# Template for Authors of the IASSIST Quarterly

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## Abstract

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## Keywords

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## Introduction

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## The numbered list

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