

CSC290. Project Code Documentation

To help your team understand the code that you wrote, each team member will write a short (1-page) description of their code contributions to the project thus far, and how their team members should use the code.

Your writing can be conversational, like an email or a letter. It can be more like a “progress report” rather than a formal documentation. Direct your documentation or report to your teammates, so that they can more fully understand what you’ve built, and how your contributions fits in the context of your project. However, your report should still be understandable by your TA, who does not know the full details of your project.

Approach

Most likely, you have already been explaining your code to your team members. The way I recommend you tackle the documentation is to keep track of those explanations as they are happening in email and chat. The writing that you have already done serves as your first draft, so you don’t have to start with a blank piece of paper.

Then, consider your team members’ responses: Did they understand what you said? Did you have to reword certain explanations? Did you need to reorder your explanation, or choose better terminology? Reflect on their responses, and use it to edit your documentation.

Submission

Submit your documentation as a PDF file on MarkUs. Use the file name `documentation.pdf`.

Grading

Grading will be out of 5. With:

- 1 point for substantial completion
- 1 point for a description of your contributions (content)
- 1 point for a description of how others should use your code (content)
- 1 point for structure (e.g. use of topic sentences and other technical writing principles we discussed in class)
- 1 point for grammar and mechanics, including writing technical sentences that are easy to understand