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Post Graduate Diploma in Information Technology
Faculty of Business and Information Technology

IT8x01 – Research in Information Technology

ASSIGNMENT 1 LITERATURE REVIEW

Semester 1, 2019

Due Date: Midnight Friday 12 April
Total Marks: 40%

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ASSIGNMENT

You are to write a literature review on an area of research in IT. It is suggested that you focus on an area of IT research that you have some experience in, or that particularly interests you.

The review must adhere to APA style manual standards, and must be cited and referenced to those standards.

The review should be written in double line spacing, Calibri or Times New Roman font. The length of the review is 1000 - 1500 words **not** including the references.

AIM

To help students develop skills in academic writing, and in critiquing and analysis.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Critically evaluate the suitability of a range of research methods (qualitative, quantitative, design, and mixed) for application in a specific area of information technology.
2. Select, analyse, critique and synthesise research literature in a specific area of information technology.

DATE DUE

The review is due **midnight Friday 12 April.** It must be submitted on the Moodle Turnitin site.

Plagiarism

Copying the work of others, or using other people's ideas as your own without acknowledging the source is called plagiarism. Lecturers will not accept such work and you will be penalised by losing marks or failing an assessment.

All individual assignments, tests and examinations must be entirely your own work. Discussion and assistance between students who are working in groups is encouraged, but all work handed in must be your own work and written in your own words, except for assignments based on group achievement. Further information is in the Guidelines for Assignments handbook and the Faculty of Business and Information Technology Student Handbook.

All assignments will be submitted through Turnitin, any similarity score over 10% (not including bibliography and direct cited quotes) is not acceptable.

ASSIGNMENT FORMAT

Title Page
The title page of a review contains:
- The title of the review (make the title as informative as possible)
- Who the review is prepared for
- Who prepared the review
- The date the review was submitted

Literature Review
For the literature review you will need to find at least 10 articles from the library databases (e.g. Proquest, ACM) about your topic. These articles must be from academic peer reviewed literature.

See Creswell, J. 2009 *Research design,* Chapter 2, Review of the Literature.

CONTENT OF THE LITERATURE REVIEW

Your literature review should have three parts:
- The introduction, this should introduce the reader to area of the research. You should describe the research problem and why it is important or interesting. You should focus on the specific areas that you are interested in e.g. hearing disability and augmented technology, the efficiency of project management tools etc.
- The second part should discuss the research articles that you have read for the literature review. In this part you should be discussing the cited articles and their findings.
- In the final part of the review you should state your research question and describe how the articles you read lead to the formation of that question.

Your literature review should identify the following:
- What is already known about the topic;
- What theories and concepts are relevant;
- Any significant controversies or inconsistencies; and
- Any unanswered research questions.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS
An alphabetical list of technical terms used (and terms relating specifically to your topic) and a brief explanation of their meanings.

REFERENCES
Using APA (6th edition) style referencing, you **MUST** list (in alphabetical order) every book, journal article, or other source you have used in your literature review. You must use an accepted referencing program such as Zotero or Endnote to organise your references. You should only include those references that have been included in your

literature review. Your references should enable someone reading your review to easily identify and refer to any works you have used.

If you have quoted directly or paraphrased from any of your sources you must provide a citation immediately after the quote in correct APA (6th edition) format and also a full reference for the source in your reference section.

References Pre Assignment
The marks from the references pre-assignment are included within this assignment.

MARKING SCHEDULE

Item	Marking Criteria	Avail. Mark	Mark Achieved
	Presentation **10 marks**		
1	Cover page present and correct	2	
2	Headings, quotes, lists, captions and tables used appropriately	6	
3	Presentation is tidy	2	
	Content **65 marks**		
4	Introduction clearly explains the point and content of the review	6	
5	Research problem is clearly stated	6	
6	Research problem is supported by the literature	6	
7	Literature review remains on topic throughout	4	
8	Literature sources are well integrated into the argument	6	
9	Specific claims are clearly supported	10	
10	Writing is ordered logically and flows between points	7	
11	Writing is clear and grammatically correct	10	
12	Research question is appropriate	4	
13	Research question is clearly tied to literature cited	6	
	Glossary of terms **5 marks**		
14	Relevant terms included and clearly described	5	
	References **10 marks**		
15	Quality of references	1	
16	Appropriate number of sources used	1	
17	Inclusion of in- text references and quotes in APA style format	4	
18	Reference list in strict APA style format	4	
19	**Mark from pre-assignment** **10 marks**	10	
	Total Marks	**100**	

Marking Notes   In order to receive full marks for any item a student will have to perform exceptionally in that category with no flaws. Half marks indicate that the student has performed adequately in that category.

Due Date and Time   Midnight Friday 12 April.

Submission   Upload your document to the Turnitin box for Assignment 1.

Extensions   Extensions of time will be granted for students who have an acceptable documented reason for not completing the assessment by the specified date.

Grading   This comparison is worth 40% of the total paper and is marked out of 100.

Plagiarism   A Turnitin similarity of over 10% is not recommended. Turnitin will be open and available for submission before the assignment is due. You are encouraged to check your assignment to ensure it meets this standard.

Assignments   You are required to hand in assignments on the date and times specified in the course outline. If an assignment is not handed in by the due date a mark of zero will be recorded. See the Opportunities for Further Assessment section of the student handbook for the process to apply for a further assessment.

It is your responsibility to ensure that your assignment complies with the Whitireia policy relating to plagiarism as stated in its Assessment Misconduct Policy.