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## RESEARCH PAPER

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Select a topic from the following list on which you would like to conduct an in-depth investigation:

- Information systems infrastructure: evolution and trends
- Strategic importance of cloud computing in business organizations
- Big data and its business impacts
- Managerial issues of a networked organization
- Emerging enterprise network applications
- Mobile computing and its business implications

Note: The above topics are also the basis of the discussion questions. You may use up to three resources found by yourself or your peers as resources for the paper.

Research paper basics:

- 8-10 pages in length
- APA formatted
- Minimum six (6) sources – at least two (2) from peer reviewed journals
- Include an abstract, introduction, and conclusion
- See rubric for more detailed grading criteria

Some good questions to ask yourself before turning in your research paper:

- Is the paper of optimal length?
- Is the paper well organized?
- Is the paper clear and concise?
- Is the title appropriate?
- Does the abstract summarize well?
- Are individual ideas assimilated well?
- Are wording, punctuation, etc. correct?
- Is the paper well motivated?
- Is interesting problem/issue addressed?
- Is knowledge of the area demonstrated?
- Have all key reference been cited?
- Are conclusions valid and appropriate?
- Are your references formatted according to the APA format?

RESEARCH PAPER GRADING RUBRIC

Criteria/Categories		Indicators/Levels			
Score		5	4	3-2	1
Abstract and Introduction	/35	Introduction should be clear with a preview of the main points	Good introductory statement, but the preview of the main points is lacking	Introductory statement is vague and main points are unclear	Issue not clear and preview of the main points is incomplete
Main Points and Sub Points	/150	Main points are clearly stated and developed; specific examples/supporting points are appropriate and clearly developed; smooth transitions and well organized.	Main points are clearly stated but development of examples/supporting points are lacking; smooth transitions between points.	Main points are not clear. Audience has difficulty following presentation because student jumps around. Examples/supporting points are appropriate but need elaboration or are not well thought out.	Main points are not clear, Audience cannot understand presentation because there is no sequence of information. Examples/supporting points are inappropriate for issue.
Conclusion	/35	Well-thought out concluding statement that summarizes main points well.	Well-thought out concluding statement but does not summarize main points well.	Does not have a well-thought out concluding statement, but summarizes main points well.	Has neither a well-thought out concluding statement nor summarizes main points well.
Spelling, grammar and punctuation	/30	No more than two errors in any of these categories combined	No more than one or slight errors in any of these categories combined	No more than five errors in these categories combined	More than twenty errors in these categories combined
Summary	/35	Very interesting question. Evidence that student has put a great amount of thought into the subject.	A rather interesting and challenging work, but student doesn't show much excitement in the subject matter.	Satisfactory work, but does not engage the reader	Lack of writing skills seen by the quality of work. The concept was clearly not well thought out.

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References and citations	/15	References and citations are formatted according to the APA style. All the references are cited.	References and citations are formatted according to the APA style. Not all references are cited.	References and citations are formatted according to the APA style. No reference is cited.	References and citations are NOT formatted according to the APA style. All the references are cited.
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### HELPFUL RESOURCES

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**The Agile Architecture Revolution: How Cloud Computing, REST-Based SOA, and Mobile Computing are Changing Enterprise IT**, 2013, Jason Bloomberg, Wiley & Sons, Inc., ISBN: 978-1-118-40977-0.

**The Architecture of Computer Hardware and System Software: An Information Technology Approach**, 5<sup>th</sup> edition, 2013, Irv Englander. Wiley & Sons, Inc., ISBN: 978-1-118-80310-3.

**Building a Windows IT Infrastructure in the Cloud**, 1<sup>st</sup> edition, 2012, David K. Rensin, O'Reilly Media, Inc., ISBN: 978-1-449-33358-4.

**Business Data Communications and Networking**, 11<sup>th</sup> edition, 2012. Jerry Fitzgerald. Wiley & Sons, Inc., ISBN: 978-1-118-08683-4.

**Business Intelligence: A Managerial Perspective on Analytics**, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, 2014, Ramesh Sharda, Dursun Delen, Efraim Turban, and David King. Pearson Education, Inc., ISBN: 978-0-12-385126-0.

**Cloud Computing: Theory and Practice**, 2013, Dan C. Marinescu. Elsevier, Inc., ISBN: 978-0-12-404627-6

**Data Architecture**, 2011, Charles Tupper, Elsevier, Inc., ISBN: 978-0-12-385126-0.

**Green Communications: Principles, Concepts, and Practice**, 2015, Konstantinos Samdanis, Peter Rost, Andreas Maeder (Editor), Michela Meo, and Christos Verikoukis (Editors). Wiley & Sons, Inc., ISBN: 978-1-118-75926-4.

**The Executive's Guide to Information Technology**, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2007, John Baschab, and Jon Plot. Wiley & Sons, Inc., ISBN: 978-0-470-09521-8.

**Mobile Design and Development**, 1<sup>st</sup> edition, 2009, Brian Fling. O'Reilly Media, Inc., ISBN: 978-0-596-15544-5.



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