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   - Title, and problems or questions addressed.
   - Work to be described; and whether done yet or not.
   - Results and/or conclusions anticipated/reached.
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   A Full Tutorial, must list title, purpose, topic addressed, and audience-level (basic, intermediate, advanced); and show all data and presentation visuals.
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   - Preferred mailing address; specify whether work or home (many people prefer to use their home address).
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