**CSY1020: Problem Solving & Programming**

**Assignment 2: Programming (Java) (50%)**

Starting Date: **Monday, 31st October 2016**

Finish Date: **Sunday, 30th April 2017, by 23h59.**

**Please note:** **Viva’s Week commencing: 24th April 2017 during your normal timetabled session**.

**E-Submission through Turnitin on NILE as TWO separate WORD doc/x.**

**Document 1 = Report & Document 2 = Appendix (Full source code listing).**

**To do this go to the NILE site for this module and under assignments use the link labelled ‘Submit your work’, then the ‘Programming Report’, ‘Appendix’. Please remember this is an individual assignment and all assignments will be submitted through turnitin.**

**Brief:**

Using the Green Scenario included, produce a technical report and accompanying Java GUI application, simulating control of ball being kicked (navigated) around the pitch using left, right, up and down buttons/keys.

The problem is designed to be open within the rules below, to enable you to develop **your solution(s) to the problem**.

**Rules (Basic)** Create a simulation of the ball moving around the pitch, where:

* The ball can move anywhere within the pitch and across the wall in the middle of the screen.
* If the ball touches a baby it is deflected/rebounds back in the opposite direction.
* The ball must move one whole ‘white/wall’ block at a time every time a movement button (via a direction button (<, > v ^)) /key is pressed (when movement is possible).
* The solution must use the scenario provided. i.e. If the babies are left in the unmodified codes starting position the ball would move between them continuously.
* The ball must stop when the perimeter of the pitch is reached.
* The basic solution must be completed using the ‘act’ button (accessing the **kickBall()** method within the **CBabyBallBounce.class**).

**Rules (Intermediate and advanced)** Create a simulation of a ball moving around the pitch, where:

* Your solution must still use the scenario provided (all the basic features above).
* Add appropriate extra features to the solutions, e.g. a) The ball can bounce off a baby or babies in random direction, b) Two new ‘player’ babies are added to each side of the line, that move vertically towards the ball ready to potentially bounce the ball back, c) Add a scoring system for each side (a, b or c for **Intermediate,** a, b & c for **Advanced**).
* For higher grades on the solution part of the assignment see the marking scheme at the front of the brief.
* You must NOT change the layout and all changes should still meet the criteria of **Rules (Basic**).

It is expected that you may attempt to use and adapt your previous routines produced as part of your CSY1020 Assignment 1.

