

Formatting

This assignment is to be completed as a technical research paper. The paper should be 12 pt single spaced, well written, nicely formatted, and should contain the following components:

- A title page that includes the student's name and student number, the title of the assignment, the course code and course name, the student's section number, and the date of the Assignment submission.
- An executive summary no longer than one page in length
- Introduction, body, discussion and conclusion sections
- A minimum of 5 secondary research sources, properly referenced as APA in-text citations
- A minimum of 1 primary research source, properly referenced as APA in-text citations
- A bibliography/Works cited reference section

Submission

This assignment is to be submitted as a single PDF file through Brightspace's Dropbox. Please name your file: LastName_FirstName_GCM111_W20_Research.pdf

Evaluation

Your research project will be evaluated based on the *Guidelines for Grading and Performance Evaluation* found on page 4 of the GCM 111 Course Outline. Please proofread! Significant deductions will be made for poor grammar, readability, spelling, and organization. The final mark for this assignment will be broken down as follows:

	Possible Points
Executive Summary: Well written and fulfills the purpose of an executive summary. Not more than one page in length.	2
Quality of Information: High quality content throughout that demonstrates your thorough understanding of the technology being researched, as well as your ability to articulate key points effectively.	20
Research: High quality and in-depth research into the chosen technology, including at least five secondary sources of research and one primary source of research. APA formatting has been used correctly, both as in-text citations and a works cited list.	20
Formatting: Assignment is well formatted, easy to read, and ideas are well organized and structured. Spelling and grammar are both correct. The style of writing is appropriate for a technical research report.	8
TOTAL	50

Useful Resources

Here are some useful resources to get you started. You are not limited to using just these resources: on the contrary, you are encouraged to research more! In fact, you do not have to use these resources at all.

Here are some good resources on APA formatting:

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

<http://www.bibme.org/citation-guide/apa/>

Here are some good resources on how to develop an executive summary:

<https://www.aresearchguide.com/write-an-executive-summary.html>

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/resources/blog/how-to-write-executive-summary/>

Here are some good resources on how to write a research report:

<http://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/PlanResearchPaper.html>

<http://library.concordia.ca/help/writing/research-paper.php>