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Abstract

A concise summary (150-250 words) of the dissertation

Highlight:

- ✓ Research problem
- ✓ Methodology
- ✓ Key findings
- ✓ Implications

Acknowledgments
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❑A section for expressing gratitude to persons who supported your research journey i.e.
- ✓Individuals
- ✓Advisors
- ✓Mentors
- ✓Institutions

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❑List all the main sections and subsections with corresponding page numbers.

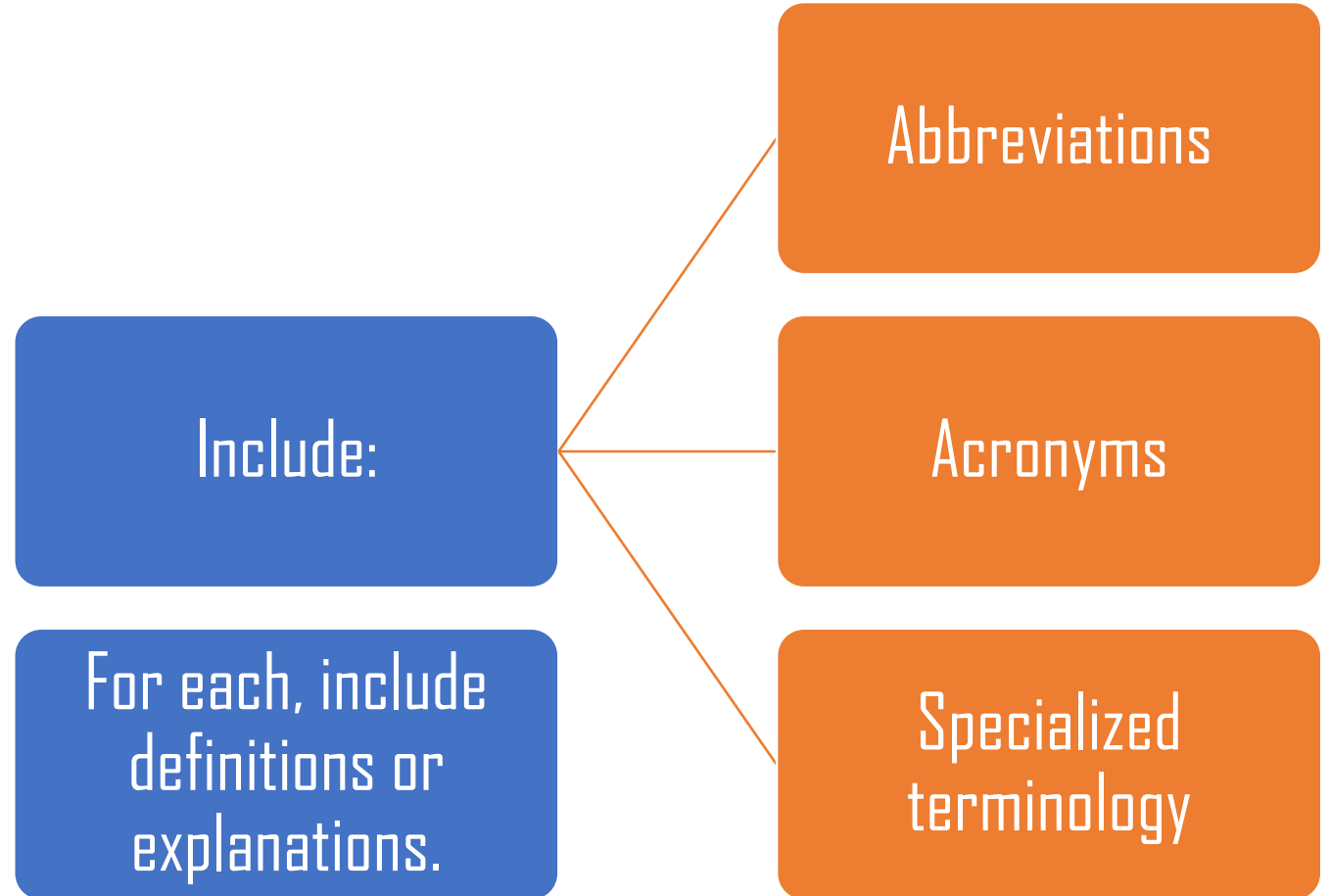❑Include all chapters, appendices, and other major sections.

List of Figures and Tables (if applicable)

Provide a list of figures and tables used in the dissertation with corresponding page numbers.

Useful for easy reference.

Chapter 1: Introduction

1
Introduce the research topic and its significance.

2
Present the research problem and its context.

3
Clearly state research objectives, questions, and hypotheses.

4
Outline the dissertation's structure and chapters.

e.g.
For example:
- 1.1 Background and Rationale (of the topic)
- 1.2 Context (General to Specific)
- 1.3 Problem Statement
- 1.4 Research Objectives
- 1.5 Research Questions
- 1.6 Significance
- 1.7 Scope & Limitations

Chapter 2: Literature Review

1. Search for Evidence

2. Summary, Critical Evaluation, & Synthesis

- Review existing research on the topic, categorizing and analyzing prior studies.

