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4. **Main Text** – Organized into the following sections (as appropriate):
 - ✓ Introduction
 - ✓ Literature Review/Theoretical Framework
 - ✓ Methodology
 - ✓ Results/Findings
 - ✓ Discussion
 - ✓ Implications and Conclusion
5. **References** – All citations and references should follow the *APA 7th edition* format.

Journal articles

Bannister, F., & Connolly, R. (2020). The future ain't what it used to be: Forecasting the impact of ICT on the public sphere. *Government Information Quarterly*, 37(1), 101410. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.giq.2019.101410>

Books

Bryson, J. M. (2018). *Strategic planning for public and nonprofit organizations* (5th ed.). Jossey-Bass.

Edited book chapter

Dunleavy, P., & Margetts, H. (2015). Design principles for essentially digital governance. In J. Pierre (Ed.), *The Oxford handbook of Swedish politics* (pp. 275–294). Oxford University Press.

Conference paper (proceedings)

Janssen, M., Konopnicki, D., Snowden, J. L., & Ojo, A. (2017). Driving public sector innovation using big and open linked data (BOLD). In *Proceedings of the 50th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences* (pp. 2586–2595). <https://doi.org/10.24251/HICSS.2017.313>

Thesis / Dissertation

Wirtz, J. C. (2018). *Public sector digital transformation and service innovation* (Doctoral dissertation). University of Potsdam. <https://doi.org/10.25932/publishup-41443>

Newspaper article (online)

The Guardian. (2023, March 14). Nigeria's digital economy could add \$88bn to GDP by 2027. *The Guardian Nigeria*. <https://guardian.ng>

Webpages

World Health Organization. (2023). Digital health. <https://www.who.int/health-topics/digital-health>

Dataset

World Bank. (2023). *World Development Indicators* (Version 2023). World Bank Data Catalog. <https://datacatalog.worldbank.org>

Legislation

Nigeria Data Protection Act, 2023. Federal Republic of Nigeria. <https://ndpc.gov.ng>

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- ✓ Manuscripts should be between 5,000 and 8,000 words, including references, tables, and figures.
- ✓ Text should be typed in Times New Roman, 12-point font, double-spaced, and aligned to A4 paper size.
- ✓ Tables and figures should be numbered consecutively, referenced in the main text and clearly titled.
- ✓ Additional figures and tables can be taken to appendix.

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