

COMP3520 Operating Systems Internals

Assignment 2 – Additional Assessment Rules

Language of assessment

The assignment shall be assessed in English. Except for foreign loanwords in common use in English (as determined by the presence or absence of a given word or expression in the *Oxford Dictionary*), any written material that is not in English will be deemed to be of no academic merit.

Plagiarism policy

Students must ensure that they give adequate references for other people's work that they have used. Any suitable referencing scheme may be used.

In the design document, appropriate in-text citations must also be provided for all sources used other than the textbooks prescribed for COMP3520.

The use of any material that is not the student's own work without attribution is plagiarism. All obviously plagiarised material will be deemed to be of no academic merit.

All instances of suspected plagiarism will be reported to the lecturer at the end of marking. Plagiarism cases will be categorised as follows:

- Minor – The plagiarism is minor and does not appear to be deliberate. In the case of written work, if the plagiarism involves 150 words or less, then it **may** be regarded as a minor plagiarism case.
- Substantial – The plagiarism is clearly deliberate or involves more than 150 words but it does not involve more than 300 words, or more than 30 % of the code or design document, whichever is greater. There is no clear evidence to suggest that the plagiarism is malicious.
- Severe – The plagiarism involves more than 300 words, or more than 30 % of the code or design document, whichever is greater but it is not clearly malicious and does not involve more than 1000 words, or more than 60 % of the code or design document, whichever is greater.
- Wanton – The plagiarism is clearly malicious and occurs very frequently. If more than 60 % of the code or design document is plagiarised and the plagiarism involves more than 1000 words, then it **must** be regarded as a wanton plagiarism case.

Where substantial plagiarism has been detected, a default penalty of up to 15 marks will apply depending on the severity. If an independent academic declares that the plagiarism is dishonest in nature, additional penalties may apply.

Where severe plagiarism has been detected, a default penalty of up to 30 marks will apply depending on the severity. In such cases, an independent academic will declare that the plagiarism is dishonest in nature and may impose additional penalties.

Any student who has been caught engaging in wanton plagiarism will receive a mark of zero for the component in the assignment where the plagiarism took place. The components for this assignment are the code and design document. In addition, additional penalties may be imposed.

It is highly likely that a wanton plagiarism case will constitute serious **academic misconduct**. In extreme cases, the penalty may include **expulsion from The University of Sydney. This could lead to an effective lifetime ban from the Australian Higher Education System**.

Penalties for plagiarism may not be imposed until the student has received a fair hearing in accordance with University policies and regulations.

Substantially unoriginal work other than plagiarism

Students need to ensure that their code and design document are substantially original. Marks will not be awarded for merely citing the sources of copied code, text or diagrams that have been used in the code or design document; there must be a further description, explanation, application, analysis or evaluation that is appropriate to the task.

In all cases, students are encouraged to use their own words in assessable work.

Non-serious attempts and non-submission

A student is considered to have made a non-serious attempt if he or she has committed at least two of the following violations:

- Failure to properly follow exercises set by the unit of study coordinator;
- Failure to apply themselves with sustained effort and due diligence to the set exercises;
- Submission of a response that includes frivolous material;
- Failure to achieve all assignment outcomes; or
- Repeatedly and unreasonably obstruct the teaching or learning of other students in COMP3520 (in force from 18/5/2015).

A mark below 25 % shall be regarded as *prima facie* evidence of a non-serious attempt, provided that a submission has been made. Any code that fails all host dispatcher functionality tests except for printing process parameters correctly will also be regarded as *prima facie* evidence of a non-serious attempt.

Any student who is found to have made a non-serious attempt may be required to show cause as to why they should not receive a fail grade for COMP3520.

Where a student has failed to hand in any work on time without a reasonable excuse and no work is forthcoming, a zero mark must be recorded. **This may result in a grade of Absent Fail.**

Mark range

Marks for this assignment will be reported on a 0 - 150 scale.