Let’s talk about IDP @in.tum

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First year Informatics Master students
Looking for information on
- Rules & regulations
- How to find an IDP
- And the registration process
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Website of the IDP:
- in.tum.de/en/interdisciplinary-project
Important to know:
- Mandatory for all Informatics Master students
- Module number: IN2334
- Scope: 16 ECTS
- Recommendation: Do it your 2\textsuperscript{nd} or 3\textsuperscript{rd} semester
- Registration: Possible anytime

Examiner must be professor from TUM or LMU:
- From a non-Informatics department
- From the department of Informatics with an affiliate membership in another department

The IDP consists of two parts:
- A lecture from the department of the examiner, cannot be an elective module of the Master Informatics, no seminar or lab, may be a Bachelor’s course (30\% of final grade)
- The project itself (70\% of final grade)

The project may be done in cooperation with:
- A chair of the university
- A company, e.g., a spin-off
How to find an IDP

- Projects on the [website of the IDP](#)
- Other [departments and chairs of TUM](#)
- [Departments of LMU](#)
- Contact potential examiners or supervisors who might know you from previous experiences directly
The registration of the IDP consists of:

1. The registration form and
2. An approx. 2 page project description with
   - A description of the content of the project and
   - A timetable with milestones to be worked on and
   - A description of the relation between application area, lecture and project

The timetable is very important in case clarification reg. the scope is required during the project.
Tipps for success

General advice:
- Register in time – the approval process takes about 1 month
- Once approved the IDP shows up in your TUMonline account
- After approval the lecture cannot be changed
- The IDP can be passed even if the lecture wasn’t
- If you fail the exam of the lecture you can repeat it once

IDPs in cooperation with companies:
- Your examiner is always a professor from TUM or LMU
- It is helpful if the company is somehow connected to TUM, e.g., a spin-off
- It can be difficult if only you know the company: Why should a professor be interested?
- Hold at least one alignment meeting with all involved stakeholders to make sure everybody is on the same page
You are responsible for the success of your IDP!

- Start looking for an IDP early – the starting date might be flexible once you have a topic
- Keep close contact with your examiner and supervisor / advisor
- Adhere to the milestones and your project plan
All the best for a successful IDP!