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Subject: **Software Life Cycle Assignment 2 – Essay Milestone**

## Overall evaluation of the Milestone

I see that you put a lot of effort in the essay. Surprisingly, you did not follow several requirements with regard to this assignment. After updating your essay according to the advice below, you will have a great essay.

Below you find the feedback in a rubric and then some more remarks and recommendations for the Final version of your essay.

LaTeX template	No
topic identified	No
subtitle, author, email adapted	OK
structure: abstract, introduction, ideas, references	Partly
introduction is well-written, contains three or four paragraphs	No: the Introduction too short, the Ideas section is too long (please update your document according to the instructions)
three distinct and clear ideas	OK; see also below
at least four references	OK
the fundamental paper is cited	OK
citations and references are appropriate in terms of format and content	OK
target audience is indeed fellow students	OK
used only own words (no plagiarism, appropriate cites, etc.)	OK
abstract is short, to the point about the actual context and ideas	OK; the Abstract of your Final version could be somewhat longer (e.g. three to six short sentences) that motivates the reader to spend time on your essay. It should, in general, cover the context, the problem and the solution.

## For your final version

- *Ideas*. You have found three very interesting, distinct ideas. For the Final version, you should turn them into actual research questions<sup>1</sup>, about which you can imagine to do research. Furthermore, you should discuss feasible approaches to these research

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<sup>1</sup> See also the page referred to also in the instruction document: <https://writingcenter.gmu.edu/guides/how-to-write-a-research-question>

ideas and you can also think about possible outcomes (hypotheses). Also, note that the objective of this assignment is not actually doing the research, but to outline good problems.

- *Writing.* Your writing is good, easy to follow. In the Final version, you could focus more on your own thoughts and drop lots of information from external sources. Especially, long quotes are not necessary in such a short essay. Similarly, you don't need to give a list of quality categories. Your thoughts are valuable and interesting enough!

After this exciting start, I'm truly looking forward to your Final version!