

The title of my poster, in large, friendly letters.

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Background

A few people have asked for information about poster preparation for NZSA 2011. This poster is intended to help you put together your own one.

A poster is like an abstract, not like a paper

Notice the readable text

- large enough font size (this is 28 point)
- high light/dark contrast with background
- bullet points, not whole paragraphs.

Most people try to put too much text on a poster

Technology

The easiest tool for creating your first poster is probably PowerPoint. You could even use this one as a template.

Use File | Page Setup to specify paper.

This poster is A1: 84.1 x 59.4 cm. It would cost about \$50 for commercial printing, but most universities have less expensive internal facilities

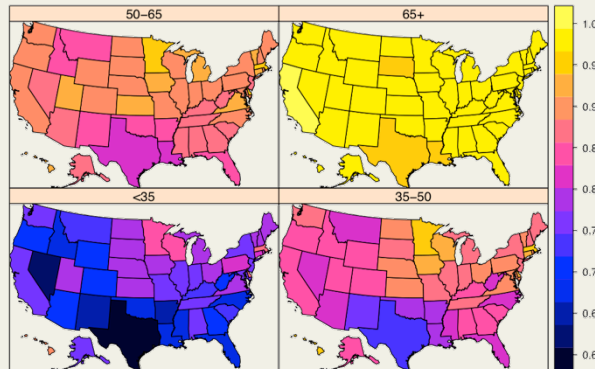
The conference poster boards are likely to be too small to allow A0 posters.

Most printing facilities ask for 1-2 days notice. They may be able to do rush jobs if you ask them nicely and/or pay extra. Or not.

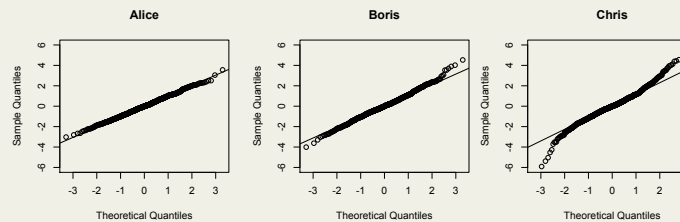
Other software options

- Adobe Illustrator
- LaTeX, with the `a0poster` document class
- Scribus
- OpenOffice Draw

(these ones are free)



An attractive, comprehensible and relevant graph is good for attracting attention and gives you a starting point for talking



A set of related graphs comparing things is also nice.
Make sure they have the same axes and are properly lined up.

Light text on light background is unreadable

So is dark text on a dark background
Contrasting colours won't save you
and don't use silly fonts.

Equations

- The newest version of PowerPoint does quite nice equations.

- Older versions, like this one, are a bit clunky, but acceptable

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\sup_{d(s,t) < \delta} \|X_n(s) - X_n(t)\| > \eta\right) < \epsilon$$

- Cut and paste from LaTeX also works:

$$R_m^2 = \frac{m^2}{n} \left(\sum_{ij} \hat{\rho}_{ij} \right)^{-1}$$

Layout

- Three or four columns works well
- Two or three rows is also good
- Or a grid of boxes



Other resources

The Google knows how to find many pages on conference poster presentations.