3. Gaps

- Identify gaps, controversies, or limitations in existing literature.

For example:

- 2.1: Evidence Search
  - 2.1.1 Search Strategy
  - 2.2.2 Search Results
- 2.2: Historical Context
- 2.3: Theme 2
- 2.4: Theme 3 (and so on)
- 2.5: Gaps in Existing Literature
- 2.6: Conclusion & Justification for the Study

Chapter 3: Methodology

1. Describe the research methods used in detail.

2. Explain the choice of methodology and its alignment with the research questions.

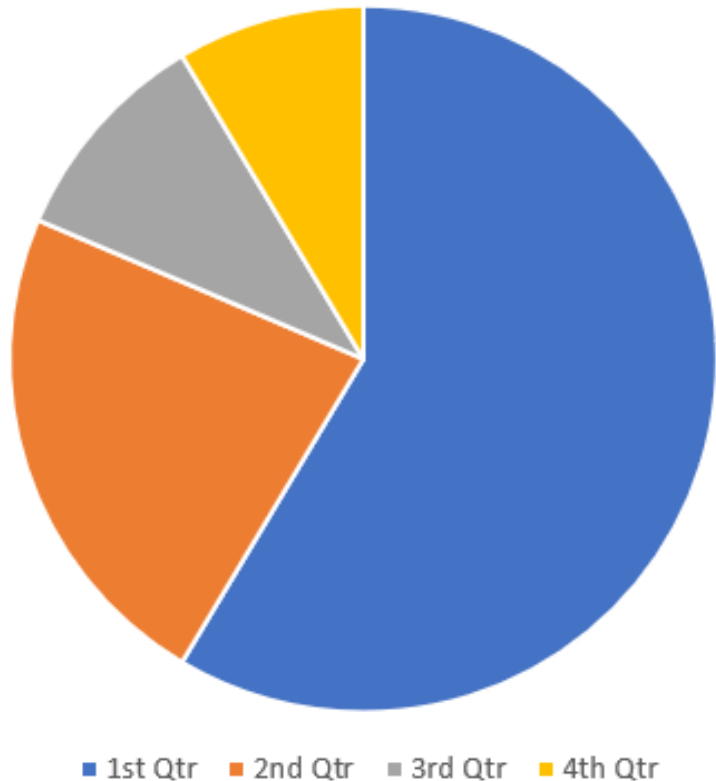3. Discuss data collection techniques, tools, and participants.

4. Address ethical considerations and how you obtained informed consent.

For example:

- 3.1: Research Design i.e. approach, research timeline, data sources, participants (population or sample size), sampling strategy.
- 3.2: Data Collection
- 3.3: Data Analysis
- 3.4: Ethical Considerations & Informed Consent
- 3.5: Methodological Limitations

Chapter 4: Results

Fig 1.1: 2022-23 Sales

- 1st Qtr
- 2nd Qtr
- 3rd Qtr
- 4th Qtr

1. Present the research findings; organized according to research questions or hypotheses.

2. Use Visuals & Non-textual Elements: Utilize tables, figures, charts, or graphs to illustrate key data.

3. Label Each Figure Appropriately i.e. Fig.1.0: [Name]

4. Include a Caption (short description) Below Each Figure

5. State the Significance of Results (do not interpret!)

❑ **For example:**

- 4.1: Presentation of Findings
  - 4.1.1: [Finding One + Visual (if applicable)]
  - 4.1.2: Same as above and so on
- 4.2: Significance of Results

Chapter 5: Discussion

1. Interpret

- Interpret the results, discussing their implications and relevance – to both your research question and broader field context.
- Refer to the results in past tense i.e. "were obtained"

2. Compare

- Compare findings to those in studies evaluated in your literature review.

3. Limitations & Future Research

- Acknowledge any limitations and offer recommendations based on the findings (if any).

For Example:

- 5.1: Introduction
- 5.2: [Significant Finding One – interpret, discuss implications, & compare to existing literature]
- 5.3: [Repeat 5.2 for all significant findings]
- 5.4: Broader Implications
- 5.5: Limitations of the Study
- 5.6: Recommendations

Chapter 6: Conclusion

1. Summarize the key findings, their significance, and the overall contributions of the dissertation.

2. Briefly provide practical recommendations, policy implications, or directions for further study.

For example:

- 6.1: Summary of the Research
- 6.2: Key Findings & Implications
- 6.3: Contributions to the Field
- 6.4: Limitations of the Study
- 6.5: Recommendations for Future Research

References

List all sources and studies cited in the dissertation.

Follow a specific citation style (e.g., APA, MLA, Chicago)

Appendix

❑Contains supplementary materials that support the dissertation but are too extensive to include in the main body. i.e.:

- Raw data
- Questionnaires
- Technical Details i.e. Complex equations, mathematical derivations, or methodological
- Supporting Documentation: Legal documents & paperwork, Consent forms, IRB approvals, etc
- Visuals: Charts, graphs, tables, or images that are too numerous or detailed to be incorporated into the main text.
- Additional details

❑**For example:** [Appendix A: Title]

- Describe the content of each appendix clearly, including any datasets, charts, or additional information.
- Label appendices with letters (e.g., Appendix A, Appendix B).