

Slide 1: Background

- Student needs: focused topics for research project- they are vague-
 e.g. 'I will discuss food poisoning
 'I will analyse financial ratios'
- Collection of published research papers brought in by students
- List of titles of research papers and student theses

Slide 2: Research paper titles

- *Performance comparison of trust-based reactive routing protocols*
- *Application of machine learning techniques for supply chain demand forecasting*
- *An empirical analysis of the relationship between project planning and project success*

Slide 3: AWL Highlighter¹

- **19% AWL words**
(vs 10. 5% in the AWL corpus)²

Context Aware Applications for Young Adults:
Design Implementation and Evaluation of a usable website

Segmentation of noisy digital curve for **approximation** with Bezier

The **conceptual model** of the fashion process- Part 2: An **empirical investigation** of the micro-subjective *level*

The Hug: an *exploration* of robotic form for **Intimate Communication**

*Using Mean-Shift Tracking Algorithms for Real-Time Tracking of Moving **Images** on an Autonomous **Vehicle** Testbed Platform*

Time **varying** filter **interpretations** of Fourier **Transform** and its **Variants**

¹AWL HIGHLIGHTER ² Nation and Coxhead

Slides 4, 5:

You can see what they are doing in there

Intellectual activities:

- *comparison* , investigation, *exploratory study/ exploration, diagnosis*, analysis , evaluation, hypotheses, interpretations

What researchers are looking for

- evidence, *effects, relationship*, implications , features, aspects

What academic activities are like

- *systematic* , empirical , conceptual

Evaluation

- benefits, *success, effective*

What researchers do

- design, *development* , *modelling application*, implementation
- isolation , *mapping* , allocation, *segmentation, profiling, forecasting, characterization*, approximation , , simulation,

Methods, processes, things

- techniques , *system*, project, protocols, *model*, process , design , strategies, methodology , *objects, management, process*

What they measure

- dimensions, consumption, perception, *rate, performance*

Purpose

- *using* (6), *for*³ (15)

³ Fortanet et al. 1998, Zeiger (2000)

Slide 6: Research paper titles

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Slide 7: A protocol for unpacking or constructing titles

- What did the researchers/ authors do?
- What did they compare/ evaluate etc.
- The performance of what?
- How/ why/ where did they do it?
- What aspects or features did they....
- Predictive questions,
e.g. How do you think they
 Why do you think they.....

Slide 8: Uses of the approach

- raise awareness of academic activities and concepts
- provide a bank of useful learnable vocabulary for academic activities which has been met in context
- encourage a critical approach to reading and writing
- can be adapted for exam or coursework questions or other micro corpora
- can be used with specialist and non-specialist groups

Slide 9: The end

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Exploiting an incidental corpus: Using research paper titles to look inside the world of academia

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Corpus: (List of titles of 33 texts brought in by students)

(AWL words in bold. Other words I identified as academic concepts or activities in italic).

Asset **allocation** decisions with managed futures: **evidence** of the **benefits** from *using* downside risks.

An **adaptive Structured** Light Pattern for the 3-D *profiling* of coloured *objects*
An *effective* examination **processing** system

Adaptive real-time particle filters *for* robot localization

Application of machine learning **techniques** *for* supply chain demand *forecasting*

Applications of ultrasonography in the reproductive *management* of *Dux magnus gentis saginati*

An **empirical analysis** of the *relationship* between **project** planning and **project** *success*

An *exploratory study* of the **consumer** decision **process** for intimate apparel

Addressing the needs of students from **diverse cultural** backgrounds with respect to **Academic** Writing

Brands without boundaries The internationalisation of the **designer** retailer's brand
Consumer perception of five UK fashion retailers

Context Aware *Applications for* Young Adults: **Design Implementation** and **Evaluation** of a usable website

Design and **implementation** of a **distributed** object-oriented software architecture with support *for* real-time execution

Defending Wireless **Infrastructure** Against the **Challenge** of **Distributed denial** of Service attacks

Development of balanced score card **methodology**

Duality and the Slutsky **income** and **substitution** *effects* of increases in wage *rate*

Evaluation Of *Applications* Of Bacteriocins in Food Preservation, Particularly Against Foodborne Pathogenic and Spoilage Bacteria

Financial Pricing *Using* Formal Neural **Networks**

Hypotheses *for* **Image Features**, Icons and Textons

Isolation of Myobacteria from frozen fish destined *for* human **consumption**

Mapping the **dimensions** of **project success**.

Modelling thermal *performance* of a double facade building in a continental climate.

Memory Profiling using Hardware Counters

Performance comparison of trust-based **reactive routing protocols**

Sidescan sonar *segmentation using* texture descriptors and active contours

Simulation of Punched Card **Technology**

Spatio-Temporal Filter With **Adaptive** Multiple Outliers Rejecter

Structural and Mechanical **Aspects** of Embroidered Textile

Scaffolds *for* Tissue Engineering

Systematic noise characterization of a CCD camera: *application* to a multispectral *system*

Strategies of failure *diagnosis* in computer-controlled manufacturing **systems**: **empirical analysis** and **implications** for the **design** of **adaptive** decision support **systems**

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URL *tracking* tool *for* websites: An Open **source** management *system*

376 WORDS 72 awl =19% of total

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AWL Highlighter

Available online at www.nottingham.ac.uk/~alzsh3/acvocab/awlhighlighter.htm