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Abstract This particular document provides a skeleton illustrating key sections for a Best Practices document. Please see the sample `sample-document.tex` in github.com/livecomsjournal/article_templates/templates for additional information on and examples of using the LiveCoMS LaTeX class. Here we also assume familiarity with LaTeX and knowledge of how to include figures, tables, etc.; if you want examples, see the sample just referenced.

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1 Introduction

Here you would explain what problem you are tackling and briefly motivate your work.

In this particular template, we have removed most of the usage examples which occur in `sample-document.tex` to provide a minimal template you can modify; however, we retain a couple of examples illustrating more unusual features of our templates/article class, such as the checklists, and information on algorithms and pseudocode.

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2 Prerequisites

Here you would identify prerequisites/background knowledge that are assumed by your work and your checklist which you view as critical, ideally giving links to good sources on these topics. Checklists are normally focused on errors made by users with training and experience in molecular simulations, so you can assume a basic familiarity with the fundamentals of molecular simulations.

3 Checklist

Here we use a full-page checklist with multiple sections, so it will appear on a separate page of the sample PDF. Other checklist formats are possible, as shown in the sample `sample-document.tex` in github.com/livecomsjournal/article_templates/templates.

Your checklist should include a succinct list of steps that people should follow when carrying out the task in question. This is provided to ensure certain basic standards are followed and common but critical major errors are avoided. Note that a checklist is not intended to cover *all* important steps, but rather focus on the most common reasons for failure or incorrect results, or issues which are particularly crucial.

4 Rationale

Your Rationale section, or sections, can follow or precede your checklist (we expect that often, following the checklist will be preferable) and provide the necessary rationale for the checklist, and act as more complete *best practices* description. This should include 1) significant detail as to the possible alternative ways to accomplish a given task, 2) description of advantages and disadvantages of the various approaches, and 3) significant literature documentation about reasons for choices.

4.1 Algorithms and Pseudocode

The `algpseudocode` and `algorithms` packages is loaded by the document class. **Algorithm 1** was taken directly from the package documentation. (Please do not load `algorithm2e`; it's not compatible with `algpseudocode` nor `algorithms`!)

Algorithm 1. Euclid's algorithm

procedure Euclid(a, b)	▷ The g.c.d. of a and b
$r \leftarrow a \bmod b$	
while $r \neq 0$ do	▷ We have the answer if r is 0
$a \leftarrow b$	
$b \leftarrow r$	
$r \leftarrow a \bmod b$	
end while	
return b	▷ The gcd is b
end procedure	

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