408217 Information Security. Research Report (40%).

Semester 1 2015

"*Identify up to 15 (but not less than 10) recent research articles relevant to **one** of the topics discussed in one of the following chapters: Chapter 2, Chapter 3, Chapter 4, and Chapter 5.*

The articles should not repeat but ADD to the content of the chapter, e.g., by providing an example or a case, by expanding or extending a concept, by adding new content, by adding new context to an concept already discussed in the chapter, by providing a new solution.

Prepare a research report to summarise your findings from these articles, as related to the chapter topic you have chosen (around 3500 words and not more than 4000 words excluding the references) using the format below.

Title page: *report title, student name & ID; lecturer's name (Krassie Petrova) , submission date, paper (408217 "Information Security")*

Report Synopsis: *Include the report <u>topic</u> and <u>book chapter</u> it refers to*

Introduction: *Explain what the report is about, i.e., formulate the <u>objective</u> of your report.*

Research Process and Scope: *Explain what you have searched for and how. Provide a summary or a <u>synopsis</u> of the literature that was used to inform the report (you could organise it as a table, for example).*

Discussion: *Provide a <u>detailed account</u> of your literature review findings (on the topic of the report); the discussion should also show how the report objective is being met by the findings.*

Conclusion: *Summarise the <u>main points</u> of your report, acknowledge its <u>limitations</u> and provide a <u>recommendation</u> for further research on the topic.*

References: *Include all sources used. Referencing format to use in this section and also when citing in the body of the report is <u>APA ver. 6</u>.*

The report will be evaluated holistically based on its quality: reporting and meeting the report organization requirements above by drawing on rich literature search, using appropriate and useful references, and writing clearly, maintaining good readability.

ATTENTION: Reports that show plagiarised content or inadequate/inappropriate referencing and citing may attract penalties and may need to be resubmitted (with a capped pass mark).

TIMELINE

1. Select your topic and submit to Krassie Petrova for approval (email to Kpetrova@aut.ac.nz, subject line "408217 report topic, name: ……") by **Friday 24 March 2015**. A list of students and topics will be published in BlackBoard once all topics are approved.

2. You can submit a draft of your report to your lecturer (**Krassie Petrova: streams 10 and 30, Jairo Gutierrez: stream 11**) between **11 May and 22 May** , in order to receive some constructive feedback – mostly on what is still missing , without discussing the content

3. Report due by **Friday 5th June 4 pm**. Submit a soft copy to Turnitin (see your BlackBoard course for instructions how). Submit a printed version of the soft copy to the Assignment Box, School Reception, with an attached declaration that you are submitting your own work (see your BlackBoard course for a template).

Useful links (downloads)

1. https://www.dlsweb.rmit.edu.au/lsu/content/2_assessmenttasks/assess_pdf/research_report.pdf

2. http://www.adelaide.edu.au/writingcentre/learning_guides/learningGuide_writingAResearchReport.pdf

Useful handout (will be posted in your BalckBoard course)

 "How to write a research report", extracted from "Writing Guidelines for Science and Applied Science Students" (2005), by L. Emerson & John Hampton (Eds. Published by Thomson (Dunmore Press) (pp.33-45).