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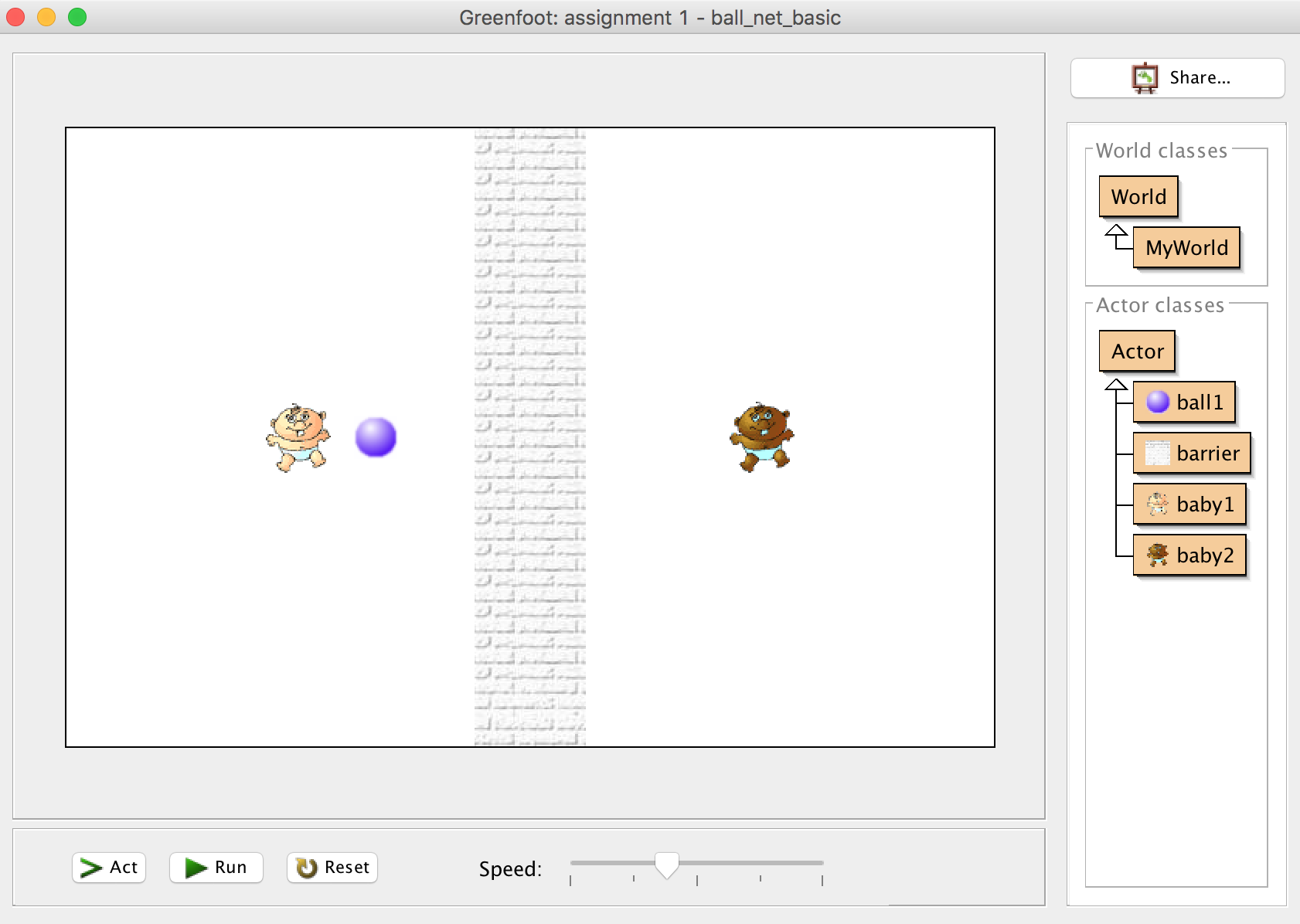
1. A word version of this assignment brief can be found at:

