

CSC3031: Presentation Guidelines

CSC3031 (Research and Project Skills) is assessed with the following components:

1. Presentation 25%
2. Project Proposal 75%

This document provides marking guidance for the presentation.

Structure

Length: approximately 10 minutes duration.

Your presentation should cover the following topics:

- What is the project about?
- What are the project's aims (or hypothesis) and objectives?
- How do you propose to tackle it?
- What are your plans for the project?

You should assume the audience for your presentation are competent professional computer scientists so, they may not have specific expertise in your topic or theme area.

Please upload a Zip Archive in NESS by the deadline stated, which should contain:

- A video recording of your presentation as an .mp4 file. For example, a screen recording of your slides (or other visual aids) with your spoken presentation as the soundtrack.
- A copy of your slides or other visual aids as a PDF file.

Marking Scheme

Your presentation will be marked by your supervisor and moderated by the theme and module leaders. Marks are given for Presentation and Technical Content. Each of these categories is marked out of 5 with the following overall classifications:

0. No Submission
1. Failing
2. Pass
3. Good
4. Excellent
5. Outstanding

For a mark of 5 (outstanding) for presentation, the presentation will have:

- a clear and logical presentation structure, with framing (content overview) and/or summarising the key parts of what was presented.
- in addition to PowerPoint slides (or equivalent), it may provide additional material to explain or exemplify the material being presented as appropriate.
- techniques such as animation used were appropriate, to illustrate concepts.
- slides free of spelling mistakes (spell checkers find those if you use them)
- readable, consistently applied type style and size, especially when viewed against your chosen background
- readable, focussed slides (not too many words – nor too few)

The presenter of an “outstanding” presentation will:

- occupy the required 10 minutes
- speak clearly and concisely

For a mark of 5 (outstanding) for technical, the presentation will have:

- Clear presentation of the Aim/Hypothesis and Objectives – to show what the project is trying to achieve and how it will go about achieving those objectives.
- Introduction setting out the context of the problem you are trying to solve, with illustrations.
- Evidence of engagement with the Computing Science Knowledge Base – identification of some good quality sources relevant to the project topic.
- Key technologies - issues, risks, and evaluations.
- Plans for the work up to the end of Semester 2: details of the tasks expected to be undertaken, estimates of their time/complexity, and risks identified.
- Discussion of how the work is going to be organised and managed (e.g., if developing software, which software process model is going to be followed and why).