How to Improve Your Chances of Getting a Paper Accepted

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Improving Your Chances

- Do good work
- Chose your problems carefully
- Avoid “idea” papers
- Work vertically, not horizontally
- Write defensively
- Polish, polish, polish
- Find a role model

- Know the literature
- Know your audience
- Develop your community
- Avoid the LPU temptation
- Don’t submit just for the feedback (the “throwaway” is your credibility)
What to do Before Submission

◆ Maturity is measured by evaluation, not effort
  – A prototype is *not* an evaluation
  – An example is *not* an evaluation
  – A case study is *not* an experiment

◆ Writing is part of the research

◆ Don’t trust your students to do the writing

◆ Get early feedback
What to do After Submission

- Assume rejection
- Improve the work
- Improve the paper
What to do with a Rejection

- Stay calm
- Ignore the tone
- Concentrate on substance
- If reviewer did not get it, it is your fault
- Resist temptation to play roulette with PCs
- Don’t give up