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Components of a problem/solution white paper:

Title page

Abstract/executive summary

Problem statement

Background

Solution

Conclusion

References

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