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The gift of laying out diagrams beautifully is a precious one. And, apparently, the gift of spotting bad layouts is equally rare, for even in respected journals there are extremely bad layouts.

But what exactly is a good layout? And how can we achieve them? Well, let's learn from the experts and have a look at their work! To this end, we will stage THE LED DIAGRAM LAYOUT CHALLENGE between the participants of this workshop.

With this semi-serious event, the first of its kind, we aim at improving our understanding of the qualities of layouts and how to achieve them practically.

### The Rules

- 1. Participants of the workshops team up into 4 groups of 2–4 people.
- 2. All the teams are provided with a flipchart and pens.
- 3. A series of badly laid out diagram is presented to all groups.
- 4. The challenge is to improve this layout in a very limited amount of time (around 5 minutes, depending on the complexity of the task at hand).
- 5. When the time is up, the groups presents their layouts and explain their improvements and techniques.

All layouts and a summary of the explanations will be posted on the web for future reference.

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