

University of St Andrews School of Computer Science

CS5030 - Software Engineering Principles

Assignment 2 - Feedback

Group: 14 (5)

Topic: Outsourcing software development – pros and cons

Content

Very good effort in general.

Appropriate references and stats to support statements and arguments.

Good coverage of required aspects. Shortage of well-qualified local professionals to meet demand could also be a factor in choosing outsourcing.

Do you find any references relating to the impact on the overall software development process when specific subsystems or development phases are outsourced? Can you be agile and outsource?

Did the Facebook data leak occur in an outsourced scenario? As far as possible, use examples that illustrate the specific context.

You have discussed the benefits to countries to which work is outsourced. Do you perceive any potential disadvantages or ethical concerns relating to people, organisations or countries that do outsourced work?

There is some discussion and reflection of the content presented and material from multiple sources is presented in a coherent manner.

Report

Good overall.

The 2-column format is not needed for coursework submissions unless specifically stated, but it is fine.

There is a little duplication of content in places, for eg, in describing the motivation and reasons for outsourcing. If you tighten up the writing in this regard, you could probably add a little more data. Similarly, the conclusions section summarises the structure and content of the report. This is fine but you could consider shortening this part and including more of your own reflections.

Groupwork

You appear to have worked well as a group despite being in different time zones. Well done.

Overall

Good attempt at the report addressing all required aspects mostly in good writing style without major problems, including own research, understanding of software engineering concerns and showing critical thinking.

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