

# Project report structure

The project report should be 5,000-6,000 words (not including references and appendices).

The structure of the report is not prescribed. The structure presented below is an example of a possible structure; your report may have a very different structure. However, the items marked with “M” are required.

Title (M)

Abstract (M)

Table of contents (M)

Table of figures (optional)

Table of tables (optional)

## Chapter 1: Introduction (M)

- Context of project (M)
- Rationale(M)
- Problem you are addressing with clearly defined scope (M)
- Dissertation aims and objectives (M)
- Structure of dissertation report (M)

Other sections as required

## Chapter 2: Research (M)

- Literature review
- User needs (M but not necessarily in chapter two)

## Chapter 3: (M)

- Proposed artefact (M)
- Discussion of how the artefact relates to the aims of the project. (M)

Subsequent chapters will vary with the project but **must** include content related to:

- Your approach to the development of your artefact (technical/design methodology as appropriate) (M)
- Tools and techniques and used, rationale for your choices. (M)
- Ethical considerations, including around data sampling and selection. (M)

## **Chapter *n***

- Evaluation of artefact
- Evaluation of general approach

## **Chapter *n+1*: Conclusion**

- Summary of project (M)
- Summary of results (M)
- Discussion of the extent to which the aims have been met (M)
- Discussion of the extent to which the problem addressed has been solved (M)
- Future work

## **Bibliography (M)**

## **Appendices**

- Record of meetings with supervisor (M)
- Ethical approval form (emailed to you when your supervisor completes the form online) (M)
- Any other appendices

The number and titles of chapters will vary according to the project and the methodologies used. For example, if you have developed some software you might have a short chapter devoted to each elements of your development methodology. On the other hand, if you have produced a new framework for IoT Security governance (say), you might have a chapter devoted to relevant legislation, a chapter on existing frameworks, a etc. and evaluation. Please use the structure that best suits your project but be sure that you include all of the mandatory elements that have been suggested here.

Please also refer to the assessment criteria, as shown in the assessment specification. You need to ensure that your report includes content relevant to the criteria that will be used to assess your work.