Documentation Template for Final Projects

The following table identifies the minimal core set of software development and identifies the activities that produce them.

Document Deliverables	Description	Activities
Software Project Management	Description of the software	Process implementation
Plan (SPMP)	approach and associated	
	milestones	
Software requirements	Description of expected	System requirements analysis
specification (SRS)	software features, constraints,	Software requirements analysis
	interfaces and other attributes	
Software Design Description	Description of how the software	System architectural design
(SDD)	will meet the requirements. Also	Software architectural design
	describes the rationale of design	Software detailed design
	decisions taken.	
Software Test Documentation	Description of the plan and	System qualification testing
(STD)	specifications to verify and	Software qualification testing
	validate the software and the	
	results.	

IEEE terms and abbreviations have been used throughout; this provides exposure to the professional terminology for students, and also reduces ambiguity.

Purpose of each document

Document Summary of Purpose

SPMP: To document the agreed deliverables and dates.

SRS: To document the agreed requirements with the project supervisor; to provide the basis for design; to provide the basis for system test.

SDD: To document the design and design decisions in order to provide the basis for implementation and unit test

STD: To document how the software will be tested, and record the results.

Contents of the Documentation Set.

The following four pages identify the contents of each document. The contents are not a rigid definition, but a guide as to the most pertinent features of each document. These should be tailored to reflect the emphasis of each project. Documentation produced during implementation is not covered; these results are usually in the form of executable code, user documentation, and an implementation work of the student. The specifications for, and results of, unit testing are also regarded as being part of the implementation.

Software Project Management Plan (SPMP)

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- 3.1 Tasks
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- 3.1.n.1 Description
- 3.1.n.2 Deliverables and Milestones
- 3.1.n.3 Resources Needed
- 3.1.n.4 Dependencies and Constraints
- 3.1.n.5 Risks and Contingencies
- 3.2 Assignments
- 3.3 Timetable
- **4 ADDITIONAL MATERIAL**

Students are encouraged to use open source project management tools for this deliverable. One example being Project Libre (http://www.projectlibre.org/)

Relevant IEEE standards: IEEE-1058 [8], IEEE-1540 [9]

Software Requirements Specifications (SRS)

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Relevant IEEE standards: IEEE-830 [4]

Software Design Description (SDD)

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- 4 USER INTERFACE DESIGN
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- 4.1.2 Objects and Actions
- **5 ADDITIONAL MATERIAL**

Relevant IEEE standards: IEEE-1016 [7]

Software Test Documentation (STD)

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APPENDIX A. TEST LOGS

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A.n.1 Test Results

A.n.2 Incident Report