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Project and thesis goal descriptions

In a project, a predefined task is to be achieved within a predetermined time span. At ITU, projects are defined in a project agreement, which includes a problem formulation and a description of the methods to be used to work towards a solution of the aforementioned problem.

The overall goals of a project are:

- To identify, define and delimit a problem within information technology.
- To *identify* and *analyse* relevant *means* for solving the problem, such as academic theories, methods, literature, tools and other sources, as well as *existing solutions* to the problem.
- To *combine* the selected means, *develop* them further if necessary, and *apply* them in a concerted effort towards the solution of the problem.
- To evaluate the achieved solution.
- To report in a coherent and stringent way the problem, the background research, the work towards the solution, the achieved solution, the evaluation, and other relevant material, while adhering to the academic standards.
- To *reflect* upon the problem, the chosen approach, the achieved solution, and other findings.

According to the Ministerial Order and the Study Regulations, the thesis is the final part of the MSc programme. As such, the thesis also demonstrates, together with other course and project work, that the student has mastered the overall goals of the MSc programme in question.

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