

PRACTICAL – VIII: MINI PROJECT

Credits: 2

Hours: 60

Objective: The aim of the mini project is that the student has to understand the real time software development environment. The student should gain a thorough knowledge in the problem, he/she has selected and the language / software, he/she is using.

Project planning:

The B.Sc (Computer Science) Major Project is an involved exercise, which has to be planned well in advance. The topic should be chosen in the beginning of final year itself. Related reading training and discussions of first internal project viva voce should be completed in the first term of final year.

Selection of the project work

Project work could be of three types.

a) Developing solution for real life problem

In this case a requirement for developing a computer-based solution already exists and the different stages of system development life cycle is to be implemented successfully. Examples are accounting software for particular organization, computerization of administrative function of an organization, web based commerce etc.

b) System Software Project

Projects based on system level implementation. An example is a Tamil language editor with spell checker, compiler design.

b) Research level project

These are projects which involve research and development and may not be as structured and clear cut as in the above case. Examples are Tamil character recognition, neural net based speech recognizer etc. This type of projects provides more challenging opportunities to students.

Selection of team

To meet the stated objectives, it is imperative that major project is done through a team effort. Though it would be ideal to select the team members at random and this should be strongly recommended, due to practical consideration students may also be given the choice of forming themselves into teams with three members. A team leader shall be selected. Team shall maintain the minutes of meeting of the team members and ensure that tasks have been assigned to every team member in writing. Team meeting minutes shall form a part of the project report. Even if students are doing project as groups, each one must independently taken different modules of the work and must submit the report.

Selection of Tools

No restrictions shall be placed on the students in the choice of platform/tools/languages to be utilized for their project work, though open source is strongly recommended, wherever possible. No value shall be placed on the use of tools in the evaluation of the project.

Project management

Head of the Department / Principal of the college should publish the list of student's project topic, internal guide and external organization and teams agreed before the end of July. Changes in this list may be permitted for valid reasons and shall be considered favorably by the Head of the department / Principal of the college any time before commencement of the project. Students should submit a fortnightly report of the progress, which could be indication of percentage of completion of the project work. The students should ideally keep a daily activity book. Team meeting should be documented and same should be submitted at the end of the project work.

Documentation

Three copies of the project report must be submitted by each student (one for department library, one for the organization where the project is done and one for the student himself/herself). The final outer dimensions of the project report shall be 21cm X 30 cm. The color of the flap cover shall be light blue. Only hard binding should be done. The text of the report should be set in 12 pt, Times New Roman, 1.5 spaced.

Headings should be set as follows: CHAPTER HEADINGS 16 pt, Arial, Bold, All caps, Centered.

1. Section Headings 14 pt Bookman old style, Bold, Left adjusted.

1.1 Section Sub-heading 12 pt, Bookman old style.

Title of figures tables etc are done in 12 point, Times New Roman, Italics, centered.

Content of the Project should be relevant and specify particularly with reference to the work. The report should contain the requirement specification of the work, Analysis, Design, Coding, testing and Implementation strategies done.

- Organizational overview (of the client organization, where applicable)
- Description of the present system
- Limitations of the present system
- The Proposed system- Its advantages and features
- Context diagram of the proposed system
- Top level DFD of the proposed system with at least one additional level of expansion
- Program List (Sample code of major functions used)
- Files or tables (for DBMS projects) list. List of fields or attributes (for DBMS projects) in each file or table.
- Program – File table that shows the files/tables used by each program and the files are read, written to, updated, queried or reports were produced from them.
- Screen layouts for each data entry screen.
- Report formats for each report.

Some general guidelines on documentation are:

1. Certificate should be in the format: **"Certified that this report titled.....is a bonafide record of the project work done by Sri/ Kumunder our supervision and guidance, towards partial fulfillment of the requirement for award of the**

Degree of B.Sc Computer Science of Dr. Ambedkar Govt Arts College” with dated signature of internal guide, external guide and also Head of the Department/ College.

2. If the project is done in an external organization, another certificate on the letterhead of the organization is required: **“Certified that his/her report titledis a bonafide record of the project work done by Sri/Kum.....under my supervision and guidance, at thedepartment of..... (Organization) towards partial fulfillment of the requirement for the award of the Degree of B.Sc (Computer Science) of Dr. Ambedkar Govt. Arts College.**

3. Page numbers shall be set at right hand bottom, paragraph indent shall be set as 3.

4. Only 1.5 space need be left above a section or subsection heading and no space may be left after them.

5. References shall be IEEE format (see any IEEE magazine for detail) While doing the project keep note of all books you refer, in the correct format and include them in alphabetical order in your reference list.

Project Evaluation:

Internal Assessment

There shall be six components that will be considered in assessing a project work with weightage as indicated.

1. Timely completion of assigned tasks as evidenced by team meeting minutes 20%
2. Individual involvement, team work and adoption of industry work culture 10%
3. Quality of project documentation (Precision, stylistics etc) 10%
4. Achievement of project deliverables 20%
- 5 Effective technical presentation of project work 10%
6. Viva 30%

Based on the above 6 components internal mark (10) can be awarded.

External Assessment

Dissertation/Project submitted at the end of third year shall be valued by two examiners appointed by the Controller for the conduct of practical exam. The board of examiners shall award 40 marks based on the following components.

1. Achievement of project deliverables - 15 Marks
2. Effective technical presentation of project work - 10 marks
3. Project Viva - 15 marks

There shall be a common written examination conducted for all the candidates in each group together for a minimum of 10 minutes.

- (i) Requirement Specification of Project
- (ii) Design of Project
- (iii) Testing and Implementation of Project