A very brief guide to writing a good technical abstract

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5 key points you need to make

- **what** are you going to do
- **how** are you going to do it
- **why** are you doing it (what makes it interesting and/or challenging)
- how will you **evaluate** its success
- **references** that are relevant

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Is this a good abstract?

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I give it 2/5

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(1) For our project, we will undertake the design of the RSA public-key cryptosystem using VHDL. We want to be able to encrypt/decrypt a message sent between two communicating parties, using both a public key and a secret key. (WHAT)

(2) Due to time constraints and the level of complexity of the RSA algorithm, we will not be incorporating the "digital signature" aspect of the RSA cryptosystem into our design. (HOW, or "HOW NOT")

Keep in mind that you:

- have very limited time and space
- need to convey key points quickly
- can assume a technical audience
- don’t want to state the obvious
- can’t afford typos (furure?)