

# ACCG250 – Accounting Systems Design and Development

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## Learning Portfolio Question Part A

**Instructions:** Submit your answer to the following learning portfolio question as well as your pre-tutorial questions for weeks 2 to 6 (inclusive). You will need to submit your work to TurnItIn and WebCT (otherwise it will not be marked) as well as a hard copy to your tutor. When you submit your work to TurnItIn, it will only accept one file – therefore all of your work will need to be in one electronic file such as Microsoft Word. Remember to include a list of references at the end of your question and use in-text referencing.

Read the following article (available via **WebCT, eReserve**) *Managing Risk In Offshore Systems Development* by S.Sakthivel from the Communications of the ACM April 2007/Vol. 50. No.4.

**Required:**

Your task is to write a two page summary to management on the issues they should consider when outsourcing systems development. In your answer you should address the following:

- a) What are the major risks with offshore development?
- b) What are the best ways to manage these risks?
- c) What are the criteria for success?
- d) Make a recommendation on whether you think management should outsource systems development based on the findings in the article.

Your two page summary should be in report format with an appropriate structure. Resources you can use include the Macquarie Gateway to literacy <http://online.mq.edu.au/pub/EDUCGATEWAY/>. Other resources can be found in the study skills section of the website:

<http://www.student.mq.edu.au/>

If you are an international student you can use the study skills advisor at Macquarie International:

<http://www.international.mq.edu.au/student-services/studysupport/adviser.aspx>

Learning Portfolios that use other sources (references) are likely to attract a better mark.