

Administrative FAQ for INF3151 and INF4151

Note: last changes are marked in **red**.

Note: INF[34]151 denotes both INF3151 and INF4151.

What are the delivery guidelines?

It is the students' responsibility to follow these (easy) rules. Failure to do so will cause negative points when grading.

You must send your group's user names to the course administrator Stein Kristiansen (steikr@ifi.uio.no) to be able to deliver in [devilry](#).

The deliverables must be uploaded to [devilry](#) **BEFORE 12:00:00h** on the project deadline (the deadlines for the various deliverables are shown in the detailed teaching plan). Generally, there is one week work for the design, and two weeks for the implementation (with the exception of P3b, which lasts only one week).

All deliveries will be uploaded as a **single file** to [devilry](#) and follows a strict naming convention: **A_B_C1-C2.D**

- where *A* is the PROJECT NUMBER (only the **number**, without "P", "a", "b"...).
- *B* is the GROUP NUMBER of the *group you attend*.
- *C1* and *C2* are the candidate numbers of the two students, in ascending order. For P1, it is ok to use your username if you haven't got a candidate number yet.
- *D* is either
 - pdf (for design proposals)
 - tar.gz / tgz (for tar-ball with the code; the files in the archive must reside in a directory with the same naming convention, A_B_C1-C2.).

For the **DESIGN**:

Upload **ONE** copy of your design document on [devilry](#) according to the naming guidelines above.

We DO NOT want a LaTeX, Word, FrameMaker, etc. file. Make a PDF so that it can be read on different systems and platforms. Some useful commands are `dvipdf`, `ps2pdf` and `ltx2pdf`. An example file (LaTeX) can be found [here](#) which also makes you a front page (see the result [here](#)). If you don't use the LaTeX file, please create a front page like this:

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uioforside -a "Candidate nr. 1: XXX, Candidate nr. 2: XXX" -t "INF3151/4151, Group nr. XXX, Project nr. XXX: Design Proposal" -o forside.ps
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(the command above makes a front page that corresponds to the one made by using the LaTeX file)

NB! The deliverable **MUST NOT** be longer than **10 pages**, with font size not less than 11pts, margins not less than 2cm, single spacing, reasonably readable format. English language is preferred, if possible.

Please, do NOT forget to write down the **group, both candidate numbers, and the project number** on the front page.

For the **IMPLEMENTATION**, you need to upload

A gzip-ed tar-ball with *all* the files (not only the changed ones! the deliverable must be compilable by just issuing *make*) to your teaching assistant (remember the naming guidelines at the top). We must be able to compile and run your assignment on a standard ifi-installation.

In the tar-ball, a short report (README) explaining which changes you have performed (and why) compared to the design. It is recommended to describe and sum up any results you might have come to.

When looking at the implementation, it will be run on *real hardware* (not bochs or vmware).

How many projects are there?

There are 6 projects in this course, plus a training project called P0. Projects P1 – P6 consist of a theoretical part (design, "a") and a practical part (implementation, "b").

Are all projects mandatory?

YES, all must be delivered (except P0 which is you can use to get used to the programming environment++).

Which deliverables are graded and how?

Project	Grading
P0	none
P1a	passed / not passed
P1b	passed / not passed
P2a	passed / not passed
P2b	A - F
P3a	passed / not passed
P3b	A - F
P4a	passed / not passed
P4b	A - F
P5a	passed / not passed
P5b	A - F
P6a	passed / not passed
P6b	passed / not passed

How is the final grade calculated?

The final grade is calculated by combining the results of P2b, P3b, P4b, and P5b with equal weight at the end of the term.

Complaints over grades

You cannot complain over "partial" grades, only over the final grade. If you want to know what was missing or wrong in your code, please compare it with the pre-code of the next project! If you are than still wondering, please take up contact with us!

How are you informed about the indication of the partial grades?

The results are given through the devilry delivery system. You will get an email notification when they are ready.

Please note that the A-F marks are only indications – formally seen they are no marks yet.

Do we really have to work in groups of two, or can we work alone as well?

You have to work in **groups of two** students from the same practicing group. Exceptions can be made only in extreme cases, when collaboration is absolutely not possible.

You must send the course administrator your group's usernames (steikr@ifi.uio.no)

Where do you find your candidate numbers?

Candidate numbers for each course can be found on the StudentWeb.

Are all deadlines "HARD"?

YES, all assignments must be delivered before the deadline! Assignments delivered afterwards are considered as "missing":

- Missing deliverables for the assignments graded with “passed / not passed” result in “not

- passed” which directly means that you failed the course.
- Missing deliverables that are graded “a – F” result in an automatic *F* (fail).
 - Missing deliverable due to illness (see below)

What if I am sick and have a note from my doctor?

If you can't deliver your assignment due to sickness, the deliverable is replaced with an oral exam for that part of the project. You have to deliver a certificate from a medical doctor to the administration and the oral exam is scheduled as soon as you are back.

What if my partner is sick (and has the doctor's note)?

Both partners must have a general view on the whole project so that any of you can deliver alone. However, since the workload is expected to be big and the partners to divide it among them, you can also ask for an oral exam in that case. If you want an oral exam, you must let us know **before the delivery deadline**.

What if my partner quits?

Tell your teaching assistant as soon as possible. You can find a new partner yourself, if not we will try to find you one as soon as possible. Until that, you will have to deliver alone. Both partners must have a general view on the whole project so that any of you can deliver alone. However, since the workload is expected to be big and the partners to divide it among them, you can also ask for an oral exam in that case if you do not wish to deliver alone (this is valid only for the current assignment when the partner quits). If you want an oral exam, you must let us know **before the delivery deadline**.

Which machine should I use to get to the project files?

Any machine on IFI should work, but we recommend to use the terminals in the assigned lab room, or to use SSH towards login.ifi.uio.no (note: NOT login.uio.no!).