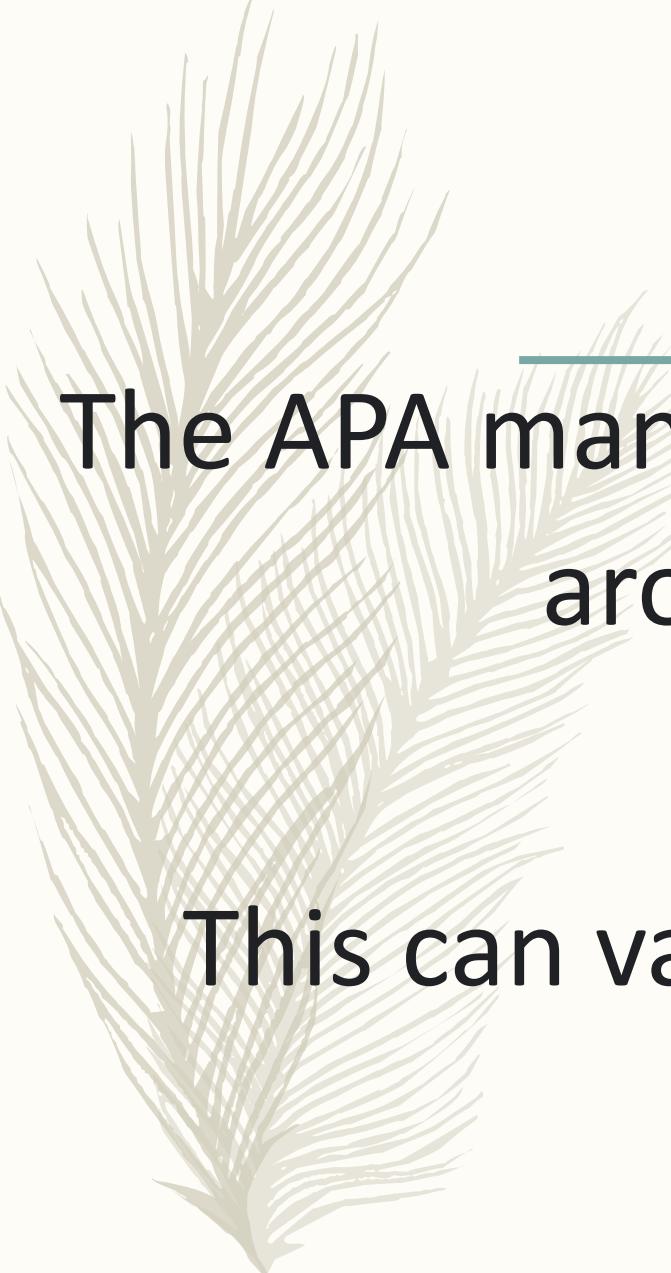
What is an abstract?



The abstract is a short summary of longer work such as dissertations, thesis (and thesis proposals), It presents all the major elements of the thesis in a condensed form



How long should an abstract be?



The APA manual suggests that most abstracts are around 150–250 words long.

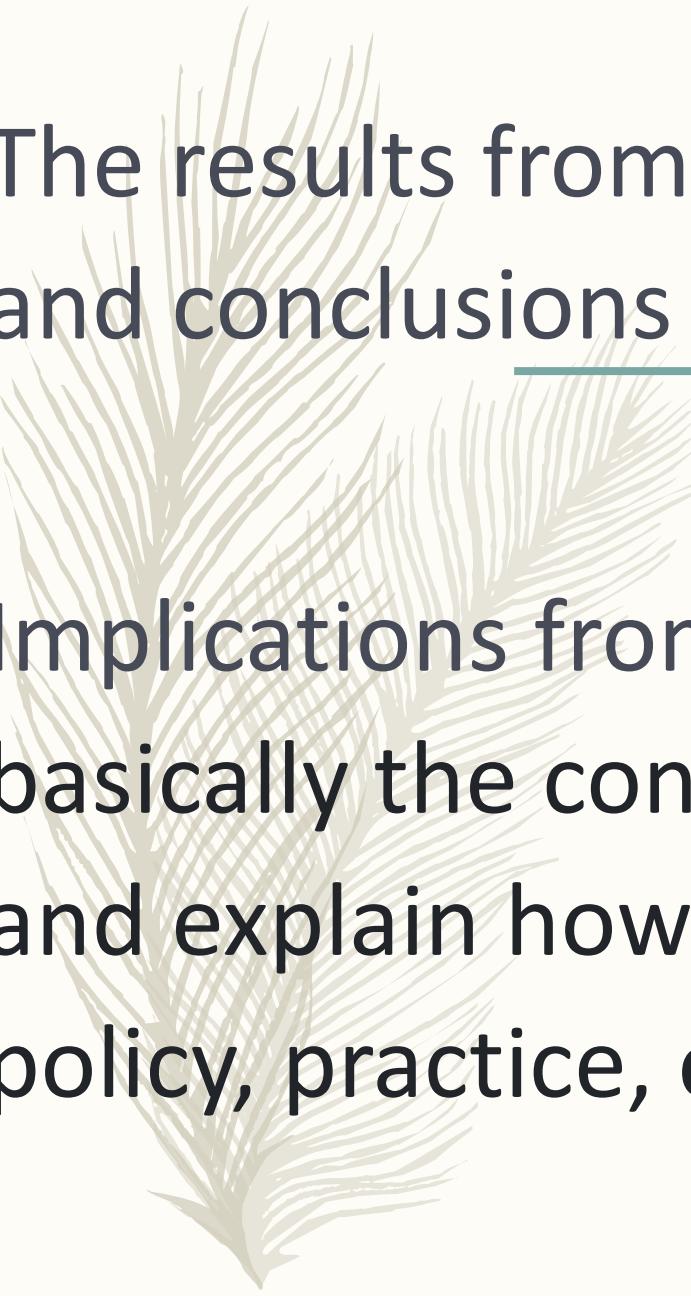
This can vary depending on your professor's requirements.



