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CS907/13 Dissertation Project

- ▶ Registration (0%)
- ▶ Presentation (5%)
- ▶ **Interim Report (15%)**
- ▶ Dissertation Report (80%)

July 11, noon

September 3, noon

► Purpose of the Interim Report:

1. Reflect on what you have done so far.
2. Your plans going forward.

► Writing style:

1. Self-contained overview of your progress so far.
2. Convincing plan for the remaining work, based on your experiences with the project so far.
3. At most 4000 words (excluding bibliography).

► Useful:

1. Read the Suggested Coverage (next slide)
2. Read the Assessment Criteria (slide after that)
3. Talk to your supervisor

- ▶ Introduction
 - ▶ The report should be self-contained: a brief introduction to the problem or area. Motivation/importance/timeliness of the work. Clear objectives. Explain changes from your original proposal.
- ▶ Background and research
 - ▶ Show a good understanding of the background area and how your project fits in to the existing landscape. Mention key citations and sources.
- ▶ Progress (Where are you now?)
 - ▶ Technical content, meaningful summary. It should be clear that you did the work. Review your progress against the original timetable. How did you deal with unexpected problems?
- ▶ Plan (Next Steps)
 - ▶ Plans for the remaining period, and any alterations to your original ideas. Updated detailed timetable.
- ▶ Appraisal and reflection
 - ▶ Assessment on how things have gone so far. Lessons learned? Lessons useful to make the work run more smoothly in the remaining period?
- ▶ Ethics
 - ▶ Ethical consent guidelines: (<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/dcs/teaching/ethics/>)
- ▶ Project Management
 - ▶ Your project management so far? Methodology? Code management? Regular supervisor meetings?

Assessment Criteria

- ▶ **Technical content (75%):** Well read and knowledgeable in the project's subject area; good insight into the project's specific topic; effective analysis of the problems and issues relating to the project's aims; quality of design work and appropriate choice of methods and tools; effective testing/validation regime; quality of results and analysis; critical evaluation of the project; quality of practical/technical work and overall level of technical achievement.
 - ▶ **Project management and organisation (10%):** Consistent progress; initially unforeseen problems well detected and overcome; necessary research, analysis and design work completed; overall progress.
 - ▶ **Communication skills (15%):** Clear exposition of the aims, achievements and limitations of the project; coherence, structure and composition of report; software and hardware appropriately documented; readability and appropriate length.
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- ▶ The supervisor and second assessor will be responsible for marking.
 - ▶ These are the same criteria as for the Dissertation Report, but of course the Interim report is on a preliminary piece of work.

Submission

- ▶ Submission via tabula.
- ▶ Single PDF file.
- ▶ Missed deadlines will lead to mark deductions according to University procedures.

Questions?