# Writing PSM 1 Dissertation Proposals

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# Writing a Dissertation Proposal / Thesis

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### Learning outcomes:



To introduce strategies for bridging the gap between coursework/beginning research and thesis writing.

To help you understand the rhetorical situation of the thesis proposal and common elements of such proposals.

To introduce practical rhetorical and grammatical principles of writing effective proposals.

To provide you with tips for drafting and revising individual sections of the proposal.

#### Writing Thesis/Dissertation Proposals <u>Purpose</u>:

- Justify and plan (or contract for) a PSM project.
- Show how your project contributes to existing application or/and current trends.
- Demonstrate that you understand how to conduct discipline-specific (AR/VR/CGI) in an acceptable time-frame.



### Parts of a Proposal – Chapter 1

- Introduction
- Problem Background
- Problem Statement
- Aim -
  - Rationale/Research Questions
- Objectives

 Significance/ Implications
 Overview of Chapters

## Creating a Title/Topic

- Orient your readers to your PSM topic what technique/algorithm/solutions?
- Indicate the type of area body of study you will conduct for what area of study?

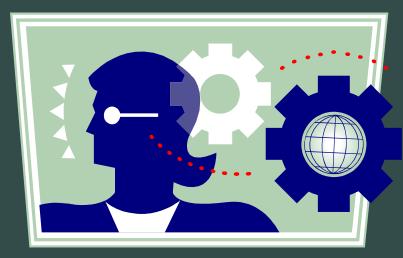
#### Examples:

- User Interaction Technique using Hand Gesture for Augmented Reality Environment
- Augmented Reality Modeling Technique using Speech Input for Urban Planning

### How to write - Abstract

- Provide a brief (100-350 word) overview of your PSM project by whole big picture
- Summarize important elements (Introduction, Statement of the Problem, Background of the Study, the Hypotheses, and Methodology and Procedures/Result).

### **The Big Picture**



- What you intend to study (scope and questions).
- How you intend to study your topic (methodology).
- Why this topic needs to be studied (significance).
- When you will complete this work (timeline Gantt chart).
- Optional) <u>Where</u> you will conduct this work. Malacca : if you are working on Ancient Malacca

### Introduction/Background

- Establish the general territory (real world or research).
- Describe the broad foundations of your study provide sufficient background for readers.
- Indicate the general scope of your project.
- Provide an overview of the sections that will appear in your proposal (optional).
- Engage the readers.

# **Problem Statements**

#### Chapter 1

# How to Write a **Problem Statement** - from "Piled Higher and Deeper"

What is the overriding problem?

Where is the problem found?

What needs to be done to solve the problem?

# Statement of the Problem



- Answer the question: "What is the gap that needs to be filled?" and/or "What is the problem that needs to be solved?"
- State the problem clearly early in a paragraph.
- Limit the variables you address in stating your problem or question.
- Consider framing the problem as a question.



### Chapter 1

#### Purpose/Aims/Rationale/Research Questions

- Explain the goals and research objectives of the study.
- Show the original contributions of your study.
- Provide a more detailed account of the points summarized in the introduction.
- Include a rationale for the study.
- Be clear about what your study will **not** address.

# Purpose/Aims/Rationale/Research Questions (cont'd)

In addition, this section may:

- Describe the research questions and/or hypotheses of the study.
- Include a subsection defining important terms.
- State limitations of the research.
- Provide a rationale for the particular subjects of the study.

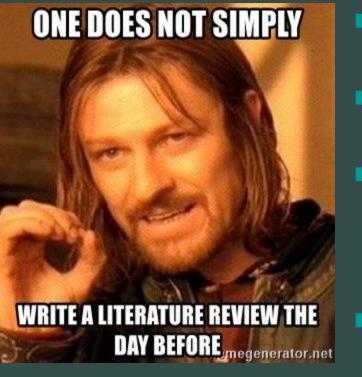
# Literature Review

#### Chapter 2

### **Review of Literature**



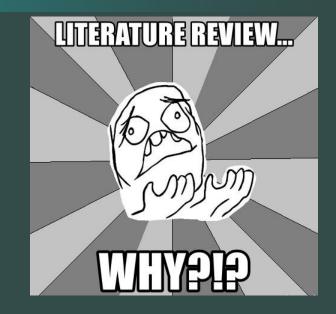
Writing the literature review allows you to understand:



- How other scholars have written about your topic.
- The range of theories used to analyze materials or data
- How other scholars connect their specific research topics to larger issues, questions, or practices within the field.
- The best methodologies and research techniques for your particular topic.

