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**Abstract**

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# Introduction

This is the introduction…REMEMBER 1.5 SPACING IN ALL BODY TEXT!!

## Background

It might have some subsections

## Outline of Dissertation by chapters

Like this.

# Literature review

This is your lit review. Introduce and outline what is being discussed here. Start with an inverted pyramid model

**Referencing examples. Please use the different types of layout for in text citations as it makes the finished dissertation look more professional. Use RefWorks rather than Word for referencing.**

**Quoting directly:**

Aitken (2006: 48) argues that land fill sites are “not cost efficient”….

**Paraphrasing:**

Aitken (2006: 48) argues that land fill sites are expensive and inefficient

**Summarising an entire book or article:**

A recent study reveals new information about child poverty in Scotland (Weir 2007).

**Summarising a point made on two consecutive pages of a book or article:**

The book provides examples of how the eating habits of parents directly influence children (Taylor 2006: 19-20).

A close up of a map

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Figure. 1. Figure caption below the figure. Inverted pyramid model for the Literature Review

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Table. 1 Table caption goes here

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| **Subject** | **Author** | **Year** |
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## Section heading

You may choose to divide this into sections, perhaps looking ahead to the method chapter.

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| **Type of Literature** | **Authors** |
| Machine Learning | Bleh et al. 2019 |
| Deep Learning | Mushroom et al. 2014 |

### Subsection heading!

### Another subsection

#### Another subsection

Only go down to four levels of sub-sections. If you need another level just use:

**Another section formatting**

More text.

## Another section heading

Even more…

# Method

This chapter should explain in detail how you carried out your project. This includes several aspects, although not all projects will need all of these. Use your judgement to decide which of these are appropriate to your project. Add anything I may have left out, if you think it’s necessary.

1. the development methodology you have chosen (waterfall, agile,…)
2. testing method
3. how you gathered requirements
4. the tools (languages, software, platforms, libraries etc.) you chose
5. research methods used, if there is a “research” aspect to your project, such as conducting a usability study of your program or web site, checking the effectiveness of educational tools or environments etc.

As well as explaining the method/tool etc., you should also provide some argument justifying your choice. In the best dissertations, this will include consideration of the alternatives.

# Results

This chapter is where you present the results of your project and explain what you achieved.

If you were collecting data for some reason then this is where you could present it. If you built something then this is where you would describe it, including a discussion of how far you got with the original plan.

If you built something and tested it (and you should have…) then this is where you would present your test results.

Actual data u (at least if it’s large) and code listings should be placed in an appendix and referred to from here. This chapter would then discuss those maybe using descriptive statistics.

# Analysis

This chapter is for a critical evaluation of the results obtained and of the project in general.

If you collected data, this is where you should interpret it.

This is also the place for an evaluation of the project, of its methods and outputs. (Product **and** process.) Markers will expect a high level of reflection, analysis, thought, perception, insight… This is where you are expected to demonstrate high level academic skills. Going back over your project log book (you remembered to keep one, right?) will be helpful here.

# Conclusions & Future Work

What it says on the tin.

You might want to talk about interesting/worthwhile/possible future directions for this project. Perhaps put that in a section called “Further work”.

## Conclusions

Maybe list your original objective(s) and aims then add a sentence or two explaining how (if!) you met them.

## Summary of Aims/Objectives and or Research Questions

## Future Work

# Critical Reflection & PDP

Write about how the project has helped you develop both personally and professionally. Include any ethical issues that have arisen and discuss how they have been resolved. For example, maybe before the course you were awful at planning and management and that has changed. Or maybe you have experienced and overcome adversity during the course? Please don't put any private/personal details in here but loosely refer to the issue and how you managed to overcome it to help you develop.

Provide a convincing discussion of personal and professional learning that has taken place and how this learning will influence your future direction. This should also include personal development that has taken place, with examples to back up your discussion wherever possible.

Where appropriate, clearly and convincingly discuss how ethical and professional issues have influenced decisions taken throughout the project.

# Bibliography

All your references should be listed here, following the UHI Harvard Referencing standard. You’ve been doing this for a while now, so there is no excuse for doing it wrong. Remember to list the references in alphabetical order of the first author’s last name. **Refworks** may be a good solution here.

# Appendices

These are like chapters, but the numbering restarts: Appendix A, Appendix B,...

Each should start on a new page.

[I don’t know how to restart the numbering and get these included in the TOC, but you’re all expert IT users so it shouldn’t be a problem for you. If you don’t know how to do it, you could always Google it! I’m sure we’re not the first people to want to create a dissertation with appendices in Microsoft Word. Headings for appendices should be like this: Appendix A: Source code listing, Appendix B: Test Plan, Appendix C: Test Log, etc.]