

University of Sunderland
School of Computer Science

CETM46 – Data Science Product Development
2022/23
Sessional

Assignment 2 of 2 – 60% of the summative value of the module

The module will be assessed by two coursework assignments, which will cover related learning outcomes of the module respectively. In this second assignment (2 of 2), students will develop a data science product prototype and write up a report about the design, development and management of the prototype development project.

ASSIGNMENT TITLE

A Domain Specific Data Science Product Development Project: Product Prototype and Project Report

LEARNING OUTCOMES ASSESSED

Knowledge

K2. Utilisation of the state of art of data science methodologies and software tools for data analysis applications development

K3. Critical understanding of modern data science systems and their ecosystem

Skills

S2. Ability to design and develop data science systems using various data repositories and data models

S3. Developing data science products with modern data systems, visualisation technologies, software tools and their ecosystem

ASSIGNMENT INTRODUCTION

As a data scientist at a data science start-up company, you are tasked to design and develop a bespoke data science product for a specific application domain as part of an individual R&D project. The end users of your data science product have no or very limited knowledge of data science technologies, but expect to install, deploy and use your data science product for their company or organisation in an easy and user-friendly style.

The design and development of the product and the management of the R&D project will be based the following assumptions:

- 1) The data source MUST be from opensource datasets, such as <https://data.gov.uk/>, the UCI Machine Learning Repository <https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/index.php>
- 2) The theme of data (e.g., education, environment, transport etc.) and the purpose of data science product are decided by your individual interest and study/professional background in line with the Assignment 1.

open source data relating to manufacturing domain

- 3) The data science product programming languages (etc. JavaScript, R, or Python etc.) and development platforms (e.g., GoogleColab, RStudio, DJ3, Tableau, or Unity etc.) for the assignment are also decided by yourself.
- 4) The project will run as a 2-month individual assignment project with the proof-of-concept prototype and project report released in the last week of the project.

ASSIGNMENT DELIVERABLES

1. Project Technical Report

In the project technical report, you must produce a critical, referenced discussion covering all three Sections below. A report format should be used with cited references that develop your critical discussion and should be taken from current academic literature, such as peer reviewed journal or international conference papers, module text books, published in the last 5 years.

The report produced must be structured with Introduction and Conclusion sections plus three distinct sections each section covering each particular topic as subsections mentioned below:

Product Design Section

Critically discuss the design of your data science product, including:

- Data source and theme selection and specification
- Application domain/end user's requirements analysis
- Product functional and non-functional requirements specifications
- Product software architecture design
- Product use case specifications

Product Development Section

Critically discuss the development of your data science product, including:

- The selection of appropriate software tools/platforms and hardware methodologies (e.g., Desktop, Web, Mobile/BYOD, VR/AR)
- Product development software engineering methodology (e.g., Waterfall, Agile/Rapid Prototyping)
- System testing method
- User evaluation plan and methods

Project Management Section

Critically discuss the project management of your data science product, including:

- Time management with Gantt Chart
- Risk assessment on personal information protection and data security/governance
- Quality control on software development
- Basic Customer/User relationship management
- Basic Product marketing strategy

Word Limit for the assignment is **2000 words** a word count **MUST** be included on your report.

Your report may be subject to checks for originality, which can include use of an electronic plagiarism detection service. Where you are asked to submit an individual piece of software work, the work must be entirely your own.

References

It is expected that you use appropriate academic literature relevant to the above concepts introduced in the module. All data sources used and cited in the report should be correctly referenced utilising the Harvard Reference System. References from commercial and other web pages are to be use very sparingly. Excessive use of such web pages will be reflected in a reduction of the use of references mark. A general reading bibliography **MUST NOT** be included. The total number of references is **10-15**.

2. Product Prototype

The product prototype source code and user Readme file **MUST** be zipped and submitted with the report together.

Further Information for Writing up Your Report

- Software Engineering Methodologies:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Software_development_process

<https://www.tatvasoft.com/blog/top-12-software-development-methodologies-and-its-advantages-disadvantages>

- Product Functional and Non-functional Requirements:

<https://reqtest.com/requirements-blog/understanding-the-difference-between-functional-and-non-functional-requirements>

- Customer Relationship Management for Start-ups:

<https://www.entrepreneur.com/article/298189>

- Product Marketing Strategy for Start-ups:

<https://www.ventureharbour.com/ultimate-startup-marketing-strategy>

Project Report and Product Prototype Assessment Criteria

Data Science Product Design Section (15%)		
	Poor Excellent	
A simple descriptive account, no critical discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Considerable critical discussion
Irrelevant, unrelated discussion and/or material	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Accurate, pertinent discussion with reference to the product design
		Mark /15
Data Science Product Development Section (15%)		
A simple descriptive account, no critical discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Considerable critical discussion
Irrelevant, unrelated discussion and/or material	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Accurate, pertinent discussion with reference to the product development
		Mark /15
Data Science Product Project Management Section (15%)		
A simple descriptive account, no critical discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Considerable critical discussion
Irrelevant, unrelated discussion and/or material	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Accurate, pertinent discussion with reference to the project management
Mark		Mark /15
Overall Quality of the Data Science Product Prototype (45%)		
Poor coding style	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Excellent coding practice
Unorganised packages structure	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Clear and well organised package structure
Cannot install or run	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Easy to use with excellent User Friendly Interfaces
		Mark /45
Presentation and Quality of Report and Printouts (10%)		
Illogical and without structure	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Logical and well formatted structure
Very poor presentation and quality	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Excellent presentation and quality
No introduction	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	No conclusion
Comment		Mark /10
FINAL MARK		/100