

Appendix L Examples of Real-World Reports

This appendix is empty! I need help. What I would like to have is several examples of real world written reports that represent the kinds of writing (and interesting projects!) that students may find themselves doing after graduation. The problem is that the size of projects and reports in the real world are usually much larger than what a student does for a school laboratory report, which typically requires an effort limited to several hours or at most a dozen or so. Anything that brief in the real world, if routine, is likely to have been converted to a form report of some sort, or something else much less formal than the reports we are asking our students to write.

However, if something can be found that represents the importance of formal writing, especially in a laboratory context, or even in the form of a report on some piece of equipment, that would serve as an interesting and illustrative purpose for this manual. I expect that any such report would necessarily be redacted and condensed to avoid disclosing proprietary information.

I would also hope that an interesting example in this appendix would serve a useful purpose for a company contributing it, by giving prospective employees reason to be interested in the work going on in that firm.

So, for now, this Appendix remains a “dummy” holding space open for what I hope will be some good examples of real-world report writing.