<http://www.computing.northampton.ac.uk/~gary/csy1020/20152016/csy1020Ass2.doc>

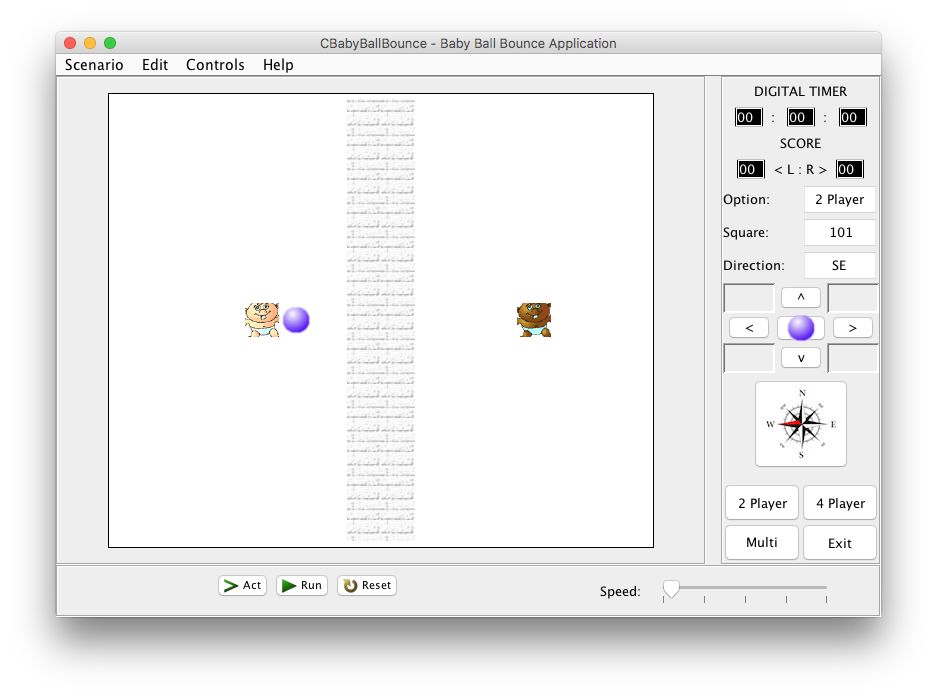
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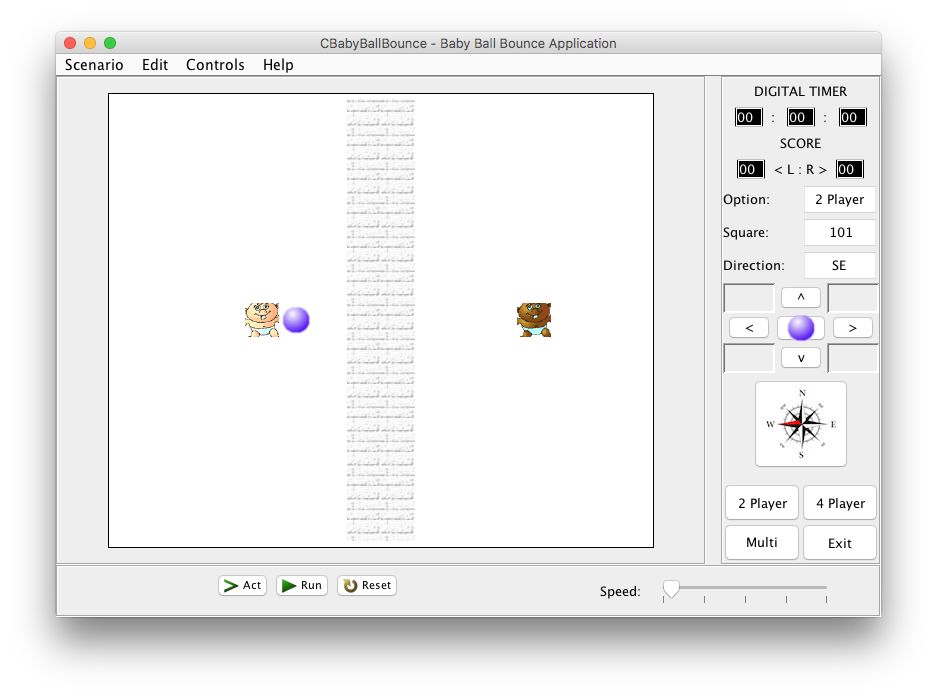
Attempt to emulate the following application:



*Figure 1: Problem*

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*Figure 2: Emulation - CBabyBallBounce.java Application – Opening State Win10.*

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*Figure 3: Emulation - CBabyBallBounce.java Application – Opening State MacOSX.***System Requirements**

# Essential (Graphical User Interface):

* 13 x 16 grid of **JButton**’s or Icon’s.
* 4 **JButton**’s for the game options ‘2 Player, 4 Player, Multi’ and ‘*Exit*’.
* 3 **JButton**’s for ‘Act’, ‘Run’ and ‘*Reset*’.
* 9 **JButton**’s for ‘*Forward >*’, ‘Backwards <’, ‘Up ^’, ‘Down v’ should move the ball in the appropriate direction by one square for each press (plus 5 blank).
* The compass icon (**JButton)** should illustrate the current direction for the ball.
* **3 JLabel**’s for ’Option’, ‘*Square*’ and ‘*Direction*’.
* **3 JTextField**’s for the current ‘Option’, Location/*’Square’* and *‘Direction’* of the ball. Use the square identification method e.g. 0 to 207 and N, E etc.
* 3 **JLabel’s** for the ‘DIGITAL TIMER and the two :’, with 3 **JTextField’**s for the hours, minutes and seconds.
* 2 **JLabel’s** for the ‘SCORE and ‘<L:R>’, with 2 **JTextField’**s for the scores (L & R).
* Create a **JFrame** application, which opens to the set size (825 \* 585).
* **JFrame** title set as "*CBabyBallBounce – Baby Ball Bounce Application*".

