

University of Lincoln

School of Computer Science

Assessment Briefing 2023-2024

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Module Code & Title: CMP3753M Project
Contribution to Final Module Mark: 15%
Description of Assessment Task and Purpose: <p>This is Assessment 2 and is an individual assignment. The assessment takes the form of an interim report. Your report should consist of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A literature review, which situates your project within a body of relevant prior work• A progress update, outlining the objectives completed to date and those outstanding <p>This section should contextualise your work and demonstrate an awareness methods and technologies relevant to your project. In general, you should try to avoid citing websites/blogs/tutorials/videos. Examples of appropriate sources are those with a Digital Object Identifier (DOI), and may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Journal papers (e.g., IEEE Internet of Things Journal)• Conference papers (e.g., CVPR)• Pre-prints (e.g., arXiv)• Dissertations/theses• Technical reports• Textbooks <p>The literature review for this assessment can form the basis of your final (expanded) review for your dissertation. LNCS templates are supplied in LaTeX and Word format. Your submission should conform to one of these templates and be submitted as a PDF as per school policy. The recommended structure can be found under “Additional Information”.</p> <p>Ethics amendments (human participants)</p> <p>If the ethical scope of your project has changed in some way, then you <i>must</i> amend your ethics form via LEAS (https://ethicsapply.lincoln.ac.uk). You cannot submit a new ethics form at this point – all projects requiring human ethics must have been identified at the proposal stage.</p> <p>You should discuss this with your supervisor before completing an amendment. No work involving human participants can take place until your application has been approved.</p> <p>Please see the Criterion Reference Grid for details of how the assessment will be graded.</p>
Learning Outcomes Assessed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• [LO2] Construct a comprehensive review and critical appraisal of relevant academic literature as justification and context for the identified goals and methods of a project

- [LO3] Apply practical and analytical skills in the design and implementation of an artefact that represents an output from at least one stage of the software development life cycle

Knowledge & Skills Assessed:

Subject Specific Knowledge, Skills and Understanding:

Objective and milestone formulation, literature search methods, research and data gathering methods

Professional Graduate Skills:

Presentation/communication skills, writing skills

Emotional Intelligence:

Motivation, self-confidence.

Career-focused Skills:

Proposal formulation and feasibility.

Assessment Submission Instructions:

An electronic submission is required for both parts of this assignment. The project proposal document should be submitted via Blackboard through the *CMP3753M Assessment Item 2* submission area.

Any ethics submissions/amendments should be submitted via LEAS:

<https://ethicsapply.lincoln.ac.uk>. In order for the submission to be completed, you must request sign-off from your supervisor via the same system.

Date for Return of Feedback:

Please see the School assessment dates spreadsheet.

Format for Assessment:

Written project proposal document in LNCS-based format, submitted as PDF. Templates (Word and LaTeX) are provided.

Feedback Format:

Blackboard written feedback, supervisor face-to-face feedback.

Additional Information for Completion of Assessment:

The progress report should be ~1500 words, and include the following sections:

- **Literature review (~800 words):**
Outline the nature of your project, providing the rationale for the work and relevant background material, with appropriate academic references.
- **Progress update (~700 words):**
Provide an update on your progress to date. You should comment on:
 - The objectives that are complete, in progress, or outstanding
 - Any deviations from the original aim(s) and objectives
 - Preliminary results (e.g., software designs/prototypes, findings)
 - Evidence of supervisory engagement and project management
- **References:**
A list of references, in accordance with the University of Lincoln Harvard Referencing Guide: <https://lincn.ac/ref>.
- **Word Count:**

The total number of words in the body text of your proposal document (e.g., excluding headings, captions, tables, references).

NOTE: You may include subsections as you deem appropriate.

Assessment Support Information:

More information on writing literature reviews:

<https://guides.library.lincoln.ac.uk/c.php?g=133466&p=4658202>.

Link to referencing guides: <https://lncn.ac/ref>

Introduction to Harvard Referencing: <https://lncn.ac/harvard>

Important Information on Dishonesty, Plagiarism and AI Tools:

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Students are directed to the University Regulations for details of the procedures and penalties involved.

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