

Team project (25%) General Feedback (2021)

At the beginning of the course, we advised you to consider the Team Project, worth 25% of a 20 credit module, as practice for your individual 60 credits MSc project you get at the end of the year.

The feedback provided here should be taken into consideration for your big project.

*****Very important - we reiterate what we said at the beginning of Team Project *****

Your project report/(end of year Dissertation) should be able to inform the reader quite clearly what it is about, what was done, with evidence in the form of figures or tables, etc..... While your supervisor may know what you have developed, the reader does not and will expect to understand everything by reading the report/dissertation. Even when you have been given a limited number of pages, use your appendix section; also use the user guide to include more evidence (screenshots for every feature). If the marker does not find any evidence in the main document, this is where they are going to look for it. Include a video demo.

Many teams did well.

There are, however, many reasons that could explain the loss of a few marks:

- The report was not complete, well-organised or literate (no abstract, no clear delineation of the different sections). Despite the template and examples that we provided, I suspect some did not even look at them.
- Clear evidence was not found; all evidence for every single feature should have been included.
- No proper background research; some teams even failed to do a survey of similar applications. Other provided some history.
- You did not mention the approach for solving the problem. It is important to know about software development methodologies and even crucial to discuss it in your report/dissertation.
- Requirements gathering was not elaborated in the format required (functional/non-functional or MoSCoW)
- Design section was not complete or clear (wireframes/storyboard, ER diagram, system architecture, use case diagram, etc....)
- No clear/complete implementation section. No evidence of the technologies used to implement the different features including libraries. I advised you several times that this was very important – some of my students missed getting A on their MSc end of year projects this because of that. While the supervisor knows what you are using because you are telling them during the supervisory meeting and they can see them, the reader does not. If it is not

clear what you used and borrowed, your losses can be quite substantial. **Be very careful here.**

- You testing section did not include the test case/ test table and /or you did not explain the type of testing you were doing.
- No suggestion for future work
- You provided a bibliography but no citations in the text; or you provided just a couple of references
- **In term of this course team project, many failed to clearly state any extra complexity or functionality as it was instructed.**
- Finally, many also lost the mark for some of the product features because they did not achieve a good standard.