

Mid-Project Demonstration • Major Project

The Mid-Project Demonstration is an opportunity for the markers to see your technical progress as you begin the second semester. This is a shorter version of the demonstration that you will give at the end of the project. It will give you the opportunity to practice a demonstration. You will receive feedback from the markers about their reaction to your progress and your ability to talk about your work.

At this point, we would expect you to have begun the technical aspects of your project. You should be in a position to reflect on the development methodology/process you are following and whether it is working as expected.

Assessment

You will demonstrate your work to your supervisor and second marker. This stage of the project is assessed and this is worth 7.5% of your overall project mark.

You will be allocated a time slot for your demonstration. It will take 15 minutes in total. You should plan a demonstration of what you have done so far, taking into account the topics being assessed (see below). Don't plan more than 10 minutes, as you will need time to answer questions from your supervisor and second marker. Your time slot will be allocated at the start of Semester 2.

For assessment purposes, you will be judged against the following topics.

- **Project Description** – To what extent are you able to clearly describe the aims of the project? When questioned about the project, did you demonstrate that you understand the topic and the work that you are undertaking?
- **Technical Work** – How advanced is the technical work? What work did you demonstrate? Were you able to explain what had been done and justify the choices that you have made?
- **Technical Issues** – To what extent do you understand the technologies and technical issues in the project? For example, which technologies are you using and why have you selected them? At this stage in the project, do you think that these technologies are appropriate? In light of your work so far, do you expect to change any of the selected technologies? If so, why?
- **Project Plan and Methodology** – To what extent have you followed your chosen methodology? What are the strengths and weaknesses of the methodology? Are there any aspects of the methodology that are finding difficult to adhere to? If so, what are they? Would you change any aspects of the methodology to make it more suitable for your project? If so, what would you change and why?

Feedback

You will receive verbal feedback from your markers during the demonstration. You should take some notes about the main items that you discuss. In addition, you will receive copies of the mark sheets from your two markers. These sheets will mostly indicate a rating for different aspects of the assessment. The main feedback will also be summarized as comments.

If your markers return Adequate or Inadequate for some sections, think carefully about what was discussed for the sections. Consider how you can improve in those sections to avoid the risk of a low mark or even a failure on the module.

Mid-Project Demonstration Marking Sheet [EXAMPLE]

Student: Smith, Fred			User Id: eg1
Original Title: The original title submitted for the project			
Scheme: G400 Computer Science			
Module: CS39440	Supervisor: abc	Second Marker: xyz	Marker: abc

Please select one mark for each of the four sections.

Project Description (20%)

How well was the student able to explain what the project is about?

- [5] **Very good** – The student demonstrated a very good understanding of the project.
- [4] **Good** – As for *very good*, but there were one or two areas where the student was less specific.
- [3] **Average** – As for *good*, but there were more areas where the student was less specific.
- [2] **Adequate** – The description provided a general outline of the project, but even with further questions the student did not demonstrate an appropriate level of understanding about the project's background and aims.
- [1] **Inadequate** – The description and further discussion did not clarify what the project is attempting to achieve.
- [0] **No appropriate description was provided.**

Technical work (30%)

How advanced is the technical work?

- [5] **Very good** – The demonstrated work is very well advanced for this stage of the project.
- [4] **Good** – The demonstrated work is well advanced. Some areas appear to be underdeveloped.
- [3] **Average** – The demonstrated work is progressing according to plan.
- [2] **Adequate** – There is some technical work, but it is not particularly advanced at this stage.
- [1] **Inadequate** – The demonstrated work is very limited at this stage.
- [0] **No technical progress was demonstrated.**

Technical Issues (20%)

To what extent does the student understand the technologies and technical issues in the project?

- [5] **Very good** – The student demonstrated a very good understanding of the technical issues and the technologies used on the project.
- [4] **Good** – As for *very good*, but with some topics where the discussion is more general.
- [3] **Average** – As for *good*, but with several topics where the discussion is more general.
- [2] **Adequate** – The student demonstrated an adequate understanding of the main issues, but is unable to talk in detail about any of the topics.
- [1] **Inadequate** – The student demonstrated a limited understanding of the technical issues.
- [0] **No technical understanding was demonstrated.**

Project Plan and Methodology (30%)

To what extent have you followed your chosen methodology and does it need to be refined?

- [5] **Very Good** – A very good discussion about how the plan and methodology are being used and the strengths, weaknesses and possible changes.
- [4] **Good** – As for *very good*, but with less appreciation of strengths and weaknesses or possible changes.
- [3] **Average** – As for *good*, but there was little consideration of possible improvements.
- [2] **Adequate** – The student demonstrated a basic understating of the plan and methodology and their strengths, weaknesses and possible improvements.
- [1] **Inadequate** – The student did not demonstrate a suitable understanding about the plan and methodology.
- [0] **No appropriate discussion was provided.**

On the reverse of this sheet, please add comments to be given to the student.

Overall Comments

Please enter comments to be returned to the student.