**Project Report**

The aims of the report are (i) to present the work to a wider audience which is unfamiliar with the project, (ii) to provide a written record for future reference by users of your software and further developers of your work, and (iii) to demonstrate the student's skills in writing and structuring a report.

Remember that, apart from seeing a brief demonstration of your software, the only thing that the external examiner has to judge your project is the dissertation describing it.

Every effort should be made to provide a professional, quality description of the work. All reports should be printed and securely bound.

If the project involved joint work with other people, there should be a section of the project report setting out as clearly as possible which parts the student did and did not do.

The final size of the dissertation tends to vary from 25 to 50 pages of main text (single spaced and printed single sided). About 25 is minimum. As well as the main text you should have appendices (in electronic form only) showing any additional material. The general arrangement of the report should be as follows:

* Title Page (Project Title, Author, Name of Degree & University, Supervisor, Date)
* Executive Summary of Project (1 Page)
* Declaration: signed by you (1 page): *"I declare that the special study described in this dissertation has been carried out and the dissertation composed by me, and that the dissertation has not been accepted in fulfilment of the requirements of any other degree or professional qualification."*
* Certificate, signed by your supervisor (1 page): *"I certify that (your full name) has satisfied the conditions of the Ordinance and Regulations and is qualified to submit this dissertation in application for the degree of Master of Science."*
* Acknowledgements
* Table of Contents
* List of Figures
* Main body (typically 5 or 6 chapters)
* References

The report should be written in a formal style. All pages should be numbered, the first page of chapter 1 being page 1. All references should be cited in the main body of the report. The report should demonstrate that the student has used appropriate tools to support the development process and that verification and validation have been applied at all stages.

The main body of the report should address the following:

* **Introduction: An explanation of the problem and the objectives of the project.**

Niger state polytechnic, Zungeru is a tertiary institution with 2 colleges (college of Science and Technology (CST) and College of Administrative and Business Studies (CABS)) each college has 3 schools (Environmental studies (SES), Engineering Technology (SET), Administrative Studies (SAS), General Studies (SGS), Business Studies (SBS), and Natural and Applied Sciences (SNAS)) each school has various departments and about 35 programmes form 17 departments in total. Result computation starts from departmental level, the department collect the approved list of students and courses from the Academic Planning Unit, all exams scores are submitted to the departmental coordinators by various course lecturers, then the scores are computed against each student and the responding courses they offered. After computation the result is submitted to the exams and records unit in broad sheet format ready to be presented to the academic board, the broad sheet comprises analysis showing all courses offered, code, unit, grades, total, mean, standard deviation and percentage pass, it also include the result summary, showing total number of students in class, number of students that passed, number of students with Carry Over, Number of students absent with Excuse, and number of students advise to withdraw.

In view of the above new (automated) system will comprise of five user access role as:

* System manager: This user controls all user accounts, manage personal records of students and courses (add, update and view)
* Department Coordinator: This user manage student scores (import/input/add student exam scores, consider/edit/update) score and allocate courses to a staff in a specific department
* Student: This user will only have access to view their individual result as a whole or in in semester basis.
* Teaching staff: this user can import and view student exam scores of only course allocated to them by the departmental coordinator.
* Exams and Records: This user can only view student personal information, courses, and broad sheet result of all departments

All of the users listed above will have different view when given access to the system through a login page process.

The aim of the project is to develop a web-based system as an automation to the existing manual process of computing students’ examination results in Niger state Polytechnic, as the existing system is prone to errors and waste of time and resources like paper. The objectives are as follows:

* To develop a web based system with five (5) user role each with different user view as describe above.
* To Keep track of up-to-date records of the entire students in polytechnic
* Support Registration, data upload, queries to the system, generate broad sheet report and student result analysis for academic board decisions making with user-friendly interfaces for easy interaction
* **Background: A (usually brief) review of relevant literature and products to establish the context of the project.**

The use of computers systems to process information would enable better access to students' records (personal, and courses), updating student records keeping track of passed and failed courses (performance). The support of storing course information (course codes, course title, course credit units and grade points for the purpose of computing GPA with automation is required.[3]

Result Computation System (RCS) is an automated platform used in managing result for all categories of students in a friendly and interactive manner. Nigerian tertiary institutions follows the trend in Information and Communication Technologies in transforming their record keeping and information management operations. RCS is currently an information systems that readily attracts the attention of many tertiary institutions in Nigeria. Most of the Students’ RCS are traditional and standalone which has few or basic elements of a standard RMS. Most of the students RMS are not web based and others do not integrate well with the other information system in the Universities.[1]

Student result analysis is an online application used to analyse, store and keep track of student data and compute the mark analysis process in an educational institution, it enable the view of individual student’s result, automated computation of results from various departments. The use of computation systems that has it capabilities beyond result computation which is not so much in use. Tertiary institutions today compute student result analysis manually which consume lots of time and effort. A system that does analysis of student result is required as it will aid decision-making and taking in tertiary institutions. [2]

In view of the above the requirement to have an online Result computation system in Niger state Polytechnic, Zungeru, Nigeria is important. In the institution, Students result are computed every semester from the summation of CA and Exam score of each course taken by students, given each student grades, GP, CGPA and remark. This is presented as broadsheet with analysis. The computation of result is completely manual.

