

Coursework 1. Briefing

Find a supervisor for your Masters project/dissertation

- Write a 1,000 word report describing:
 - 1. Projects considered.** Describe which projects you have considered and why you want to do research in these areas; your description should include links to project web pages.
 - 2. Supervisors consulted.** Tell us which potential supervisors you have had project discussions with and what the outcomes of those discussions were; if you have agreed on a project with a supervisor, outline what the project will be about (you may link to project web pages).
 - 3. Next steps.** If you have not found a supervisor, describe what you intend to do next and who you intend to talk to. If have found a supervisor, describe what you are going to do to start your project; your description may include further discussions you have had with your supervisor.

Coursework 1. Assessment Criteria

- A first class answer will describe a dedicated areas of interest in pursuing a specialism and discussions held with a relevant members of staff;
- describe your rationale and reasoning as to why the you would like to do a particular project;
- demonstrate that you have exercised due diligence in finding an appropriate project and supervisor which suits your skills;
- evidence this process with a reflection on discussions, both in terms of what was discussed and the outcomes of discussion;
- describe project specific next steps in order to prepare for the commencement of the project.

Coursework 1. Finding a supervisor

- 62 supervisors are available this year

You will find the complete list on Moodle

<https://moodle.nottingham.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=96668>

Not all of them will be suited to your degree programme or your interests
(some in School of Engineering are only available to HCI students)

You need to find one that suits you

How to find a supervisor

- On Moodle each supervisor looks like this:

Prof. Andy Crabtree

http://www.cs.nott.ac.uk/~pszaxc/projects/UG_PGT.html

Project ideas:

Email: andy.crabtree@nottingham.ac.uk

Office: C12

Modules: HCI

Max. Allocation: 1



[Crabtree Project Availability](#)

1 places available in total (0 taken, 1 free)

- Take a look at **Modules** first, this tells you the kind of projects they usually supervise (HCI, PRO, PAI)
- If that seems relevant to you, click on the **Project Availability** link at the bottom – this tells you if they have any supervision slots left
- If they do, click on the **Project ideas** link ...

How to find a supervisor continued

- Project ideas will take to staff's webpages or a PDF doc

If you like the sound of their ideas, contact them to discuss (note the **email** address on the previous page)

- You can and should talk to more than one member of staff

And you can also discuss your ideas with them too

- You can also take a look at what the various research groups in CS do for inspiration

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/computerscience/research/index.aspx>

Professor Andy Crabtree



I'm a [design ethnographer](#) by background and do [ethnomethodological studies](#) of human practice and mundane reason to shape design and understand how people use digital technologies in everyday life. See for example [What's for Dinner?](#), [The Practical Politics of Sharing Data](#), [Repacking Privacy for a Networked World](#) or [Just Whack it on Until it Gets Hot](#).

I also exploit technology probes to provoke mundane reason about future and emerging technologies and the human challenges that confront their social acceptability and adoption in everyday life. See for example: [The Cardboard Box Study](#), [The Connected Shower](#), [The Living Room of the Future](#) or [Autonomous Systems in the Home](#).

My projects are well suited to UG or PGT students with a background in HCI but I'm happy to work with anyone who is passionate about engaging people in design, whether through ethnomethodological studies or technology probes.

I'm also happy to work with students who want to do [human-centred design](#) projects, which combine user studies (but not questionnaires) with prototyping and user evaluation to explore design problems and opportunities.

If you would like to discuss your idea for a particular study or technology probe, you can contact me at andy.crabtree@nottingham.ac.uk

Once you have a supervisor ...

- Make sure they sign you up on Moodle
- If you aren't signed up, they aren't supervising you
- What if I don't find a supervisor?

The project coordinator will allocate you one based on remaining supervisors with slots