CST8333 Programming Language Research Project

# Research Assignment 4 – See Blackboard for due date

**Refer to the Course Section Information (CSI) document posted in Blackboard under Course Information for additional requirements common to all assessments.**

## Tasks

Complete each of the tasks below, you may use bullet style rather than essay style for your MS Word document.

The tasks titles themselves can be used as headings in your MS Word document.

1. Development Environment Changes

* If your development environment has changed because of your learning, document it here with version numbers, otherwise report that there are no changes to the development environment.
* At this point in the course, there should be no more changes; Practical Project Part 4 is based on Practical Project Parts 1, 2, and 3.
* Consult your professor for guidance and help if you have concerns or want to make a change.

1. Research and Learning Resources

* Research locating learning resources related to the project feature you select for Practical Project Part 4.

1. WBS and Gantt for Practical Project Part 4

* Review the handout for Practical Project Part 4;
* Create a brief Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) to decompose the Practical Project Part 4 tasks into smaller sub-tasks.
* See the Additional Notes section in this document for details on requirements and expected format.
* Create a Gantt Chart in MS Project or Project Libra based on your WBS;
  + Indent to create sub-tasks;
  + Link sequential tasks;
  + Create one milestone for “Practical Project Part 4 Delivered”, set with the due date
  + Add your full name in the Resource column adjacent to at least one task or sub-task.
* Insert a screen shot of your Gantt chart into this section of the MS Word document.
* Submit the Original Gantt Chart file, along side your MS Word document.
* See the Additional Notes section in this document for details on requirements, expected format, and software.

## Your single MS Word document should have this general format

* Cover Page
* Headings as above with content addressing the questions and tasks including screen shots where applicable.
* References used in your research and write up.

## Submission Requirements

* Upload your single MS Word document and your Gantt chart.
* Submitting any other format other than .doc or docx for your MS-Word document will result in zero for this assignment. Open-Office/Libra-Office users save-as… MS Word.
* Your Gantt chart must be submitted as either Microsoft Project or ProjectLibre with file extension .mpp or .pod (respectively), any other file format will score zero for this part. If the original file is missing, i.e. there is a screen shot only, you may loose marks.
* Ensure your full name is included in all materials as asked; you will lose marks if your full name is not included on a cover page as the first page of the document.

## Grading (8 Points Total)

**Note: A mark deduction of 3 points will be applied if you do not have a cover page with your name in it.**

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| Criteria | Missing / Poorly done (0) | Below Expectations (1) | Meets Expectations (2) |
| Development Environment | Missing or done very poorly or wrong file type. | Does not meet all of the requested requirements: If there are changes these are documented with version numbers if applicable. Alternatively, there is a statement that there are no changes to the development environment. | Meets all of the requested requirements: If there are changes these are documented with version numbers if applicable. Alternatively, there is a statement that there are no changes to the development environment. |
| Research and Learning Resources | Missing or done very poorly or wrong file type. | Student lists learning resources related to the selected project feature however does not use IEEE reference style. | Student lists learning resources related to the selected project feature, and uses IEEE reference style. |
| WBS | Missing or done very poorly or wrong file type. | Does not meet all of the requested requirements: breaks down the tasks from Practical Project Part 4 into sub-tasks, no dates or times are used, sub-tasks are indented, has expected numbering format. | Meets all of the requested requirements: breaks down the tasks from Practical Project Part 4 into sub-tasks, no dates or times are used, sub-tasks are indented, has expected numbering format. |
| Gantt | Missing or done very poorly or wrong file type. | Does not meet all of the requested requirements: original Gantt chart file provided, tasks and sub-tasks match WBS, sub-tasks indented, time estimates in days, sequential tasks linked, one milestone, and student name as resource. | Meets all of the requested requirements: original Gantt chart file provided, tasks and sub-tasks match WBS, sub-tasks indented, time estimates in days, sequential tasks linked, one milestone, and student name as resource. |

Writing a paper on a non-permitted language (see below), e.g. Java will result in a score of zero.

## Additional Notes

### Programming languages recommended / permitted for study

* Python: Desktop App either console or GUI with Tkinter, or Web with Django
* C#: Desktop App with WPF or Web with ASP.Net MVC
* C: This looks similar to Java, but it is more difficult to program in, recommended console program
* C++: See notes on C above, avoid C++ .Net, and use C++ Standard Edition console program.
* Ruby on Rails: Linux recommended, get a virtual machine if using Windows.
* Swift / Objective-C: Only select if you already have an Apple computer (Macbook air/pro) to run Xcode legally.
* Kotlin: Android development
* Server-Side JavaScript, e.g. node.js
  + You may use a client-side JavaScript framework in addition to a server-side JavaScript framework to create a client, or you may use a testing tool like Postman instead for testing instead of a client.

### Programming languages not permitted for study.

* Java
* COBOL
* C++.**Net** (This is a Microsoft Extension to C++, not well supported, and problematic for learning C++)
* Android with Java
* HTML, PHP, client-side JavaScript
* Declarative / Functional languages e.g. Clojure, Prolog, Lisp etc.
* **Video game software projects are not permitted for this course.**

If you would like to study a programming language not listed above, contact your course professor first to get a determination and written (emailed) permission to proceed.