## **COM814 Project – Final Marking Sheet 2015-16**

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Areas	Criteria	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Borderline	Fail	N/A	Commentary			
Software	From Dissertation						The dissertation claims that the application structure follows the MVC architecture – but this is not				
development skills (50%)											
	systematic approach to development										
27	testing process documented		<b>/</b>					really the case.			
37	From Demonstration										
	robustness of software ✓							Excellent integration of PHP chart library			
	range of functionality	<b>√</b>						onart norary			
	data validation	<b>√</b>									
	usability of HCI		<b>√</b>					-			
	consistency with stated functionality of software	<b>V</b>						Some of the visual presentation could easily be			
	understanding of software features	<b>√</b>						improved – e.g. date forma			
	From Viva	1						The database design is			
	understanding of software technology used	<b>V</b>						appropriate and supports a required functionality.			
	understanding of software features implemented	<b>V</b>									
Communication	From Dissertation							The dissertation is generally			
skills (20%)	documentation structure and completeness		~					well written and structured			
	readability	readability					Clear presentation that				
15	From Demonstration							makes a good case for the need for the solution.			
	organized and structured										
	response to questions	<b>√</b>						-			
	From Viva										
	composure & coherence										
	response to questions	<u>/</u>						-			
Critical and	From Dissertation						Good translation of current				
evaluative skills (20%)	justification for decisions made throughout project							Excel-based operations to a web database platform – bu			
	awareness of related work & technologies	~						there may have been an opportunity to include additional functionality.			
15	thoroughness of evaluation process										
	From Viva										
	ability to discuss limitations of work	<b>√</b>			$\bot$	$\bot$					
	discuss potential improvements	<b>√</b>									

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Professional Engagement (10%)	From Supervisor								
	took initiative as appr	opriate	/						
8	met regularly with sur	pervisor	/						
8	responded to sugges	tions	1						
	kept satisfactory proje	ect log						/	
Total (100%)	Agreed Total	Scaled (70%)		c	Earlier Components (30%)			30%)	Overall Mark
75	77	53.9	)		2	22.6	55		77

## **Overall Comments**

An excellent project for a very well-defined project that has its origins in the student's previous experience in the grain trading sector.

The integration of the PHP-generated charts is an excellent feature and lifts the project above the 'normal' web database application.

## Questions:

- Would it be better to choose customers from a list rather than type their ID? (Auto-complete suggestions on customers' names as the user types?)

## Mark Range Guidance

Excellent: 70 - 100:

Here the candidate must demonstrate clear excellence across all aspects of the background research, project report, software/hardware implementation, oral presentation and project management. There must be evidence of originality and creativity, indicated by novel insight, and clearly supported by a high level of initiative, motivation and independent work. The work must be at a level which suggests that the student has the ability to pursue doctoral research. The student must impress the examiners with the elegance of his/her conception of the solution to the problem.

Good: 60 - 69:

To achieve this level there must be significant evidence of wide and deep study in relevant material and texts. This must be placed in its wider academic and research context. There must be an imaginative approach, a balanced treatment of possibilities and comprehensive thinking. The expression of a solution must exhibit an understanding of its relation to the total process. All or most of the project report, software/hardware implementation, oral presentation and project management are considered at least adequate with some parts excellent although there will likely be a lack of creativity or innovative flair.

Satisfactory: 50 - 59:

At this level the candidate has performed a study of the given project but there is not much evidence of in-depth work. All or most of the project report, software/hardware implementation, oral presentation and project management are considered adequate although some or all are not covered in depth. Requirements analysis might include user requirements but lack nonfunctional requirements. Testing and evaluation might have been conducted, but not as part of an overall test strategy which incorporates formal recording of results. The software/hardware implementation may be available but with a number of flaws and deficiencies and possibly an inadequate coverage of the original specification.

Borderline: 45 - 49:

At this level there has been a reasonable attempt to complete the project overall but either the software/hardware produced and/or the dissertation have fallen below minimum standards. The work is considered redeemable with reasonable effort.

Fail: 0 - 44:

Here the student has failed to achieve a satisfactory level of performance in one or more areas to a level where the work is considered irredeemable. The project area is insufficiently understood, the results untenable, or the written and/or oral presentation of the work is significantly flawed. There may be no software or hardware demonstration. There may have been a complete lack of background research, leading to a serious lack of understanding of the requirements or methodology appropriate to the topic under consideration. All or most of the project report, software/hardware demonstration and oral presentation and project management are inadequate. The supervisor might have found the candidate not attending regular meetings or only providing work towards the end of the project rather than consistently throughout the period.