

DCIT 208 - Course Project: User Manual

Revised Specification (2025 - Final)

The user manual is the last document your team will submit. It guides end users and testers through installing, configuring and using your system. This manual should reflect the final state of your project after UAT and incorporate any refinements. The manual is worth 10 points and is due on Friday 22 August 2025 at 23:59 GMT.

Structure & Required Content

1. Deployment & Installation (2 pts): Provide a complete installation guide for your system. Include hardware/software requirements, setup scripts or commands, and instructions for launching the application on all supported platforms.
2. System Features (3 pts): Summarise all features implemented in the final release. Explain each feature's purpose and how a user interacts with it, referencing your user stories and SRS.
3. Main Scenario Walkthrough (3 pts): Present a comprehensive step-by-step walkthrough of the primary use case. Use numbered steps, describe inputs and expected outputs, and include annotated screenshots. Tie this scenario back to the original problem and objectives.
4. Additional Scenarios (2 pts): Document at least two secondary scenarios (alternative flows, error conditions, administrative tasks). Provide context, stepwise instructions and screenshots.

Guidelines & Format

- Audience & Tone: Write for non-technical users. Keep language simple and avoid jargon.
- Length & Layout: Aim for 3-6 pages of narrative text. Use clear headings, subheadings and bullet lists. Place screenshots near the relevant steps and caption them.
- Consistency & Accuracy: Ensure all instructions align with the final version of your software. Update the manual to reflect any changes made as a result of UAT.
- Submission: Export the manual as a single PDF with embedded images. Include a table of contents if the document is longer than three pages.
- Accessibility & Style: Use legible fonts and consistent formatting. Provide alternative text for images when feasible.

Evaluation & Integration

- **Deadline:** Submit the user manual by Friday 22 August 2025 at 23:59 GMT. Late submissions will incur a 10% penalty per day.
- **Rubric:** Deployment & Installation (2 pts); System Features (3 pts); Main Scenario (3 pts); Additional Scenarios (2 pts). Sections are judged on completeness, clarity, and utility.
- **Integration:** The manual should complement your final project demo and UAT report. Where appropriate, mention how user feedback from UAT informed updates and highlight improvements made.
- **References:** Consult Sommerville for documentation standards, Pressman for guidelines on user manuals, and Kendall for crafting detailed scenario descriptions.