

FHS in COMPUTER SCIENCE
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PART C EXAMINATIONS

MINI PROJECTS - HILARY TERM 2021

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES

Full particulars of the examinations are given in the [Examination Regulations](#), and the Examination Conventions for 2020/21 which can be found at <http://www.cs.ox.ac.uk/teaching/examinations/>. You will receive a separate notice for Trinity Term exams.

1. Submitted Mini-project(s)

Eight courses are scheduled for examination at the end of Hilary Term 2021. This notice gives information about what to hand in and when, and guidelines for mini-projects (Appendix A).

Please note that separate notices will be circulated for the **Advanced Topics in Machine Learning, Law and Computer Science** and **Topics in Computational Biology** courses.

The release date for the mini-project in **Computer Science and Law** will be confirmed by the Law Faculty.

Release Date

The mini-projects (take-home assignments) for each course may be downloaded from WebLearn from 12.00 noon (UK time) on:

Friday 12th March 2021 (Week 8, Hilary Term):

- Advanced Security
- Categorical Quantum Mechanics
- Database Systems Implementation
- Probability and Computing
- Physically Based Rendering

Submitting a mini-project

Mini-projects must be submitted online through WebLearn. Please name your file with your candidate number and the name of the assignment.

Please note that your candidate number should be the only means of identification of your work. Please ensure that you include your candidate number on the front page of each mini-project submitted. **DO NOT include your name or Student Number**. You can obtain your candidate number through [Student Self Service](#). Should you encounter any problems doing this then please contact the Academic Administration Team (academic.administrator@cs.ox.ac.uk).

Once mini-projects have been released they are not to be shared or discussed with other students on or outside of the course. Please note, where mini-projects are set for candidates studying a

different degree programme the material covered in the mini-project may be similar but not identical.

Submission Date

The submission deadline for the following assignments is 12 noon (UK time) on:

Tuesday 13th April 2021 (Week Minus 1, Trinity Term):

- Advanced Security
- Categorical Quantum Mechanics
- Database Systems Implementation
- Probability and Computing
- Physically Based Rendering

The submission deadline for the following assignments is 4 pm (UK time) on:

Friday 23rd April 2021 (Week 0, Trinity Term)

- Law and Computer Science

Guidelines for mini-projects

Please refer to [Appendix A](#).

2. Practicals

You will be required to submit your practical work for all your courses in Trinity Term. Details of the submission date and time will follow shortly.

Please do not submit the practical work from your Hilary Term courses with your mini-projects, **but please do keep the work in a safe place until required for submission.**

Please remember that you need to obtain an overall pass in your practicals to be able to pass Part C. See the [Course Handbook](#) for details.

3. Problems

You **MUST NOT** contact any member of the Examination Board, your supervisor, or lecturer in charge of the course with any queries about the mini-project. Please address any such queries to a member of the academic admin team (academic.administrator@cs.ox.ac.uk), who will advise you of the next steps. You must do so no later than **12 noon on Wednesday 24th March 2021**.

For questions about your exams in general, please feel free to contact any member of the academic administration team.

If other problems arise (e.g. personal issues, health issues, bereavement) please consult your college tutor in the first instance. It is possible to apply for an extension of time to complete your mini-projects due to reasons such as those listed above. In such cases, you must apply via your College as soon as possible, and please also inform the [Academic Administration team](#) that you are doing so. Your College will then write to the Proctors to request an extension. Please note that evidence will be required.

Tutors will not be able to help you answer the questions in the mini-projects, but they may be able to help you with your reading and planning. If you need to contact your tutor but have difficulty doing so, you should contact the [Academic Administration team](#).

4. Results

It is anticipated that provisional results will be available sometime after 13th May 2021, and will be circulated via email.

5. Examination Board

Professor Andrzej Murawski (Chair)
Professor Jonathan Whiteley
Professor Peter Minary
Professor Roy Crole (External)

Professor Andrzej Murawski
Chair of Examiners
Final Honour Schools of Computer Science, Part C, Computer Science & Philosophy, Part C and
Mathematics and Computer Science, Part C

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Appendix A

A mini-project will normally take the form of a tutorial sheet containing several questions on the course, and will also contain new exercises. While you are free to work until the submission date, the expectation is that you will spend between three and four days per mini-project, including preparatory reading.

1. Please note that some of your mini-projects have page limits, as set out in your student handbook. If there is no page limit, you should aim at writing about 10 pages. If you write by hand, write legibly. Illegible scripts will be transcribed at your cost, as laid out in the [Examination Regulations](#).
2. To change an option outside the examination entry window you must apply for permission in writing through your senior tutor or college officer. Please note that a payment will be required. For more information please see the [University web page on exam entry](#). Failure to submit a required element of assessment will result in the failure of the assessment.
3. Failure to correctly acknowledge your sources is plagiarism, which is treated as a very serious disciplinary offence. Please consult the [University web site regarding plagiarism](#) and the detailed guidance on plagiarism in your [student handbook](#).

YOU SHOULD NOT show your mini-project to, or discuss it, with any other student.

YOU SHOULD NOT ask or seek to look at anybody else's work.

If you use material from any other source such as textbooks, lecture notes or the web, then you should reference it explicitly at the relevant point. Your college tutor can give you guidance on proper referencing; for more guidance see

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/guidance/skills>

<http://www.cs.ox.ac.uk/files/3161/Referencing.pdf>

There is also an [online course on WebLearn](#), which provides an overview of plagiarism and the issues surrounding it that would be beneficial.