### Review of Literature: Rhetorical Functions

- Situates the current study within a wider disciplinary conversation.
  Illustrates the uniqueness, importance of and need for your particular project.
- Justifies methodological choices.
- Demonstrates familiarity with the topic and appropriate approaches to studying it.



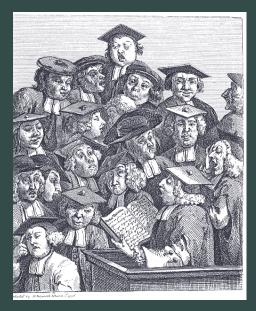
#### An Effective Literature Review should



- Flesh out the background of your study.
- Critically assess important chronological trends or areas of interest.
- Identify potential gaps in knowledge.
- Establish a need for current and/or future works related to your project.

#### Writing Literature Reviews: Key Point

- You are entering a scholarly conversation already in progress.
- The literature review shows that you've been listening and that you have something valuable to say.
- After assessing the literature in your field, you should be able to answer the following questions:
  - Why should we study (further) this topic/problem?
  - What contributions will my PSM project will make to improve the existing literature?



# Project-based



### **Comparative Study**











	HTC Vive	Oculus Rift	PlayStation VR	Samsung Gear	Google Cardboard
Platform	Windows PC	Windows PC	PlayStation 4	Samsung Smartphone	Smartphone
Experience	Seated VR, Standing VR, Room-scale VR (up to 5 m diagonally), Positional tracking	Positional tracking, Standing VR, Seated VR	Positional tracking, Standing VR, Seated VR	Seated VR	Seated VR
Field of View	110 degrees	110 degrees	100 degrees	96 degrees	Varies
Refresh Rate	90 Hz	90 Hz	90 - 120 Hz	60 Hz	60 Hz
Display Resolution Per Eye	1080 x 1200	1080 x 1200	1080 x 960	1440 x 1280	Varies
Headset Weight	1.2 lbs	1.0 lbs	1.3 lbs	0.7 lbs (without phone)	0.2 lbs (without phone)
Fit	Adjustable headset strap, fits most glasses, 2 eye relief adjustments: lens distance from eye & interpupilliary distance	Fits glasses, linterpupilliary distance adjustment	Fits glasses, lens distance from eye can be adjusted, linterpupilliary distance adjustment	Fits glasses, focus adjustment	Varies

# VR vs AR

Virtual Reality	Augmented Reality		
Replaces the real world with artificial.	Enriches real life experience with artificial images by adding sounds, smell and graphics to real world		
The user is cut off from the real world and enters in a complete immersive world.	user can interact with the virtual world and real world simultaneously being in the real world		
The virtual environment is created inside a headset or a blank room which helps user feel that they are present in that virtual world	Wearable devices are used that displays images on real world objects.		
The user moves out of the external world and is fully under the control of computer.	The devices are GPRS enabled that coordinate with the geographical location. The information can be covered with images, videos or tags that can be imposed onto the location.		

#### **Comparison of Glove Performance**

Specifications	Pinch Glove	5DT Data Glove	Didjiglove	CyberGlove
Number of	7/glove	5 or 14 /glove	10/glove	18 or 22/glove
sensors	(2 gloves)	(1 glove)	(2 gloves)	(1 glove)
Sensor type	Electrical	Fiber-optic	Capacitive	Strain gauge
Records/sec	NA	100 (5DT 5W),	70	150 (unfiltered),
		200 (5DT 5)		112 (filtered)
Sensor resolution	1 bit	8 bit	10 bit	0.5°
	(2 points)	(256 points)	(1024 points)	
Communication	Wired	Wireless (9.600 kb),	Wired	Wired
rates	(19.2 kb)	wired (19.2 kb)	(19.2 kb)	(115 kb)
Wrist sensors	None	Pitch	None	Pitch and yaw
		(5DT 5 model)		nanta da erazante da <b>e</b> ta da na

