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MSc Dissertation Project Monthly Attendance and Progress Report

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT, WITH COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISOR.**

Please complete all sections below

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| Name | Oyewale Victor Oyedele | Student ID | B01647927 |
| Supervisor | Rebecca Redden | Start Date | 3rd May, 2024 |
| Mode of Study | Online | Dates of Meetings  (include dates of all meetings) | 31st May 2024  13th June 2024  19th June 2024  21st June2024  24th June 2024  28th June 2024 |

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| Description of Meetings | I have been having regular email communication to ensure that I am consistently engaged with my supervisor, which has been helping to stay on track and aligned with the expectations of the whole research project.  Furthermore, constant seeking of guidance and feedback from my supervisor has also helped me in achieving the below so far:   * Clarified doubts and received feedback on my interim report and this iterative process helps refined my report and enhance its quality. * Provided a documented trail of the progress and the evolution of the research showing a valuable record of the advice given and the decisions made along the way. * Quick responses to emails from my supervisor to demonstrate my commitment to the project and my adaptability to incorporate suggestions and make changes as recommended by her (my supervisor). * Engaging in professional communication with my supervisor which is really helping me to develop my skills and teaches me how to present my ideas clearly and effectively, one of which was when I was asked to upload my work on GitHub which was done and gave access to my supervisor.   So far, communication with my supervisor has offered me a platform for guidance, feedback and professional growth. |

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| Summary of work undertaken this month. |
| * **Interim Report Finalization**: Successfully completed, finalized and submitted the interim report. This document encapsulates and assesses the overall progress made so far, outlines the background, the preliminary findings, details of the research designs, showed the progress of some computer artefacts and sets the details of the plan for completion of the project. * **Literature Review Expansion:** Diligently expanding the theoretical foundation for the research, gathering a wide range of scholarly articles and books. This has involved creating a robust framework for the comparative analysis of project management software and team collaboration tools, with a focus on monday.com and Smartsheet. * **Research Design and Methodology Refinement:** Clarified the research approach and finalized the methodology, setting specific metrics for the comparison of the two platforms. This is to ensure a structured and reliable research process. * **Practical Work Setup:** The practical aspect of the whole project has commenced with the setup of monday.com and Smartsheet accounts. The initial settings have been configured and started developing prototypes to assess each platform’s features and functionalities. |

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| What work will you undertake next month? |
| 1. **Research Methodology Execution**:    * Begin execution of the finalized research methodology.    * Collect data according to the metrics and criteria established for comparing monday.com and Smartsheet. 2. **Practical Work and Testing**:    * Continue with the practical setup of monday.com and Smartsheet.    * Start the hands-on testing of the developed prototypes.    * Document the performance and user experience of each platform. 3. **Analysis and Comparative Study**:    * Analyse the data collected from the practical work.    * Conduct a comparative study based on the criteria set in the theoretical framework. 4. **Preparation for Final Dissertation**:    * Begin drafting sections of the final dissertation report by reviewing and updating the interim report with the new findings and insights.    * Organize the findings and insights into a coherent structure for the final report. 5. **Feedback Incorporation**:    * Seek feedback from my supervisors on my work so far.    * Incorporate constructive feedback into my research and practical work. |

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| Please detail reasons for any absence including the total number of days absent (annual leave, conference attendance, field research, ill health etc)? |
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| Statement from Supervisor (including any issues which should be brought to the attention of School, indication of satisfactory process thus far and whether or not attendance has been satisfactory) |
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| Signed (student) | Updated form sent from student banner email address will suffice. | Date: 06/06/2024 | A signature on a white surface  Description automatically generated |
| Signed  (MSc Dissertation Supervisor) |  | Date | 04/07/2024 |