COP324 Project preparation
Credits: 30

Responsible examiner: Project Supervisor
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Requirement and Marking Scheme of the 1ˢᵗ Deliverable (30% of the module)

Expected workload: 100h

Indicative structure for 1ˢᵗ deliverable
- ❑ **Title page**: project title, your name, your supervisor's name etc
- ❑ **Abstract**: ~ 150 words
- ❑ **Introduction**
  - ❑ Project background, main problems
  - ❑ Scope and ideas
  - ❑ Current methods and limitations
- ❑ **Aims and Objectives**
- ❑ **Main methodology**
  - ❑ technical approaches, theories, etc
  - ❑ Hardware/software platform required
  - ❑ Risks and challenges
- ❑ **Project plan**
  - ❑ Breakdown tasks, timeline, Gantt chart
- ❑ **References**
  - ❑ Referencing relevant literature in the report as well
- ❑ Between 1000 ~ 2000 words (exceptions to be discussed with the supervisor)

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Marking Scheme:

Clarity of the idea and scope of the project: [20%]
- Are the main objectives to be achieved well described in the abstract and relevant parts of the deliverable?
- Do the descriptions of the aims and objectives convey the reason for their interest, relevance, usefulness or novelty?

Clarity of the background and description of the context: [10%]
- Is the text sufficient to give a clear overview of related fields and topics?
- Does the background help understand the aims and objectives of the project?

Appropriate referencing: [10%]
- How well do references fit in the text?
- How useful are they to expand knowledge of the topics?
- Are they well formatted and according to a consistent referencing style?

Soundness and novelty of the main idea: [20%]
- Is the idea clearly explained and understandable?
- Is the idea outlined logically as a relevant sequence of concepts?

- Is the idea novel or does it present sufficient challenges in line with the requirements for a MSc project (see module specs for COP324,325).

Methodology [15%]
- Does the text provide indication of what tools (software, hardware, databases, theories, etc.) may/will be used?
- Is the described technical approach sound?

Feasibility and clarity of the execution plan, risks (legal, professional, ethical) [10%]
- Is the plan feasible?
- Is the presentation of the plan complete and readable, e.g. via a Gantt chart or table timeline?
- Does the plan take into account any legal, professional and ethical considerations and any risk involved (do not mark down if not applicable)?

Language, format and style: [15%]
- Is the language clear, understandable and correct?
- Is the document well formatted, showing a correct use of appropriate tools, e.g. Word or Latex?
- Are the sections and subsections helpful and well balanced?