From Burdea, Virtual Reality Technology, 2003

#### **Research based - Critical Analysis**

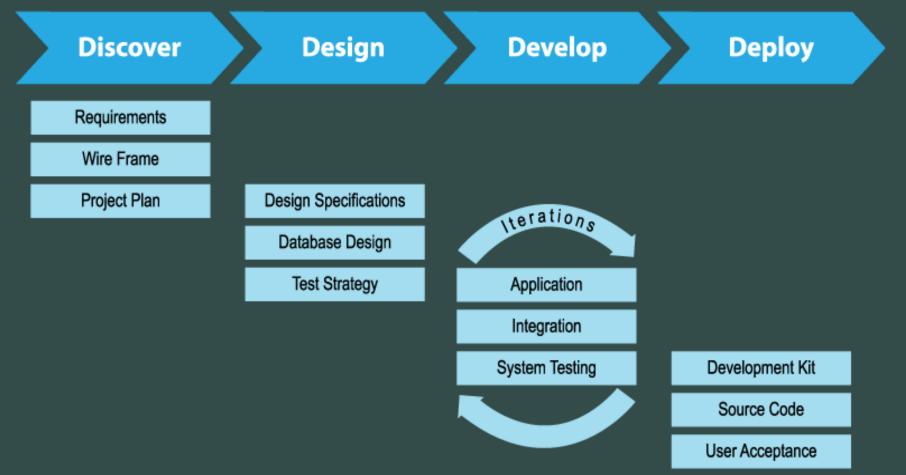
Researcher & Year	Project	Display	Modalities Input
Olwal et al. (2003)	SenseShapes: Using Statistical Geometry for Object Selection in a Multimodal Augmented Reality	HMD, Two cameras	Glove, Speech, head
Kaiser et al. (2003)	Mutual disambiguation of 3D multimodal interaction in augmented and virtual reality	Monitor, HMD	Hand tracker, Speech
Heideman et al. (2004)	Multimodal Interaction in an Augmented Reality	Two cameras, HMD	Real hand, Speech
Irawati et al. (2006)	Multimodal interface using speech and paddle gestures	HMD, Monitor	Paddle, Speech
Farbiz et al. (2007)	A Multimodal Augmented Reality DJ Music System	HMD, monitor	Real hand, Speech
Dierker et al. (2009)	Mediated attention with multimodal augmented reality	HMD	Real hand, Speech
Lee et al. (2013)	Multimodal Speech-Gesture Interaction with 3D Objects	Two cameras, monitor	Real hand, Speech
Pitsch et al. (2013)	Augmented reality as a tool for linguistic research	Three cameras, HMD, monitor	Real hand, Speech, Head
Piumsomboon et al. (2014)	G-SIAR: Gesture-Speech Interface for Augmented Reality	Oculus Rift, Monitor	Real hand, Speech

# Methodology

#### Chapter 3

# Methodology

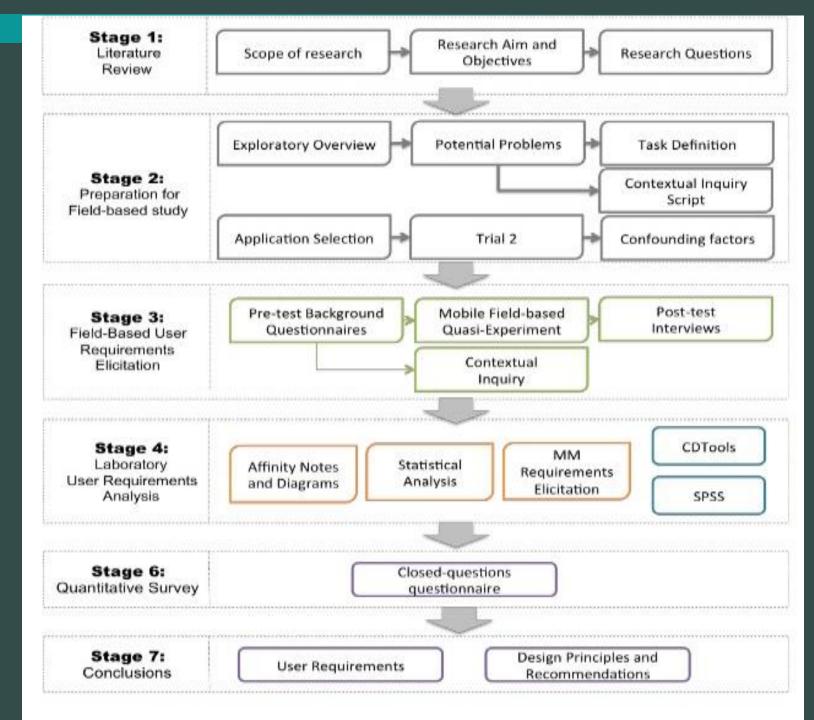
#### Introduce the <u>overall methodological approach</u>.



