To the members of the Exam Committee,

I write to you to formally request an extension of my Final Project. As the extension is quite grave I present this to you directly instead of the program mentor. I will firstly excuse myself for not bringing this to your attention earlier. I was only recently made aware of the strictness of the proposed terms and the preliminary limit of 3 months for an extension. Therefore this request is late, but hopefully still in time. The original forms I’ve submitted stated the envisioned end-date of the project as 17 January 2019. However, due to several circumstances I’ve allowed this to drag out for a few months.

Firstly, I have underestimated the time it took to write and refine the text of the thesis. This wrongly gave me the confidence to research and develop two design artefacts into a single solution. Whereas in hindsight, I could only have reasonably researched and validated one.

Secondly, I am graduating at a company (Nedap N.V.). Therefore, I am performing a (proof-of-concept) validation study as part of my thesis, by applying the developed artefacts to one of their WSN applications. However, I had to spent quite some time to analyze their application, envisioned application requirements, the data emitted by their WSN, trends and patterns. These analyses was necessary to eventually produce an accurate simulated sensor environment, but has taken more time then I originally anticipated.

Finally, unfamiliarity with the cloud platform (Microsoft Azure), on which I have attempted to execute the validation, has caused severe obstacles. I had to spend much time instancing, configuring and accessing multiple cloud software platforms. Eventually I had to cut my experiment short to continue with the remainder of the thesis.

All above delays are exacerbated by the fact that I do not graduate full-time, due to other engagements in Enschede I am only at Nedap 3/4 days per week. This is not the cause of extension, but does prolong the length of it.

I will conclude with the current state of the project. At the moment of writing, I am preparing a green-light version for my supervisors to be handed in this week. I will not be receiving a red/green light before submitting this request, but at the time of your deliberation more should be certain about the remainder of the project. Should this green light be given, my Final Presentation can be held somewhere the end of June. Therefore, my formal request to you is to allow an extension of the duration of my Final Project to June 30th.

The above text has been acknowledged by my primary supervisor Prof.Dr.Ir. Mehmet Aksit (FMT) and company supervisor Ronny Boland (Nedap N.V.). My second university supervisor has been left out of this formal request as she (dr. Nirvana Meratnia) is part of the exam committee.

With kind regard,

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Enschede, date