This project is to create a web-based Result Computation System that would allow teachers submit students CA and Exam score, the system will compute the scores, generate a broadsheet and provide analysis of the results on a semester basis. The students would be able to view their result through their profiles.

This project will considered security as an utmost priority, providing a login form for authentication of users and registration form to register student and courses offered.

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*2. Ashwin M., Jugal P., Aditya M. (2018). Student Result Analysis System. International Research Journal of Engineering and Technology (IRJET), vol.5, e-ISSN: 2895 -0056*

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* **Requirements specification: A specification of the problem and an explanation of how the student arrived at this specification. An initial work schedule including an overall project plan with time-scales, deliverables and resources.**

A specification of the problem

With the current trend in technology, Niger state polytechnic as a tertiary institution should have an automated means of computing student results, to enable it meet certain educational standard and requirements, an automation is required to eliminates errors in computation and reduce miss-use of resources and bring ease.

Currently the school is operating a manual system, every department computes students result in different formats in an un-centralised manner, some departments uses format such as excel sheet while some are completely paper based.

In previous years, a partial automated system of result computation has been introduced by the school authority to various departments that was used as a standalone system to enable departmental coordinators enter exam scores in text file then use the command line environment to manipulate the text files to generate a computed result, the system was not friendly, requires memorising commands and it takes a lot of time to arrange the scores in a text file and does not support editing, it is developed using Fortran. Yet with the introduction of the so called automated system every operation still seems manual, errors recorded are even more compared to the use of excel files, which has led to many departmental coordinators to dump it. Even after result is generated still analysis is done manually, given inaccurate results. It take the coordinator so many days to compute a single class, they become stressed up and sometimes frustrated as so many time is required. This problems lead to delay in producing result for student and also delay in taking and making decision.

If this problems are not taking care of it would lead to an educational degradation and inconsistent result generated continuously, although many institutions have similar issues or problems but they have often used different methods to solve the problems, but I feel developing a web based system that will be used by all department in a centralised manner, enabling result computation, adding and editing student exams score, generating broad sheet result with analysis, allowing individual student see their result on time from the comfort of their homes and also enable timely decision taking and making will make more significant difference from the methods previously used.

Finally I decided to develop the proposed system based on the problem statements stated above, leading to the requirement stated below.

Project management

* Design: This should include the design method, design process and outcome. Design decisions and trade-offs should be described e.g. when selecting algorithms, data structures and implementation environments or when designing for usability.
* Implementation and Testing: A description of production, testing and debugging. A demonstration that the specification has been satisfied.
* Evaluation: You should carry out formal user evaluations and report on them.
* A description of the functionality and interfaces of the completed system.
* Appraisal: A critical appraisal of the project indicating the rationale for design/implementation decisions, lessons learnt during the course of the project and an evaluation (with hindsight) of the final product and the process of its production (including a review of the plan and any deviations from it). The project should be placed in a wider context and this could include the scientific, technical, commercial, social and ethical context.
* Summary and Conclusions.
* Recommendations for future work.

**Appendices**

The main body of the report should read as a self-contained document. Additional materials should be submitted electronically as appendices (hard copies are not required). These should include:

* the software and source code
* the user manual and/or technical manual as appropriate
* the minutes of meetings with your supervisor or others
* your ethics submission(s) and the Ethics committee's response(s)
* the poster for your demonstration

Any other important detailed information should also be included in appendices; the exact nature of these will depend on the kind of project that you have done, but will often include:

* details of requirements and design
* experimental results
* results of testing

As a general guide, the appendices should contain all of the detailed information about your project, in particular all information which might be useful to someone who wishes to use or extend your work in future. The appendices can be in separate files arranged appropriately in different folders; there is no need to compile them into a single document. Portable Document Format (PDF) should be used whenever possible.

If any paper or article arising from the project has been submitted for publication to a journal or conference, a copy of the submitted paper should be included as an appendix.

**Binding of report**

The two hard copies of the report should be securely bound. One way to do this is to use the spiral binding machine which will be available in Lab 5.