Dissertation/Thesis Conclusion

- Summarizes the results of a dissertation and presents the final deductions from these results
  - Contain a concise and clear description of the results of the conducted research
  - Reviews your work as a whole
- May not contain any new information or material - it is a summary of what you have found and the main points you have made
- Points out strengths, limitations, and possible avenues of future work
  - Most important part is answering “So what?”

Possible outline

1. Review the current state and the problems associated with it
2. Review the work you have done (may be broken down into parts) – clearly define the contributions that your work makes!
   a. Review of each aspect should be very short and focus on the overall concept that you have developed
   b. Answer “So what?” – what does your work do or solve
3. What is the future state now that your work has been released to the world?
   a. Basically again answering the “So what?” from a larger perspective
   b. This should specifically address the problems described in 1 above
4. Limitations and future work
   a. What are the drawbacks to your work? Where doesn’t it solve the problems in 1?
   b. What is specific research that can be undertaken in the short term to address its limitations or to expand it to solve even more problems?
   c. What are even bigger ideas/problems that can be addressed now that your work exists?