Interim report

The aim of this report is to give a clear and comprehensive rational for the project concept, plan and outcomes. It should establish that the concept is novel and useful to do, pursues a creative idea and is not merely a replication of other work, and that it is feasible for the student to accomplish in the time. It also details any work that has already been started.

**Contextual Review (60%)**

This section should covers:

1. Introduction to the project and explain the main reason why the project is to be conducted. This can be: identifying existing problems or gaps in knowledge in the subject area. The key points are:

• Briefly introduce the project idea.

• What is it to achieve?

• Justifications on why the project is to be conducted

• What is the main motivating question for the project?

1. establish the context of the work and present supporting research, articles and examples to create a rational for your proposed project including identifying the key problem statement. Literature Review is one of the method commonly used. This section should elaborate and bring clarity and focus on the problem described on the previous section and provide materials that would help and justify the solution you are going to present. The key points are:

• Survey the context, literature, examples of related work.

• Supports the project idea: how is it novel, or valuable?

1. describe the design of the solution you are proposing and how you are going to implement the solution

• Gives a fair idea of the design intention.

• Visual or graphical picture of the envisaged product, if appropriate.

• Experiment design if it's a research oriented project.

• Software architecture if it's a development project.

**Methods & resources (20%)**

This section should describe how you are going to assess / evaluate the solution and analyse the data to answer the research question specified earlier.

• How are you going to collect your data?

• How are you going to analyse your data?

**Progress & feasibility (20%)**

This section should describe the feasibility and project management aspect of the project

• The most valuable work to be done first would be to help establish that the project is indeed viable for the student to continue.

• Risk assessment associated to every aspect of the project for example on gathering data, recruiting enough participants, the implementation of the solution etc

Word count is 4000 words in total, as a guide. This equates to about 2 pages of text per section (12pt typeface on A4 pages)