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**INTRODUCTION**

This chapter presents the background of the study, objectives of the problem, significance of the study, scope, and delimitation of the research study.

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**BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY**

 This section of the report provides the overview discussion of the study, particularly the research problem – the “rationale” (basis, motivation, justification) of doing the research. Highlights of the related literature review are included in this section by citing important phrases and sentences from relevant secondary sources of information. This will also provide the reader general idea and impression about the topic under study.

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**STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM/OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY**

The statement of the research problem must be brief but comprehensive and should have practical importance. A good problem statement is concerned with relation between two or more variables. It is stated clearly without ambiguity and is capable of empirical testing. Thus, the statement of the problem is in a simple language. It is specific, clear and limited. It directs the researcher and the research process, and suggests a specific answer or conclusion. It is the “verbalization of the “questions” which the study proposes to answer.

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On the other hand, the main objective of the research study is a statement of purpose because this is the guide to be accomplished by the researcher in conducting the research.

***Example A****: The main objective is to analyze and evaluate the electrical system of the main campus of Romblon State University (RSU). Specifically, it attempts to answer the following research questions:*

1. *What is the total load capacity of the transformers that can hold the power requirements of the RSU-main campus?*
2. *What is the total power rating used in the university?*

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1. *How to maximize and minimize the loading capacity used in the university?*

***Example B:*** *This study aims to design and develop an inlet valve using Bluetooth technology. In particular, the study attempts to answer the following research questions:*

1. *What is the distance of the blue-valve from the Bluetooth technology for water supply control system application in both residential and commercial buildings?*
2. *What is the cost in the application of Bluetooth technology for water supply control system?*
3. *What the level of performance of the developed water supply control system?*

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**SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY**

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 This section of the report explains the contributions of the study either to a body of scientific knowledge, to practitioners/researchers in the same area of the research, or to any other group (students, local community, etc.) which benefit from the outcomes or results of the study. In other words, this answers the following questions: Why is it important for the research study to be conducted? Who will benefit from it, and what benefits could be derived from the results of the study? The research should clearly explain the intention of the researcher, the relevance, and the important implications of the study in solving a problem or a need of the society or community, knowledge gaps, or enriching existing research instruments and methods.

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**SCOPE AND DELIMITATION OF THE STUDY**

 This section explains the coverage of the study area, the subject being focused by the study, the research instruments or methods, duration of the study, and the constraints or limitations that have direct implication on the result of the study.

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**LITERATURE REVIEW**

This chapter presents the legal bases, literature, and studies which are relevant to the research study. The main purposes of the literature review are (a) to determine the similarities and differences of the on-going study and past studies; (b) to acquire additional insights and ideas related to the problem being addressed in the study. Observe proper referencing or citation of the sources of information, using the American Psychological Association (APA) styles to avoid copying or “plagiarism” or infringement. Plagiarism is a violation of Republic Act 8293 known as the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines. This act provides legal basis in proper use of passages, writings, ideas and statements of other authors/writers by giving due credit of their work.

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**CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK**

This section explains both the theoretical and conceptual framework of the study. It gives a clear discussion regarding the research paradigm used in the conduct of the study. A typical model is the **INPUT-PROCESS-OUTPUT** which constitutes the flow of the activities, including the relationship of selected variables.

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**SYNTHESIS**

 This contains summary of the review of past studies that are relevant to the present conduct of the study. It is worth mentioning the methods, procedures, and framework adopted from the literature.

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**DEFINITION OF TERMS**

 This is to enumerate the key terms used in the study and it is recommended to use the “operational term” in defining these key terms. It is operational term when it is based on an observed characteristic and how this term is used in the study.

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**Inlet** – it is a tube or hollow cylinder used to convey materials or as a structural component.

**Pressure** – it is the energy that the system needs to deliver the water.

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**RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

This chapter presents the methodology used in the study, including the materials and equipment or instruments used, selection of respondents (if applicable, and instruments (questionnaire, case study), and the overall procedures in the data collection and the statistical treatment of the data collected.

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**RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

This chapter presents the important findings of the study. Findings should answer the research questions as stated in **Chapter 1** or answering the research objectives.

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**SUMMARY, CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION**

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