University of Hertfordshire
School of Computer of Science

ASSIGNMENT BRIEFING FRONT SHEET (2014/15 Academic Year)

Assignment Title	Extended Project Proposal (EPP)	Date submitted	Monday 20th July 2015
Module Title	MSc Project (Online)	Module Code	7WCM0003/04/07/08/13/31/32
Tutor	Dr Helen Xiang	GROUP or INDIVIDUAL Assignment	Individual

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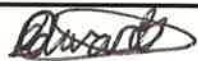
FOR INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENTS – *STUDENT TO COMPLETE*

(Comments on this assignment by students may be attached to the assignment briefing sheet).
By completing **BOX A** below, I certify that the submitted work is entirely mine and that any material derived or quoted from the published or unpublished work of other persons has been duly acknowledged. **[ref. UPR AS12, section 7 and UPR AS14 (Appendix III)].**
Please print your forename and surname in capitals, provide your; - ID number, the study year code (e.g. CS1, ASE1), actual time spent on the assignment and your signature.

BOX A

Student Forename	Student Surname	Student ID Number	Prgramme Code	Actual Time Spent (hrs)	Student Signature (electronic)
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This assignment is worth **10** % of the overall assessment for this module

Typical time required by the student to complete this assignment: **30 hours**

Date work handed out: **18-05-2015**

Date work to be submitted: **20-07-2015**

Target date for the return of the marked assignment and feedback: **17-08-2015**

Internal moderator's approval signature

A note to the Students:
For postgraduate modules, a score of 50% or above represents a pass mark.

> **This sheet must be submitted with the assignment, signed, and BOX A filled in.**
> **FEEDBACK WILL ONLY BE GIVEN IF THE ASSIGNMENT IS SUBMITTED BY THE SUBMISSION DATE STATED ABOVE. LATE SUBMISSION WILL ATTRACT THE STANDARD LATENESS PENALTY.**

Assignment 2 - Extended Project Proposal (EPP)

The aim of completing the Extended Project Proposal (EPP) is for you to refine the area of your proposed work and the objectives for your project, after discussing the feedback that you received for your Project Proposal with your project supervisor.

You should try and give as much detail as possible about your proposed project as this will help you to clarify what you aim to achieve.

In planning your project, you are asked to identify what you hope to achieve by different times during the coming months. These milestones should help you to ensure that your plans are achievable in the time available, and to monitor your progress. We acknowledge that for more speculative or investigative projects, it may be difficult to be precise about these.

The Extended Project Proposal should comprise no more than **2,000 words**, excluding references. You should try and give as much detail as possible about your proposed project as this will help you to clarify what you aim to achieve. Please provide a word count at the end of sections 4 and 5 (see below).

The Project Proposal must contain the following sections:

1. *Project title, aim* of the project [or *research question(s)*] (10 marks)

2. *Objectives* (20 marks): the main objectives of the project categorized as *core* and *advanced* objectives (please ensure that your objectives are SMART, *ie* Simple, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Timely)

3. Background (20 marks): a brief description of the background to the project, citing appropriate references (300-500 words)

4. Methods/methodology (10 marks): the nature of the proposed work (*eg* research, development, etc) and the methods or methodology that you intend to use (300 - 500 words)

5. Project Plan (10 marks): a schedule and plan for when and how these objectives will be achieved

6. Required resources and skills (5 marks): a list of hardware, software, access (*eg* to databases), and skills (*eg* the ability to write code in a particular language) you will need to bring the work to a good end, and a brief description of how you are planning to meet these requirements

7. Relation to target award (10 marks): a brief description of how the topic of your project or the work you are planning to do fit within the field of your target award (*ie* general Computer Science or Information Technology, Distributed Data Management, Distributed Systems and Networks, Human Computer Interaction, Mobile Computing, Multimedia Technology, Software Engineering, or E-Learning Technology)

8. Ethics Approval (5 marks): a brief discussion on whether you will need Ethics Approval

9. List of References (10 marks): any books, papers, and on-line resources that you have consulted or will be consulting in relation to work on the project. A substantial proportion of your sources should consist of peer reviewed academic papers. References may be listed using the *Harvard* (author-date) or the *Vancouver* (numbered) referencing systems, but the referencing style must be consistent throughout the document.

Submission instructions

Please submit the following documents via the Assignments section, both in **pdf** format (no other format is accepted):

1. The Extended Project Proposal itself. Please name your file using the convention **EPP_SurnameFirstName.pdf**. As an example, a student named John Smith would name his **Project Proposal** as *EPP_SmithJohn.pdf*.

2. An electronic copy of *this* document (the completed Assignment Briefing), using the naming convention **EPP_AB_SurnameFirstName.pdf**.