

Benchmark for project marking (implemented from May 2014)

For overall grade

Mark	Criteria
100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report demonstrates a significant breakthrough in the chosen field. • Content publishable immediately.
90-99	<p>Project displays most of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge is significant and goal(s) is (are) outstandingly achieved. • Author has become an expert in the topic. • The resulting solution has significant complexity and has been rigorously evaluated /validated /tested. • Contain work suitable for publication, or a professionally developed software product suitable for further exploitation.
80-89	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge is significant and most goal(s) is (are) achieved with excellence. • Author shows excellent awareness of the literature, relevant methods and relevant evaluation procedures. • The resulting solution has substantial complexity and has been significantly evaluated /validated /tested.
70-79	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge is significant and achieved with competence. • Author shows awareness of the literature, relevant methods and relevant evaluation procedures beyond the taught material. • The resulting solution has substantial complexity and has been appropriately evaluated /validated /tested.
60-69	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project has a degree of challenge and most of goals have been achieved. • Author shows good grasp of the relevant literature and relevant technical or implementation topics. • The resulting solution has no serious experimental or procedural shortcomings and if there are, these are minimal and do not prevent a solid and thorough product with a good reflection.
50-59	<p>Project displays most of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a degree of challenge and some of the project goals have been achieved. • Author shows grasps of the basic literature, basic topic's concepts relevant to the topic implementation and or experimental procedures. • The resulting solution could have been improved within the project timescale but any shortcomings do not prevent a clear although perhaps basic conclusion.
40-49	Author has used technical knowledge of taught material to deliver a solution that achieves something. There may have been some minimal evaluation/validation/testing .
30-39	Projects here typically display most of the following:
20-29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basically no challenging goals have been achieved. • There is little to no evidence that the author is aware of the relevant literature.
10-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report significantly lacks in most of the expected thesis components: literature review, evaluation and or implementation. • Writing style is of such low quality that prevents understanding of results, methods and or conclusions.

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Guidance for grading individual category

%	Out of 40	Out of 35	Out of 30	Out of 25	Out of 20	Out of 15	Out of 10	criteria
100	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	Perfect
90-99	36-39	32-34	27-29	23-24	18-19	14	9	Outstanding, up to a couple of insignificant flaws
80-89	32-35	28-31	24-26	20-22	16-17	12-13	8	Outstanding, up to a few minor flaws
70-79	28-31	25-27	21-23	18-19	14-15	11	7	Excellent
60-69	24-27	21-24	18-20	15-17	12-13	9-10	6	Very good / commendable
50-59	20-23	18-20	15-17	13-14	10-11	7-8	5	Good / competent (UG) Satisfactory (MSc)
40-49	16-19	14-17	12-14	10-12	8-9	6	4	Satisfactory (UG) Marginal fail (MSc)
30-39	12-15	11-13	9-11	8-9	4-7	4-5	3	Weak fail
0-29	0-11	0-10	0-8	0-7	0-3	0-3	0-2	Very weak fail