What should I include in my abstract? (Content)

- Key aspects of your literature review
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- Problem under investigation of your research questions
- Clearly stated hypothesis
- Research method(s) used which should include a brief description of the study design, sample, and sample size (n) from the population (N)



- The results from the study which includes the findings and conclusions

- Implications from the study-Research implications are basically the conclusions that you draw from your results and explain how the findings may be important for policy, practice, or theory.

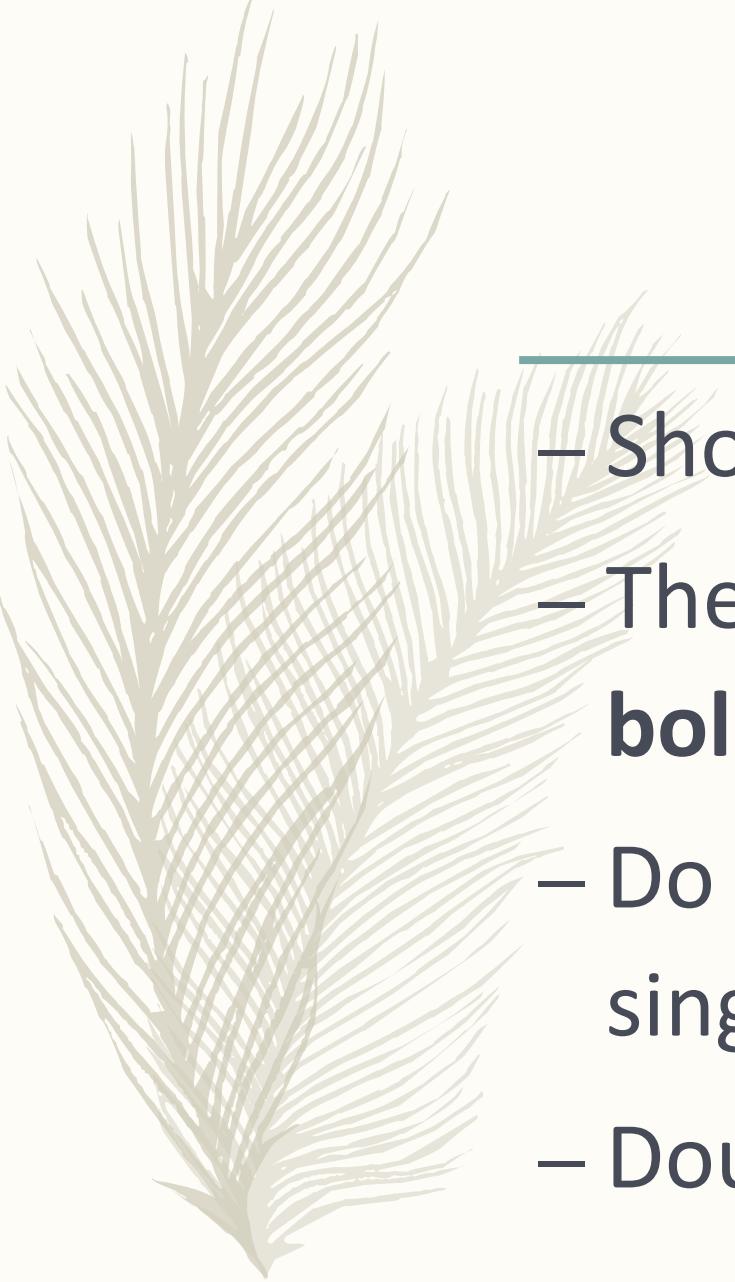


How about the format?

– **ALWAYS** follow your professor's guidelines

- Calibri – size 11
- Arial – size 11
- Times New Roman – size 12
- Lucida Sans Unicode – size 10

Most common is Times New Roman – size 12



How about the format?

- Should be the second page of a paper
- The word “Abstract” should be centered in **bold**
- Do NOT indent and should be written as a single paragraph
- Double spaced



What should the header contain and look like?

- Should include a running head (if your professor wants you to use it) Title in capital letters (maximum of 50 characters)
- Page number should be on the right corner (top of page)