

# ***Editorial Guidelines for Authors***

## ***IEEE Blockchain Technical Briefs: A Collection of Short Technical Articles***

### **1. Introduction**

*IEEE Blockchain Technical Briefs* is a quarterly publication launched in July 2018. It features timely technical articles to inform and advance blockchain and related technologies.

The publication is proactively promoted through the IEEE Blockchain Initiative. This publication arms the professional practitioner, as well as the casual observer, with excellent knowledge in a concise, readable, and practical format.

### **2. Scope**

*IEEE Blockchain Technical Briefs* is home to information and collaboration that pushes out new and innovative thoughts. The publication will explore new blockchain designs, challenges, innovative technologies, applications, standards, etc. And the publication will serve as a place to foster research, education, and innovation across different industries.

Write at the architectural level, not at the design level. *The article may mention company or organizational efforts; however, direct marketing is prohibited, keep content free from commercial agendas and objectives.*

### **3. Article Preparation Guidelines**

The *IEEE Blockchain Technical Briefs* Editorial Board invites articles from a broad scope of writers that do not have to be members of IEEE. Each submitted article will be reviewed by one of the editors, and high-level comments/commentary are provided to the authors. There is not a specific template for authors to use for submissions, but please submit articles in Word format. For reference, the IEEE Software-Defined Networks (IEEE SDN) Newsletter, [IEEE Softwarization](#), is a similar type of publication as far as look and style of articles.

#### ***· Understandability of audience***

The articles should be conceptual in nature and needs to be understood by lay people, a typical electrical engineer no matter what the engineer's specialty is and R&D Scientists—certainly not at the transaction level.

#### ***· Article Length***

1200-3000 words. Look and feel of an introduction with substance but extensible. If your article is longer than 1500 words, please contact the managing editor in advance.

#### ***· Citations***

At the end of the article, please cite all sources referenced (the reference section is not included in the word count). Hyperlinks within the article are acceptable, but do not count as citation and still need to be included in the reference section at the end of the document. Cite and reference in IEEE style: [http://ieeauthorcenter.ieee.org/wp-content/uploads/IEEE\\_Style\\_Manual.pdf](http://ieeauthorcenter.ieee.org/wp-content/uploads/IEEE_Style_Manual.pdf).

#### ***· Pictures and Graphics***

Please only use pictures or graphics that you have the right to use or cite.

### **- Publishing Policy and Ethics**

All articles should follow the IEEE Publishing Policy and Ethics guidelines: [https://www.ieee.org/publications\\_standards/publications/authors/author\\_ethics.html](https://www.ieee.org/publications_standards/publications/authors/author_ethics.html)

### **4. Deadlines and Schedules**

Articles should be submitted 4-6 weeks ahead of publishing date for possible consideration in the upcoming issue. For example, for an article to appear in the March issue, the article should be submitted by early February.

### **2019 Editorial Calendar**

<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	<b>DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES</b>
January 2019	Special Edition Published
March 2019	Published
June 2019	Published
September 2019	July 29
December 2019	November 4

### **5. Review/Editing**

The responsible editor will ensure compliance of the article to editorial guidelines and start the review process. Editor will provide feedback and high-level comments to the author for consideration. The Editor-in-Chief will also review the article when finalized and prior to publication.

### **6. Copyright and Ethics**

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### **7. Submissions**

Please submit your final article with your brief bio (100-300 words) – including details of your IEEE affiliation – and photo (headshot) to: [blk-editor@ieee.org](mailto:blk-editor@ieee.org). Please direct any questions concerning the topic or content of your article to this email address. All the queries will be responded to as soon as possible.

### **8. Contacts**

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