

Department of Computer Science and Engineering
College of Engineering, University of Nevada, Reno
CS 425 / CS625 Software Engineering

Project Part I: Concept

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Due: Friday, October 13, 5:00 pm (by email, PDF or DOC file)

Points: 20 **Weight in course grade:** 4%

Decide on a project topic for your team and write a project concept document with the following structure:

0 Cover page

- Department, university
- Project title
- Team, team members
- Instructor
- Advisor(s)
- Date

1 Abstract (between 100 and 200 words)

2 Project Description (between 600 and 800 words). Indicate the following:

- Main goals – what is the project about
- Main functionality and characteristics
- Intended users and key usability goals (that is, how users will benefit from your project)
- Potential for further development beyond the frame of CS425 /CS625
- Challenges that you think you may encounter during the project's development
- Intended technology, e.g., platform, languages, libraries, tools, etc.
- A note on how this project can help your own professional growth
- Team members: brief background information, specific skills, and involvement in the project
- [Optional: additional information on the involvement of team advisor(s)]

3 Market Potential or Open Source Significance (between 200 and 400 words). Address the following:

- Market potential, commercial promise, or open source value
- Evidence of user interest (provide references)
- [Optional: Social and environmental impact]
- Notes on similar/related products (provide references)
- Novelty of your solution, innovative characteristics

4 [Optional but strongly recommended: Budget and Budget Justification, up to 1 page and up to \$6,000]

5 [Optional] Project Related Resources

- A “problem-domain” book
- At least three reference articles (journal, conference or web scientific publications)
- At least three related websites with useful resources

Note that the project related resources are optional in this part of the project but will be required in Part II, Project Specification. To the above, you can add any other items that will strengthen your proposal.