

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - PROJECT SUMMARY AND TECH PAPER

- How can I cite a previous DEVELOP project in the tech paper?
 - ◆ You can reference previous work from a DEVELOP project by citing the tech paper in APA format. Treat tech papers as unpublished manuscripts or government reports when citing ([Purdue OWL](#)). Ask the PC team if you need guidance on this!
- Can we write in first-person in the technical paper?
 - ◆ Writing in first-person is acceptable (for example, using “we”). A PC team favorite is writing in the third-person (for example, using “the team” or “team members”). Either way, this helps you write in active voice!
- What if we don't know which sensors we will be using yet?
 - ◆ Do your best to predict which sensors you will use. Be realistic about the amount of time you have to complete your project. Update the PC team as things change, but what matters most is that your final draft project summary is accurate!

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- Do we have to spell out satellites and sensors in our abstract?
 - ◆ Yes. Satellites and sensors should be spelled out in the abstract. You may use acronyms in the abstract after you have spelled them out. However, satellites and sensors must be spelled out once more outside the abstract (in the body of the project summary or tech paper).
- When should I use subsections in the tech paper?
 - ◆ Subsections should be used when fitting for the flow of the paper. We recommend breaking each scientific step into a subsection (e.g. Land Use and Land Cover as a section and Surface Temperature as a section), but not breaking up sections by each end product. A well-positioned topic sentence can fulfill the same function as a subsection heading, without disrupting the flow of your writing.