(online) MSc Project Referral conditions

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Feedback on your project

From Marker 1:

Limited in breadth and depth demonstrated. Literature without comment. Limited content. Limited understanding of the topic.

Limited use of appropriate technology as applied to the problem domain. Limited application of skills and techniques demonstrated. Many errors in application with high impact on deliverables.

Solutions reframe task inappropriately and do not address conventions. Basic use of strategies, few alternatives, limited evaluation with limited experimentation. Limited use of methodologies to derive solutions.

Limited evidence of analysis, critical evaluation and reflection. Limited application to derived solutions. Limited personal response.

Quality of Final Report: Poor structure. Poor presentation of ideas. Limited referencing in text.

From Marker 2:

The problem analysis is weak and does not bring a clear research question to be answered by the student. The requirements for the software artefact are OK and seem reasonable. But as we do not have a research question it is difficult to judge that also. The design and implementation of the software artefact were done by the student and are targeted to the objectives he listed. But he did not achieve some of them. The testing procedure and the result are also very difficult to judge. Although the student used a methodology for the software, it is very difficult to assess the quality of the deliverables with the methodology. It is mainly based on the opinion of the student. The technical challenge of the project is low since it consists in developing a website for a targeted niche.

Quality of Final Report: The general quality of the report is satisfactory. There are plenty of concordance mistakes throughout the text ("...there is a few decisions I would..." is one of the examples.).The tittle is reasonable, but the abstract does not seem to be of a M.Sc. Project. It is very informal and it does not clearly mention the research questions, the goals and the achievements. Introduction brings the aims, and objectives classified in core and advanced. Introduction also brings project background and a literature review covering the mains topics to be used later on the project. There is no clear explanation on why these topics are presented. Also the introduction fails to mentions a research question. It ends with a project plan, a relevance to awards section and a resources section. There is no interpretation to the literature review and comparison with related works. Section 2 brings a design section where brief discussions regarding the strategy for the development of the software artefact are shown. This section only point towards the appendixes without bringing examples to the reader or even try to foster a discussion on the design. Section 3 brings the implementation of the software artefact. Where the cycles developed and the methodology in each cycle are discussed. This discussion is probably the most interesting part of the report. It ends with presentation and discussion of the software project's testing strategy. The testing section is very brief. The report goes on with a conclusion section (4) where the student lists the objectives he achieved and some of his finding during the software artefact development. The report ends with a section called evaluation (5) the student outlines the final judgement of the project, but this discussion is biased and does not stand with what was shown before. Here I refer to the success claimed by the student, what is clearly not the case.

Referral conditions:

[To complete the work the following points need to be done.]

At this stage, the project presented by you is not enough for an MSc degree. However, if you can fix a few issues in your application and implement what you has proposed as advanced objectives, those would improve your project. Here follows the referral conditions:

- Develop a website to advertise services offered to potential customers/suppliers. Customers/Suppliers will be able to register and submit a service request through the website.

- Develop document management facility that allows documents to be stored electronically.

- Develop a home screen that provides a live feed of the tenancies and leases.

- Develop a reset password facility, so that users will be able to reset their password if they have forgotten it, allowing users to establish access to the system.

In particular, you must seek to create a research questions that could be answered with the software artefact. The software artefact must achieve all the core goals and may achieve some advanced goals. The testing procedure must produce relevant data that must be compiled and analysed by you in order to assess the quality of the deliverables.