

CSC3094: Poster and Demonstration

CSC3094 (Major Project and Dissertation in Computer Science) is assessed with the following components:

1. Project Proposal (including Ethics) 20%
2. Presentation 10%
3. Dissertation (Project Report) 65%
4. Poster and Demonstration 5%

This document describes the content and marking for the CSC3094 poster and demonstration coursework.

Introduction

You are required to produce a poster about your project that will be displayed at the **Project Fair on 9th May 2024**. The School of Computing will arrange for your poster to be printed and mounted on display boards at the fair. You only need to produce and submit an electronic version. You should then attend the Project Fair to discuss your poster and demonstrate what you have designed, developed, or built. You will be assessed on your poster, demonstration, and discussion by your supervisor and another academic member of staff as a second marker. The Project Fair will be attended by students and colleagues, normally including your supervisor and second marker.

Poster

Your poster should provide a structured overview of your project as it stands at the time of writing, which is likely to be at or near completion at Week 9 following the Spring vacation. It should include aim and objectives, an overview of work completed, results, and directions for future work.

Your poster should be A1 size (594mm x 841mm) in either landscape or portrait orientation. There are several tools you might use to create your poster, including:

- PowerPoint, Google Slides, Keynote (can be quite effective when used well)
- Adobe Express
- Adobe InDesign, Illustrator, or Photoshop
- LaTeX

Examples of posters from past years are available on the module's Canvas pages. A lecture on preparing your poster will be given on Tuesday 19th March at 16:30 in the Lecture Theatre (USB1.006) by Dr Simon Bowen.

Remember that, excepting your supervisor, most Project Fair attendees will not be familiar with your project. So, the poster provides a good opportunity to give a high-level explanation of your project and thereby map out the main messages for the dissertation you will be submitting shortly thereafter.

Demonstration

The Project Fair provides opportunities for you to show and discuss the results from your project to other students and colleagues, including your supervisor and second marker if they can attend. The demonstration for your supervisor and second marker will be assessed. This demonstration is also a valuable opportunity to familiarise the second marker with your project to support their marking of your dissertation.

You will be allocated a one-hour slot during the Project Fair (11:00-16:00), during which you should be available to present and discuss your project. Your assessed demonstration to your supervisor and second marker will be within this period, and you will also be able to present to any other interested students and colleagues present. If your supervisor and second marker are unavailable to attend the Project Fair, they will contact you to make alternative arrangements for your demonstration.

Your assessed demonstration should last up to 10 minutes and should largely consist of you summarising your project with reference to your poster and any software or prototypes built. You should begin by summarising the results from your project. This may include running software or displaying prototypes on a laptop or other device to explain functionality or demonstrate results. The School of Computing can loan tablet computers for demonstrations, **if required. Please contact the School reception by email in the preceding week to request a tablet.**

The second half of the demonstration will be a question and answer (Q&A) session, where you should respond to questions from your supervisor and second marker. They might ask you about technical details of the work done, how the project went, or how you might do things differently in future.

Submission

Please upload your poster in NESS by **16:00 on Wednesday 24th April**, which should be:

- A1 size in either landscape (594mm x 841mm) or portrait (841mm x 594mm) orientation
- PDF, PowerPoint, JPEG, or PNG file
- 150 dpi or higher resolution **IF** a JPEG or PNG file

Marking Scheme

Your Poster and Demonstration are both assessed by your supervisor and another colleague, usually from the same theme, separately. An average mark is calculated, and marks for multiple coursework submissions are moderated by theme leads and module leaders.

For the Poster marks are given for Presentation and Technical Content with equal weighting. Each of these categories is marked out of 5 to give a total out of 10. The demonstration is pass/fail so is compulsory for all students and you will receive feedback on this. The final mark out of 10 for this assessment will be given within your module marks.

See the Poster and Demonstration marking rubric on Canvas for descriptions of the assessment criteria used within the two categories.