# Additional (Functionality & Complexity):

* Application icon for the **JFrame** used.
* The ‘Run’ **JButton** should show the ball moving between the babies continuously from the initial position (2 Player – default opening state).
* The ‘Reset’ **JButton** should clear/reset the application to its starting/default opening state.
* The ‘Act’ **JButton** should step through the above ‘Run’ sequence one move at a time.
* Discuss and implement the different options for the 3 configurations.
* The ‘2 Player, 4 Player, Multi’ **JButton**’s should display different obstacle/car configurations/locations.
* A **JMenuBar** could be included with **JMenu**’s for the *Scenario, Edit, Controls* and *Help*, which include **JMenuItem**’s of *Exit (Scenario)*, *Help Topic* and *About (Help)*.
* Additional **JButton**’s may be used to improve the applications usability e.g. ball bounce – in random direction, deflection angle etc.
* Create a **JFrame** application, which is not resizable.
* Create a **JFrame** application, which centres itself on the monitor.
* Use of additional baby images indicating the current position and direction of the baby.
* Discuss the possibilities for incorporating intelligence/checks for whether moves are valid.
* Digital Timer should start and stop when run is pressed and stopped when a baby misses the ball (with the ball continuing to the left or right boundary and stopping itself and the timer).
* Implement intelligence/checks for whether moves are valid.
* A **kickBall()** method should be used to solve the problem. The **kickBall()** method should include **move(left), move(right), move(up), move(down)** methods (see below).

public void kickBall()

{

move(left);

……………….

move(right);

}

The applications **must** be demonstrated (see below). The source code file containing the **main()** method and the compiled byte code **class** files should be named as follows:

**CBabyBallBounce.java** & **CBabyBallBounce.class**

**Deliverables**

**All** requirements (both A & B) **MUST** be delivered to achieve a pass grade for this assignment.

**A) Technical Report**

**Document 1 = Report**

The report should be **2500 words (minimum)** and should be structured as follows:

* Title Page
* Table of contents (to include List of Tables and List of Figures)
* **1. Introduction**/ Problem statement for the task
* **2. Analysis** and assumptions for the task
* **3. Design** for the task in either pseudo-code or flowchart form (include GUI design fully labelled). Include a routine suitable to successfully complete the task.
* **4. Implementation** (Explanation and Morphology of the code and resulting GUI).
* **5. Testing** (A test plan for the task, which should include a call to the test method **kickBall();** This method should solve the room).
* **6. Conclusion & Recommendations** (which should include a critical appraisal of the strengths and weaknesses of your design and what improvements could be made).
* **References** (Using **Harvard** referencing).
* **Bibliography** (If needed, using **Harvard** referencing).

**Document 2 = Appendix**

* Appendices (**The Appendices should include a commented file listing of all source code**).

It is expected that your report should make appropriate use of screen shots, particularly during the Implementation and Testing sections.

## B Viva/demonstration

The viva/demonstration of the developed application will be conducted within the timetabled sessions for **Week 30**. Attend your normal timetabled session and the marking tutor will work around the room (You will be free to leave once your software has been demonstrated). The expected viva duration will be between 5 to 10 minutes. Present will be the Module Tutor/Teaching Assistant and the student/s under assessment.

**Useful resources:**

Guide To Writing Technical Reports at :

<http://www.eng.nene.ac.uk/~gary/BScC/reportwriting.html>

One of the past assignment reports at:

<http://194.81.104.27/~gary/csy1020/20042005/csy1020report0405.pdf>.

