Aim:
- investigate and analyse a knowledge management issue
- understand the importance of the social, cultural and technological dimensions of knowledge management and the interaction between these dimensions.
- appreciate the importance of knowledge management issues within organisations
- demonstrate an ability to critically analyse and report on a knowledge management issue

Value: - 20% of the unit

Due date: - Week 5 (8pm Wednesday April 6th)

Assignment Details:
The topic of your Research Paper may be chosen from any area of knowledge management but you are expected to approach your topic holistically and include a socio-cultural perspective. The following are just suggestions, which may help you in your selection of a topic. Please discuss and confirm your choice of topic with your Tutor no later than week 3.

- Can tacit knowledge be transformed into explicit knowledge?
- What is learning, and can it be implemented in an organisational setting?
- Do organizations have memory?
- Who owns knowledge?
- What does knowledge ownership mean in an organisational setting?
- Is sharing and reuse of knowledge achievable?
- What makes an organisation knowledge-intensive?
- How can technology facilitate knowledge-sharing?
- The role of knowledge management in establishing a virtual organization

As a rough guide you could structure your paper as:
Introduction
Review of relevant literature
Detailed discussion of your topic
Conclusion

Remember that this is only a guide and other paper structures are equally viable, as long as you present your ideas in a clear logical way.

Your Paper should be 2000-2500 words long, and demonstrate that you have investigated the literature for your chosen topic and that you have been able to assemble a coherent argument of your view of this topic. Your paper must adhere to the School’s standards for citations and references (at http://www.sims.monash.edu.au/resources/style.html). It is expected that at least 10 current references are used in the paper with a strong bias for articles published in academic journal. Web sites and practitioner journals are acceptable but should be used in a way that is consistent with their authority.

Assessment Schedule:
- Layout, structure, spelling, etc. and adherence to style guides
- Appropriate theme and focus
- Logical development of argument
- Critical analysis of the topic
- Appropriate conclusions
- Relevance of references
- Adherence to citation and reference standards
Submission Requirements:
The Research Paper must be submitted with a cover sheets attached. The cover sheet can be found under the SIMS Style Guide link on the SIMS homepage. No written work (that includes assignments posted by e-mail) will be accepted without the signed cover sheet that must be the first page of the assignment if submitting as a hard copy. Electronically submitted assignments must include a signed coversheet. These coversheets can be submitted in person, by mail, by fax or by e-mail (with electronic signature or as signed PDF file).

This requirement will assist us in confirming the originality of the content of the assignment and that appropriate referencing and citation standards have been observed. Students are urged to familiarise themselves with these standards (also found under the SIMS Style Guide link on the SIMS homepage). In addition students should also be aware of the plagiarism and collusion policies established by SIMS, FIT and Monash University.

Hurdle Requirement
For the paper to be eligible for assessment, it is expected that you will reference ALL literature such as journal papers, practitioner articles and websites to support your analysis. Your references must adhere to the School’s standards for citations and references (at http://www.sims.monash.edu.au/resources/style.html).

Extensions:
Applications for extensions must be submitted and approved by your Tutor prior to the due date. All applications for extensions must be made in writing (email application is acceptable) and provide convincing reasons for the extension. Where appropriate supporting material should also be provided.

Please Note: requests for extension on or after the due date will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.