**Tutorial - How to Select a Project Topic**

**Student Instructions**

You are to present to the lecturer and class the following documents.

* Your five Journal Reviews give a brief overview the journals, the key points in the subject area. Use the journals, to justify why the subject area is valid as topic for a final year project.
* How to Select a Project Topic Report. By reference to the Journals, state the key developments, and what others have done in the topic area over the last four years, identifying three or four subproblems, that most people have worked on, shown interest in. State, what you will use as a test-bed, which programming framework, simulator, real device, standards, mathematical model etc. What is your evaluation path? What will be the metrics of your product’s success? Ensure your report references the five Journals in Harvard Style.
* Week Planner - did you stick to your schedule, if not why?

Your tutor will provide you with verbal feedback in the class, make a note of it, correct any errors in your document, and re upload it into the system along with your five Journal Reviews.

**Tutor Instructions**

All students must present to the class.

They should very briefly present their Week Planner – stating if they stuck the plan, if not, why not.

They should have completed Five Journal Review documents, which they should present to the class. They should give a brief overview the journals, the key points in the subject area. Using the journals, to justify why the subject area is valid as topic for a final year project.

They should have completed, and present to the class the ‘How to Select a Project Topic Report’. By reference to the Journals, they should state the key developments, and what others have done in the topic area over the last four years, identifying three or four sub problems, that most people have worked on, shown interest in. They should state, what  they will use as a “test-bed” (which programming framework, simulator, real device, standards, mathematical model etc) and what is the evaluation path, the metrics of the product’s success. Ensure the report references the Journals in Harvard Style.

The ‘How to Select a Project Topic Report’ should be the genesis of their project proposal, which needs to be completed for next week’s tutorial.

Give verbal feedback to the students, identifying if the subject area, is suitable as a topic area for a final year project, and if not why not.

Ensure their report is not written in First Person, and stress to them in academic writing, it is important to avoid personal bias. Using “I” or “we” etc

Their report should be fully referenced. The text below is an example of the style that their report should be aspiring to.

This project is concerned with computer mediated communication (CMC) between individuals via the social networking platform, Facebook. Created by Mark Zuckerberg in 2004, Facebook is a social networking forum wherein individuals can share photographs, personal information, conversations, and friends (Buckman, 2005). Although other online sites such as MySpace, Friendster and Bebo are also designed to carry out such functions, Facebook is generally considered to be the leading site of its kind, currently consisting of over a billion users worldwide (Facebook, 2013). Facebook has increasingly become deeply integrated into user’s daily routines (Debatin, 2009). Indeed, a recent study found that students spend an average of 38 minutes a day ‘Face-booking’ (Muise et al, 2009). This equates to almost 9 days every year being dedicated to communication activities via the medium. With the internet increasingly being accessed via mobile devices, anytime, anyplace, it is likely that this figure will increase over...

Inform students that they must read a further five Journal papers, that give further focus to the mutually agreed and identified problem domain.

The Journal papers must be documented using the Journal Review document and uploaded into the system.

Inform students they must produce a formal project proposal for next week's tutorial using the project proposal template. The proposal must be justified by reference to the relevant Journals.