

Peer Review 2

Writing – is the writing clear, concise, and proper English? You do not need to point out every grammatical error. However, you should highlight a few, if they exist, and certainly point out any frequent grammatical errors or misspellings. Is there a failure of logic? That is, are ideas presented out of order? Is the case being made supported by evidence? If the author is researching a particular topic, do they take a stance on that topic? Does the author articulate why one position is better than another?

The first two sections of the report are called project objectives and point of view, I feel like it would make more sense if these were called Project outline and project objectives. Format of the resources section is off. Read your report again, there are many situations where you unnecessarily add words and make your sentences more complex than they need to be.

References – are the required 10 references present in the Reference section? Is each reference referred to at least once in the text? Are you able to determine which reference a citation in the text is referring to? For example, if there are multiple papers from Dr. Smith in the reference section, do you know which one a citation in the text is referring to? Would more references help make the author's points clearer? Do you think the references reflect an adequate research effort?

There was only about 4 references, none were directly cited in the paper I feel like if the author put more research into situations where people have had their information taken from websites like the ones the author listed in their paper. Adding information like this would make the author's argument stronger.

Tables and figures – Are there enough tables and figures? Would the author's points be made clearer if he or she included more tables and figures? Are there too many tables and figures? Are there some tables and figures that do not add value to the paper and can be removed? Are there tables or figures that are unclear and need to be revised?

There are screenshots, I feel like google searches of someone's information on these websites would be more beneficial to your argument vs just a screenshot of the site. The title font on the cover page is a little too big, and in the resources section your formatting is a little off. Besides that the amount of figures is good.

Format – does the paper conform to the guidelines in the course syllabus? The course syllabus lists a number of sections that must be included in the paper. Are all these sections present in the paper?

The report has all of these necessary sections listed in the syllabus, but I believe that a few of the sections need some word to make a significant contribution to the paper.

Topic – In your opinion, can the topic be completed in one semester? Should the scope of the topic be narrowed? Is the topic already too narrow? Are there additional items you think should be added to this project? Do you agree with the evaluation? Are the existing results, or the mentioned planned results, sufficient to make the author's case? Is it clear how the results will be used to make the author's point? Are you convinced that a better solution does not exist? If not, what else might the author try?

The topic looks like a good choice for a one-semester project, by the amount of research and testing the author has already done, I believe it is very obtainable to finish this project within the semester. I feel like the author should use real life examples of when this situation has happened to people to further better their case.

Length – did the paper meet the page requirements? Are there sections that should be expanded? Are there sections that should be shortened due to redundancy?

Yes, the paper was 10 pages, and with the exception of the works cited, all have a decent amount of information in them.

Intellectual Content – Did the paper reflect understanding of the topic? Are you convinced that the author knows this topic area? Did the author expand and build upon other works (for example cited references) or was it just reiterating other people's points? Were ideas integrated and woven into a theme to support the author's point? Did you, as a reviewer, learn something from reading this paper?

It's obvious to someone reading this paper that the author has done research and physical testing of what they are trying to accomplish. The author focused on using their own work vs building upon others, and I believe it will make a great paper if they also include 1 or 2 cases of building on someone else's work.