

**DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY
ASSESSMENT DESCRIPTION 2018/19
(EXAM TESTS WORTH ≤15% AND COURSEWORK)**

MODULE DETAILS:

Module Number:	700111	Trimester:	2
Module Title:	Development Project		
Lecturer:	Jon Purdy and David Parker		

COURSEWORK DETAILS:

Assessment Number:	1	of	3		
Title of Assessment:	MSc Project Topic Analysis				
Format:	Presentation and Video	Program		Report	
Method of Working:	Individual				
Workload Guidance:	Typically, you should expect to spend between	20	and	40	hours on this assessment
Length of Submission:	This assessment should be no more than: <i>(over length submissions will be penalised as per University policy)</i>		3000		

PUBLICATION:

Date of issue:	10th April 2019
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SUBMISSION:

ONE copy of this assessment should be handed in via:	Canvas	If Other (state method)	
Time and date for submission:	Time	2pm	Date
			Tuesday 14 th May 2019
If multiple hand-ins please provide details:			
Will submission be scanned via TurnitinUK?	No	If submission is via TurnitinUK students MUST only submit Word, RTF or PDF files. Students MUST NOT submit ZIP or other archive formats. Students are reminded they can ONLY submit ONE file and must ensure they upload the correct file.	

The assessment must be submitted **no later** than the time and date shown above, unless an extension has been authorised on a *Request for an Extension for an Assessment* form: search 'student forms' on <https://share.hull.ac.uk>.

Canvas allows multiple submissions: only the **last** assessment submitted will be marked and if submitted after the coursework deadline late penalties will be applied.

MARKING:

Marking will be by:	Student Name
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ASSESSMENT:

The assessment is marked out of:	100	and is worth	20	% of the module marks
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N.B If multiple hand-ins please indicate the marks and % apportioned to each stage above (i.e. Stage 1 – 50, Stage 2 – 50). It is these marks that will be presented to the exam board.

ASSESSMENT STRATEGY AND LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The overall assessment strategy is designed to evaluate the student's achievement of the module learning outcomes, and is subdivided as follows:

LO	Learning Outcome	Method of Assessment {e.g. report, demo}
3	<i>Select, use and adapt an appropriate format and style to coherently communicate complex ideas and principles to an academic/professional audience in such a way as to enhance understanding, comprehension and engagement.</i>	Report,
4	<i>Identify, access, select and use literature at the forefront of the discipline and current academic publications to research and analyse a problem topic.</i>	Report,

Assessment Criteria	Contributes to Learning Outcome	Mark	Description
Initial topic brief and introduction	3, 4	10	
General Presentation	3	10	
Background cntex and overview	3, 4	20	
Specification and Analysis	3, 4	40	
Bibliography scope and presentation	3, 4	10	
Task list and time plan	4	10	

FEEDBACK

Feedback will be given via:	Mark Sheet	Feedback will be given via:	
Exemption (staff to explain why)			

Feedback will be provided no later than 4 'teaching weeks' after the submission date.

This assessment is set in the context of the learning outcomes for the module and does not by itself constitute a definitive specification of the assessment. If you are in any doubt as to the relationship between what you have been asked to do and the module content you should take this matter up with the member of staff who set the assessment as soon as possible.

You are advised to read the **NOTES** regarding late penalties, over-length assignments, unfair means and quality assurance in your student handbook, which is available on Canvas.

In particular, please be aware that:

- Up to and including 24 hours after the deadline, a penalty of 10%
- More than 24 hours and up to and including 7 days after the deadline; either a penalty of 10% or the mark awarded is reduced to the pass mark, **whichever results in the lower mark**
- More than 7 days after the deadline, a mark of zero is awarded.
- The overlength penalty applies to your written report (which includes bullet points, and lists of text. It does not include contents page, graphs, data tables and appendices). 10-20% over the word count incurs a penalty of 10%. Your mark will be awarded zero if you exceed the word count by more than 20%.

Please be reminded that you are responsible for reading the University Code of Practice on Academic Misconduct through the Assessment section of the Quality Handbook (via the SharePoint site). This governs all forms of illegitimate academic conduct which may be described as cheating, including plagiarism. The term 'academic misconduct' is used in the regulations to indicate that a very wide range of behaviour is punishable.

In case of any subsequent dispute, query, or appeal regarding your coursework, you are reminded that it is your responsibility to produce the assignment in question.

