

Research Paper due December 1, 2003

The end result of this assignment will be a research paper suitable for submission to a journal. Final size should be in the ballpark of 20 pages or 6000 words. The topic can be anything of your choosing in the Software Project Management field. Your first and hardest job will be to come up with a nice narrow and deep topic. **Start thinking now!!**

Papers should have standard journal formats with headings such as Abstract, Introduction, Current Models, Problems, New Model, Tests, Discussion, Conclusions, References and so on. Decide which journal may be of interest for submission and copy the format of its articles. Standard journal formats may be found at ACM, IEEE, ISWORLD and so on.

Some conferences, journals and other publications that may be of interest are:

CACM

IEEE

ACM

ICSE Conference

ISWORLD

I have deliberately not mentioned the PMI sites because they tend to be practitioner-focused rather than academic.

So that you won't leave this paper until December 1, there will be periodic due dates as follows:

October 20 Introduction and Literature Review

November 10 Body and Discussion

December 1 Final Report

Please feel free to continue to edit your earlier work even though it's been submitted as above. I will comment on it and other students may provide feedback too. As well, you may find additional references or you may change your mind about some issues.

Have fun with this assignment. The idea is to get you to do some research, some reading, some writing, and have something solid to show for your hard work at the end of term. Marks in this course are incidental.

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