Rough Guide to Harvard Referencing:

<http://studyskillshub.files.wordpress.com/2013/10/harvardrefquickguide2.pdf>

Screen shot software:

<http://www.mirekw.com/winfreeware/mwsnap.html>

**Learning Objectives.**

1. Appreciate the principles and practice of analysis and design in the construction of robust, maintainable programs, which satisfy their specifications.
2. Design, write, compile, test and execute straightforward programs using a high level language; appreciate the principles of programming.
3. Appreciate the need for a professional approach to design and the importance of good documentation to the finished programs.
4. Use an appropriate programming language to construct robust, maintainable programs, which satisfy their specifications.
5. Design, write, compile, test and execute programs taking into consideration principles of programming.
6. Apply skills to enable the solution of problems with the construction of appropriate algorithms and a computer program.

Please use the rubric at the end of this document to help you with the assignment and to help with self-feedback.

**Personal Development & Key Skills (for your PDP)**

This assignment provides an opportunity to add to your personal development portfolio as indicated below:

**PDP:** Personal development elements (for your PDP), this assignment provides an opportunity to add to your personal development portfolio the following:

* Problem-solving – the whole assignment is concerned with this area;
* Use of number – tasks involve manipulating numbers to solve a problem;
* Managing the Learning process – Successfully completing the assignment on time.
* Communication skills – presenting your work and critically appraising it in a clear form.

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| **Key Skills** | **Y/N** |
| **1 Managing the Learning Process:** Ability to evaluate learning styles, identify strategies for approaching study tasks, manage and organise oneself taking responsibility for decision-making, target setting and delivery of action. | **Y** |
| **2 Communication Skills:** The ability to express, discuss and present knowledge, ideas and viewpoints to a variety of audiences with confidence and clarity. | **Y** |
| **3 Groupwork:** The ability to work harmoniously and productively as a member of a group in a variety of roles, demonstrating an awareness of group dynamics, appropriate inter personal and interactional skills. | **N** |
| **4 Information Skills:** The ability to identify information needs, access and evaluate a range of relevant sources, organise and use information efficiently and effectively for both academic and professional purposes. | **Y** |
| **5 Problem Solving:** The ability to identify problems and to apply concepts, principles and techniques in order to generate solutions, choose between alternatives and take appropriate action. | **Y** |
| **6 Use of IT:** The ability to effectively use key information technology and appropriate software to assist in the learning process through research and retrieval, communication and manipulation of information in various forms. | **Y** |
| **7 Application of number:** The ability to understand, interpret and use numerical and graphical information accurately and effectively. | **Y** |

Remember to consult and completing your **Key Skills Checklist** or **Skills**

**Development Plan** as appropriate, to help you to identify current strengths

and how you can build on these, as well as highlight areas that need improving.

At the end of each year you can complete a new skills checklist/plan, based on

your learning experiences.