### SDLC Standard

Project Initiation	Analysis & Requirements	Architecture Design	Development & Testing	Acceptance	Implementation Warranty
<ul> <li>Team staffing</li> <li>Infrastructure setup</li> <li>ROM (+/-50%)</li> <li>Preliminary project schedule</li> <li>Project specific metrics are defined</li> <li>Project kick-off</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Requirements gathering &amp; elaboration</li> <li>Prototyping (requirements)</li> <li>Estimation (+/- 25%)</li> <li>Budget &amp; schedule are approved</li> <li>Acceptance criteria</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Requirements refinement</li> <li>Architecture</li> <li>Prototyping (architecture)</li> <li>High-level design</li> <li>Unit tests</li> <li>Estimation refinement (+/- 10%)</li> <li>Test plan/Test cases</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Low-level design</li> <li>Coding</li> <li>Builds</li> <li>Unit testing</li> <li>Bug fixing</li> <li>User docs</li> <li>System testing</li> <li>Integration testing</li> <li>Acceptance test plan</li> <li>Release candidate</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Customer acceptance testing</li> <li>Bug fixing</li> <li>System release</li> <li>Project package transition</li> <li>Roll-out preparation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>System roll- out</li> <li>Bug fixing</li> <li>Knowledge transfer/Train ing</li> <li>Post project review</li> <li>Customer feedback</li> </ul>
Project status, metrics & SLA reporting					

**Configuration and Change Management** 

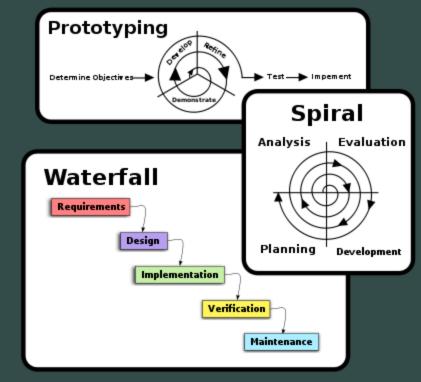


# Methodology

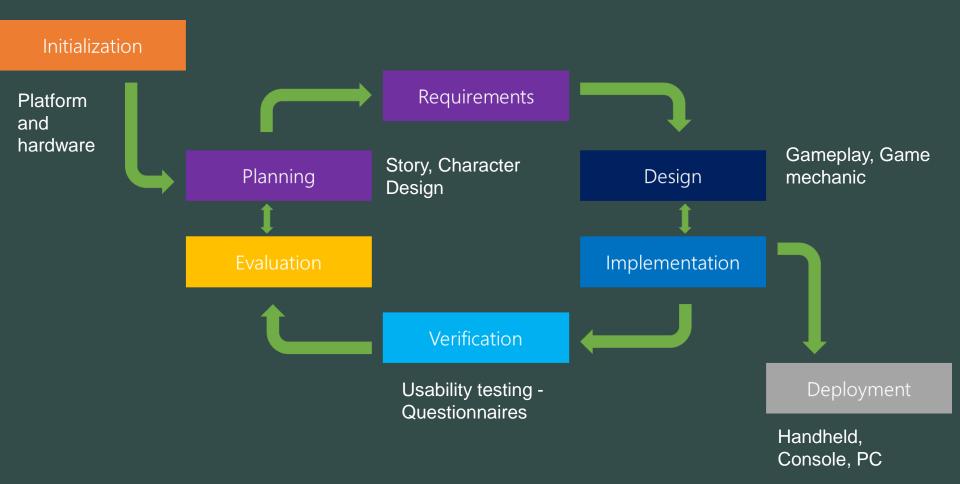
- Indicate how the approach fits the overall project design and development.
- Describe the specific <u>methods of data</u> <u>collection</u>.
- Explain how you intend to <u>analyze and</u> <u>interpret</u> your results (i.e. statistical analysis, theoretical framework).
- It is a necessary to provide references for evaluation procedure – HCI (Usability Testing).

