

CST-133 Word Processing Project

Research Paper Project

You are expected to write a research paper. The topic of the paper should relate to one of the following suggested topics:

1. Some aspect of AI (Artificial Intelligence)
2. Digital Communities and How They are Affecting Our Lives (e.g. Facebook, Myspace, etc.)
3. Future Computing Technology

The report should include the following:

1. A title page – formatted professionally.
2. The report itself – a minimum of four pages long (not including title page or references). The font size should not exceed 12 nor should it be less than 10. The font face should be of a professional style, such as Arial, Times New Roman, or Courier. Avoid creative and artistic fonts such as Comic Sans MS, Script, etc.
3. Your research should include a minimum of three different sources (one can be your textbook; others can be magazine or newspaper articles or the Internet).
4. A separate Bibliography page which lists your sources in a proper format. Please access the CST Home Page on the Internet and click on the “Writing” button to view requirements for the bibliography.

The idea behind this report will be to use as many of the commands and character enhancements as possible throughout its pages – and this formatting must be “logical.” For example, use **bold** or *italics* to highlight an important word or point you are making – or a title. Be consistent with your formatting. Papers should involve/use the following:

- Use 1 ½ line spacing. (Not single, not double)
- Changing of your font type and font size. Use other character enhancements of bold, underline and italics.
- Use of [Tab], Indent and Right Alignment.
- Consistent margins (1 inch right and left).
- Use of a bulleted or numbered list (if needed).
- Header and footer including page numbering.
- Centering of titles and section headers.
- Inserting a graphic photo or cartoon. (Don't go crazy with this...you still have to write three pages.)
- Running Spell Check – and proofreading.

Note: Your four-page report must have substance. Use of things like large font, large graphics, and much double-spacing reduce your content and thus are discouraged.

Have fun with this and pick a subject that interests you! Read your paper out loud to yourself to check for awkward wording.