**Year 1:**

http://pdp.northampton.ac.uk/Year1\_Files/docs/Key%20Skills%20Checklist.doc

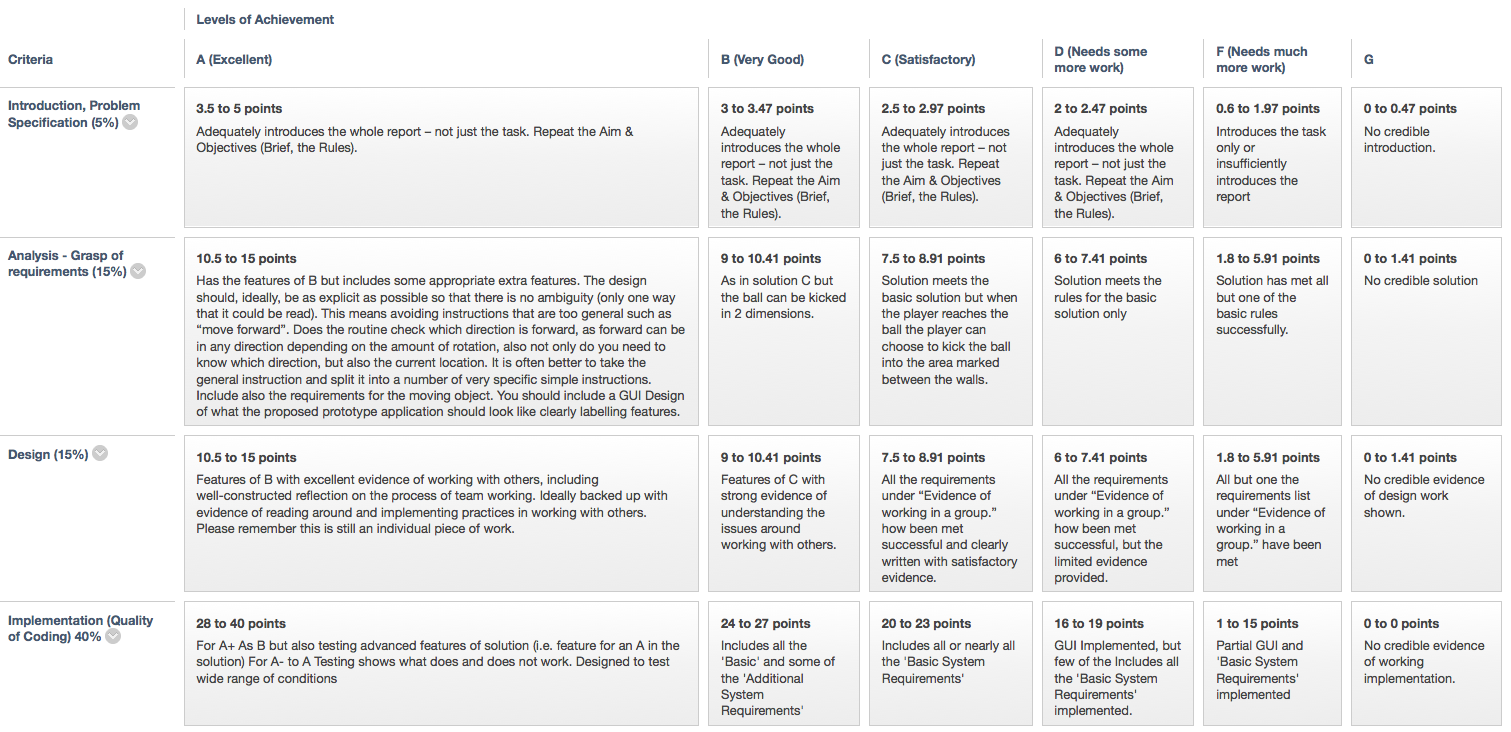
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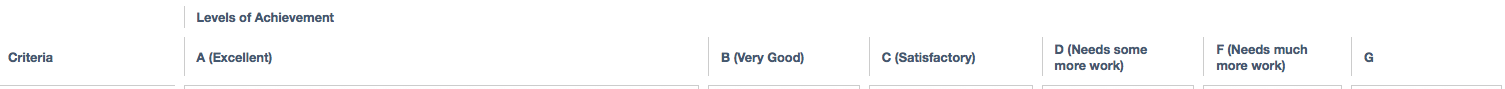
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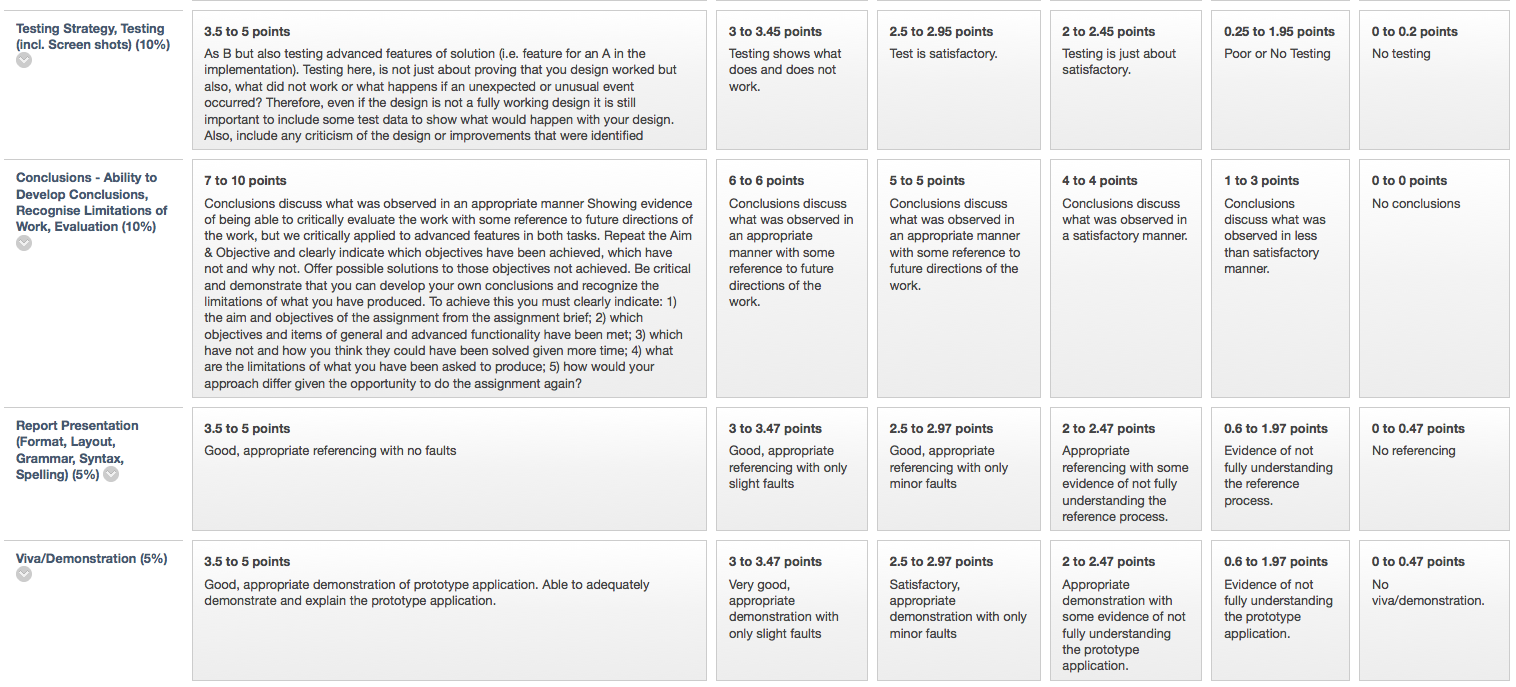
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**Grading Criteria:**

This Standard Front Sheet gives a clear indication of how the grade for this assignment is achieved. In general the following criteria will act as an overall guide to what you should expect:

A **bare pass (D)** will involve incorporate most of the ‘Basic System Requirements:’ above and accompanying technical report covering all appropriate sections.

A **good pass (B to C)** will incorporate all of the ‘Basic System Requirements:’ above and accompanying technical report covering all appropriate sections.

# A very good pass (A) will incorporate most of the ‘Additional System Requirements (functionality & complexity):’ above and accompanying technical report covering all appropriate sections.

## Viva/demonstration

This is a **COMPULSORY** activity, which is considered an essential element of this assignment – you will not pass the assignment **if you don’t attend – a maximum grade of an F** will be given to any assignment submission that has not been demonstrated during the allocated session above.

**Technical Report**

**All** requirements (both A & B) **MUST** be delivered to achieve a pass grade for this assignment. A) Technical Report - Document 1 = Report & Document 2 = Appendix – Code Listing. If the Technical Report is not submitted a G grade will be awarded and if submitted up to 1 week late a maximum of D- will be awarded.

**Notes on achieving the most from this assignment and where marks can be lost:**

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