

Appendix C

The specs of the columns and forums

For most columns:

- The initial manuscript should be submitted in .pdf and Word .doc format (OR .pdf and .tex)
- One column, up to 10 manuscript pages (1.5 pt between lines, 0.9in margins, font size 12), including up to 12 references and up to 4 figures
- Figures and tables: Need to be sized so as to have a width equal to one, two or three columns, since the SPM is published using three columns. Each should have a self contained caption. Multipart figures count as separate figures (e.g., fig 1a), 1b) count as two figures)
- Title: short and concise
- Author names (do not include affiliations, IEEE memberships, emails or addresses)
- Subtitles: capital letters (use informative subtitles, not Introduction, Background, etc)
- In the end of the paper, add a section "Authors" as follows: "Author1 (email address) is with ... short bio here. Author 2 (email address) is with.... short bio here, etc"
- First one-two paragraphs: state clearly the problem being resolved and outline what the article will present
- Acronyms and equations: defined all acronyms before using them. Explain all variables and parameters used in equations.
- Any code example: include in separate boxes
- "Standards" and "Lecture Notes" columns: add to the specs the template of the column

Exceptions:

- "In the Spotlight" and "Best of the Web" columns: up to 2.0 printed pages (i.e., up to 2000 words) including up to 5 references and up to 2 figures.
- "Book Review" and "Reader's Choice" columns: up to 2.5 printed pages (i.e., up to 2200 words)

Forum:

- DSP Forum : up to 6 printed pages, i.e. up to 12 manuscript pages (1.5 pt between lines, 0.9in margins, font size 12) including the authors brief bios.