# Tips on Drafting Methodology

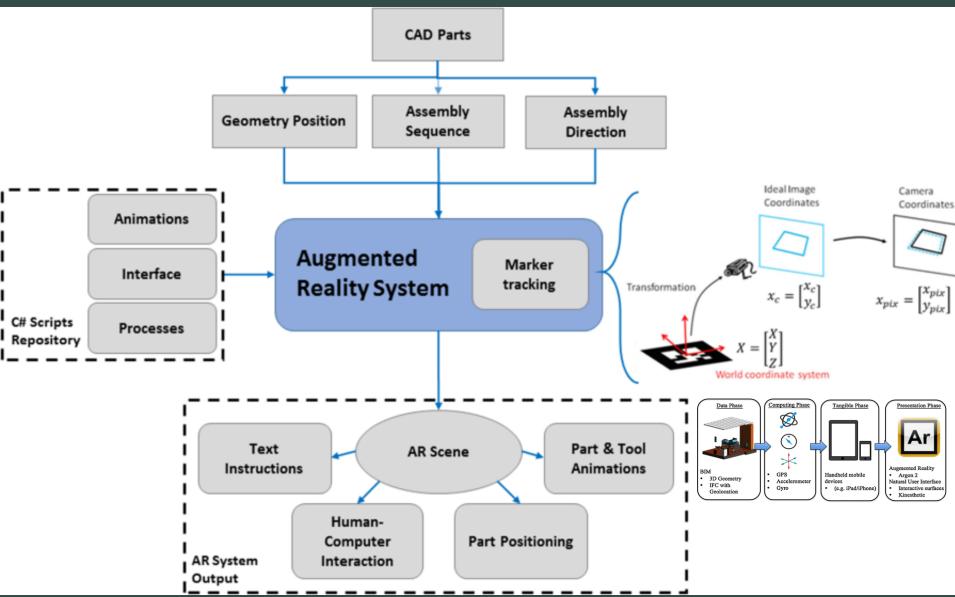
- Break down your methodology into subsections by referring to SDLC standard waterfall.
- Remember that your methods section may also require supporting literature.
- First point for 3.1 : Introduction – DO NOT explain about what is Waterfall / any System Analysis and Design method. Describe what your chapter all about.



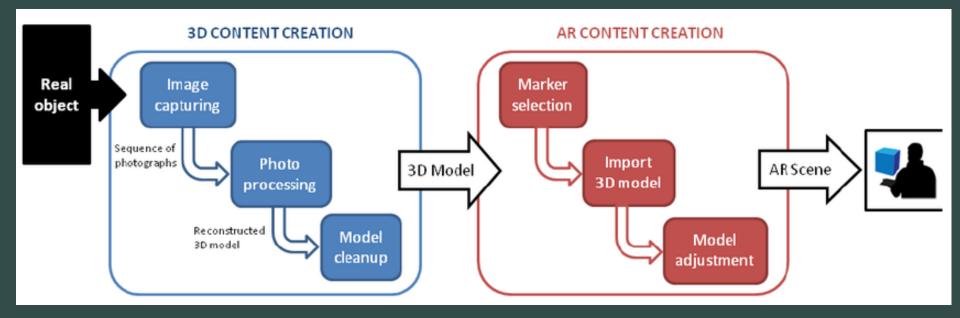
#### Methodology: Example #1 (Game)



### Example #2 (AR)



# Methodology: AR



### Assessment

 Define your Tittle
 Proposed your workflow and convert into Methodology figure for your thesis

Deadline submission – next class and lectures Reference and Appendices

Last page of dissertation

### References & Appendices

Include your main references and related works reference of key texts that inform your study and methodology. – Google scholar (pick format APA)

Your appendices may include Experiment Diagrams, HCI Usability Testing Procedure, etc.

# The End

Thank you for listening! Draft your proposal today!!