ASSIGNMENT DETAILS

This coursework comprises a dissertation-topic analysis and a computer-based test confirming your knowledge of unfair means, referencing, ethics, and professional issues. The dissertation-topic analysis is worth 20% of the overall module marks but requires first to have gained at least 60%, i.e. 33 out of 55 points, in the computer-based test.

MSC DISSERTATION-TOPIC ANALYSIS REPORT

The marks for your report count towards module 700099. By requiring you to do analysis work in advance of the dissertation itself, we aim to help you make a prompt start. Note that the dissertation is a different assessment and hence your subsequent mark in the dissertation is independent of the mark obtained for this assessment.

Your report should demonstrate research into the background and subsequent analysis of your dissertation topic. This report will be marked by your supervisor. You should see your supervisor at least once for advice as you prepare your report. You should discuss the legal, ethical, social, and professional aspects with your supervisor. You may ask your supervisor to comment on your report draft. Make sure that you give your supervisor adequate time to comment. Your supervisor will not correct your report but will give comments and advice and do this only once.

The report should convince your supervisor that you understand the context of your dissertation, that you have analysed what work will be required and have a strategy for doing that work. You should describe the essence of what your dissertation is about. Assess the major difficulties and how you propose to

spend the available time. You should also demonstrate that you have considered any relevant legal, ethical, social and professional aspects.

The report should include the relevant background (with references to literature) necessary to understand the aim of the dissertation. The background material may include reference to and short descriptions of existing systems/techniques/etc. that are relevant to the project. If the dissertation is a systems development project then the report should provide detailed requirements and possibly some information concerning the implementation (e.g., the tools or framework(s) to be used). Although a background section is essential, the majority of the report should be devoted to the specification and analysis. A report long on background and short on specific dissertation details will be given low marks. The report should provide evidence that the requirements have been carefully considered and that they are reasonable and consistent.

The report should include a project plan with a list of tasks and a time plan detailing how time is to be allocated to each task. A time unit of one week should be adequate for the plan. Any risks in the plan (e.g., third-party software not usable) should be identified and a contingency plan stated. See also the dissertation-topic analysis report assessment criteria. In order to produce a time plan for your dissertation topic analysis assume that the dissertation starts immediately after the exam period and the deadline for submission is in the Second week of September.

If you are using an office-suite software (e.g., MS Word, LibreOffice) for document preparation then the References menu will be useful for producing references in a given format. Select References>Style>Harvard, then References>Manage Sources. If you don't have an existing file of references you may create a new one. Enter the parts of each reference. To insert a bibliography select References>Bibliography>Insert.

ETHICS FORM

You must consider the ethical implications of the dissertation project and complete an Ethical Procedures form. This must be done even if the project has no substantive ethical implications. The form (signed page only) should be attached as an appendix in your report. The ethics form is available on the module's canvas site.

COMPUTER-BASED TEST

The test is designed to assess your knowledge and understanding of unfair means, referencing, ethics and professional issues related to computer science. These issues become particularly relevant as you embark on your dissertation. You will need to obtain a mark of at least 60% in the test, i.e. 33 out of 55 points, in order to be awarded your dissertation topic analysis report marks. This test can be found as an assignment on the modules canvas site.

You will be able to reattempt the test as often as you like until the initial report deadline, so start as soon as possible. This is to allow you time to read up on relevant material.

Our MSc admissions requirements are based on the assumption of prior education to undergraduate degree standards, a component of which will usually be the legal, social, ethical, and professional framework within which we work. However, we recognize that not all degree courses will have covered this material, so some students might not be familiar with the topics in the test. If this is the case for you, refer to the resources associated with the test. You may also see your personal supervisor to discuss aspects related to the questions. From the score and feedback you receive after taking the test, identify which areas you need to study in order to pass.

**UNIVERSITY OF HULL
COMPUTER SCIENCE
MSc Dissertation-Topic Analysis Assessment**

Name of Student	
Dissertation Title	
Degree Programme	
Examiner (Name)	<i>(supervisor)</i> <i>(2nd examiner)</i>

Please assess the following aspects of the Dissertation Topic Analysis Report against the criteria listed overleaf, and indicate your assessment in the table:

	Fail		Pass		Dist	Mark
General presentation of report	0-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	
Initial topic brief and introduction	0-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	
Background context and overview	0-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	
Expanded specification and analysis	0-8	9-16	17-24	25-32	33-40	
Bibliography scope and presentation	0-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	
Task list and Time plan	0-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	

Brief comments (in particular, a clear discrepancy between the overall mark and the tabulated assessment should be justified):