

# CD and Manual

**Final Demo:** Saturday, May 12, 2012, 3pm

**Total Points:** 30

For this assignment, you will turn in the final version of your software. Your code should be well documented and you will write a manual with instructions describing how to use your software. The audience for this manual is all your possible users. Your manual should include the following sections:

1. Introduction: This section should provide text that addresses the following questions:
  - a. What software does this manual describe?
  - b. Who should use this manual?
  - c. What is the manual's purpose?
  - d. What are the manual's major components? (Including an index or outline of topics covered will satisfy this requirement)

Don't feel obligated to answer these questions in any particular order, but make sure what you write makes sense. Don't merely write the information as direct answers to the questions; make sure the information flows and reads well on its own.

2. Body of the Manual: This section contains all the instructions; it should be made up of several subsections. You should title this section something related to your software project name (don't use "Body of Manual"). Make your directions as clear as possible; a picture is worth a thousand words! Also, don't forget to mention what the minimum system requirements are for using your software.
3. Concluding information. This section contains information about the creator of the software. Normally, this would include information about the company and the copyright and licensing information. In this case, it will contain information about you.
4. Glossaries, appendices, index. All of these are optional, but feel free to include any of them if it helps you.

For some of you who have software that can have many different possible usage paths, this manual can be tricky. Focus on typical cases, then on unusual ones. Don't attempt to hit every possible combination; just give enough information so that the user can figure out how to handle any possible case. Feel free to use the examples you've given in your Senior Project Presentation.

At your final demo, you are to bring a CD with a copy of all the code for your project, a compiled version of your project, a ReadMe file with instructions on how to run your program, an electronic copy of your final report, and an electronic copy of your presentation. If you would like to create an installer for your program, and add that to the CD, then that would be great!