

Components	Weight	Sophisticated (3)	Competent (2)	Not Yet Competent (1)
Objective	15%	The goal of the project is clearly stated and is well motivated.	The goal is clearly stated, though lacks motivation	The goal is not stated and needs to be inferred from the text; project lacks motivation
Related work	25 or 35% 35% if doing a survey project	There are at least 3 (5 for a survey project) papers from related literature cited <b>and</b> related to the objectives of the project. The papers are chosen carefully, and are thematically related	The technical contributions for each paper are not concisely stated;	There are insufficient related works given and discussed
Proposed work	35%	There is clarity on what is being proposed: a survey, a new model, a new algorithm or a system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposed work is well motivated, and the relationship to the review of related papers is clear</li> <li>The scope of the proposed work is clear</li> <li>Any assumptions made while pursuing the work are clearly stated</li> </ul>	The proposal is clear on the final deliverable, but is insufficiently motivated; the innovation proposed by the authors is unclear; while some assumptions are made explicit, others are left unstated. The scope of the project is clear.	There is little clarity on what is being proposed: the final deliverable is unclear <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposed work is not well motivated, and the innovation is unclear</li> <li>The scope of the work is either unrealistic or not well defined</li> <li>No assumptions are made explicit</li> </ul>
Datasets	10% (research project only)	Dataset to test the proposed work has been identified; the dataset is well matched to the problem, is of sufficient size and quality and will enable the group to test its model or algorithm; the authors provide a careful justification for their choice	Dataset has been identified, but lacks justification; it is unclear if the dataset is of sufficient size or quality to enable the authors to test their proposed work	Dataset is not yet identified

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Evaluation	10% (research project only)	Several metrics to evaluate the proposed algorithm or model are presented; each metric is well justified	A metric is proposed, but is not justified; that is, what is unclear is why the proposed metric is appropriate to evaluate the proposed work	No metric is provided
Writing	5 or 15% 15% for survey project	The writing shows a clear argumentative flow and equations if any are carefully explained; <b>and</b> conclusions are well supported by evidence; <b>and</b> no spelling or grammatical errors.	The arguments are mostly correct, with a few unsupported assertions <b>and</b> the writing is poorly organized, including presence of equations that are not well explained; <b>or</b> some grammatical errors but no spelling errors	Writing lacks a clear argumentative flow; <b>or</b> conclusions or assertions are unsupported; <b>or</b> many spelling and grammatical errors