

Referencing - Part 2

COMP 690A/B — Activity 1 - Part 2, a.k.a. Activity 2

Due: October 30, 2024 (Wednesday) 11:50 AM

Objectives:

Evaluate whether referencing has been done appropriately.

Your task:

Using the sample referencing from activity one that has been placed in your activity 1 grading/feedback report, proceed to evaluate whether the text and references reflect proper referencing. Your task is to grade the referencing out of 100 points. You should consider, among others:

- That the latex template provided is properly used.
- That the paragraph(s) make logical sense (no semantic errors) and have appropriate grammar.
- That the 5 references provided are complete and can be easily found when looking for them online.
- That the references are referred to properly, and that they do reflect the original intention or meaning of the original article being referred.

You should apply the following foreseeable deductions when suitable:

- Failure to use the latex template as per the instructions: 10%
- Grammar errors: up to 10%, 5% each.
- Semantic errors: up to 25%, 5% each.
- Reference issue: up to 25%, 5% for each reference that cannot be found (note, the referred article maybe behind a paywall, and that's fine, you don't need to be able to download the referred paper or resource itself, just be able to at least read the abstract).
- Appropriate referencing: verify what is said about the reference reflects what the authors report originally. Up to 25%, 5% for each improperly referred article.

Submitting your evaluation:

You may print the sample, annotate it, and scan it, or you may annotate the PDF directly.

Once you are done annotating, you should deliver your grading, together with a breakdown of which deductions were applied and how much each deduction was. Every deduction must be documented. Make sure to describe the situation and the portion of the text where the deductions are being applied.

Try to be fair, instead of "picky", "very strict" or "overzealous" in the deduction of marks. The goal is not to deduct marks, the goal is to learn how to make a fair assessment of the presented sample.

If in doubt, you can err on the side of caution and write a note for the professor or T.A., declaring that you are not sure about a certain deduction (and leave the application of the deduction to the prof. or T.A.).

For your convenience, below are the instructions that were given for Activity 1 – Part 1:

Using the latex "Project Report" template provided as a zip file in the contents/Resources section of the D2L

shell, write a paragraph or two (max 500 words) on any topic of your choice, making sure you introduce 5 references and cite them properly according to the materials distributed in class. Even though the focus is on practicing proper referencing, the paragraph must make logical sense and have appropriate grammar, as it will be reviewed by others. Adapt the template with your name, set a title for your paragraph, and remove these extra materials from the sample project by commenting them out: table of contents, table of figures, abstract), etc.

You can use overleaf <https://www.overleaf.com/> or any latex processor for this activity.

Submit your Activity 1 by Wednesday Oct 9 over the D2L shell. Your submission should be a zip file including the latex sources and the resulting PDF, with a cover letter in the first page and your paragraph and references in the second page.

You are not allowed to use any generative AI for this activity, as you need to develop your personal neural networks (i.e. your brain). Evidence of using generative AI will lead to a zero.

In Part 2 of Activity 1 (to be done later) you will be asked to review a work from one of your peers and check out if the referencing was done properly.