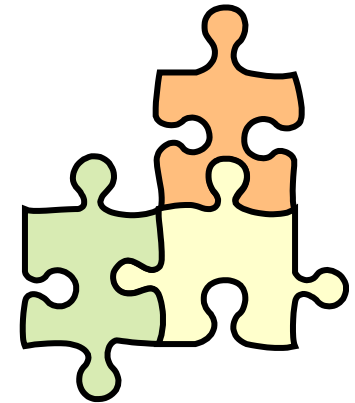


# Seminar Summer Term 2010: Initial Meeting

## Information and Advice

# General Information

- **Goals:**
  - Getting familiar with a topic in a limited time frame.
  - Writing a good report.
  - Giving a good presentation to a group.
- **Components:**
  - Written report of approx. 10 pages.
  - Presentation (30-minute talk, 15-minute discussion).
  - A lot of interaction with your advisor and fellow students.
- **Steps:**
  - Register for the seminar (until **April 30** at the examination office).
  - Initial meeting and selection of topics (today).
  - Structure your work, write the report, prepare the presentation (guided by your advisor).
  - Presentations (“Blockseminar”, all presentations are given within one or two days).
- **Seminar website:**
  - <http://net.cs.uni-bonn.de/wg/cs/teaching/st-2010/seminar-selected-topics-in-communication-management/>



# For Master Students

- You will receive a mark for the seminar based on:
  - the written report,
  - the presentation, and
  - the discussion.
- The “Examination Rules for the Masters Degree Course in Computer Science” say:

§11(5): “Examination results in seminars will relate, as a rule, to written papers and oral discourses relating to partial areas of the subject matter dealt with in the seminar.”

§16(3): “Seminar discourses document the candidates’ ability to present scientific results in a comprehensible manner and to explain them in a discussion.”

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- Dates:

- Presentations:  
**Saturday, 26.06.2010**
- Submission of written report (final):  
**Sunday, 06.06.2010**

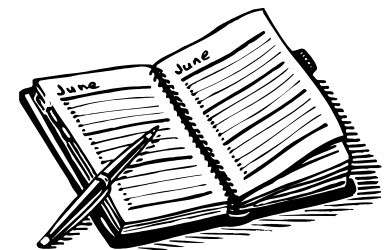
These are firm dates!

- Selection of topics:

Follows right after we have talked through a couple of slides!

- Questions?

- Organizational: Patrick Peschlow
- About your topic: Your advisor



# Advice: Deadlines

- **Deadlines have to be kept!**
  - Official deadlines (e.g., submission of final version)
  - Appointments and deadlines agreed upon with your advisor, e.g.,
    - first structure of the report
    - submission of preliminary versions of the report
    - submission of the presentation slides
  - Time management is important!
- **The final version is meant to be final!**
  - Submit a complete report without empty sections or paragraphs
  - Include a list of references and sources



# Advice: Guidance

- Contact your advisor:
  - Let your advisor approve your work.
  - Discuss the structure of the report with your advisor.
  - Discuss your presentation slides with your advisor.
  - Ask your advisor for help if you have questions or want to improve your understanding of the topic.
- Consider the feedback your receive:
  - Take notes during the meetings with your advisor.
  - The suggestions by your advisor are meant to improve your work. However, in general only you are responsible for your work.
  - Exception: **change request by your advisor**. Ignoring a change request may result in a failed seminar.



# Advice: Citing and Copying

- Goal of the seminar:
  - Describe a topic in your own words, based on existing sources.
- Citations and figures:
  - Clearly indicate citations, e.g., when you cite opinions of others or results obtained by others.
  - Do not copy figures. Instead, draw them yourself and reference the original work.
- Work scientifically or fail:
  - Copying without citing the original work may lead to a failed seminar.
  - Simply translating from other works is equal to copying.
  - Excessive citing may lead to a failed seminar.



# Advice: Sources and References

- List of references:
  - Give a complete list of all sources used.
    - Author and title.
    - Type of publication.
    - Date.
    - For online sources: State when you last checked the contents.
  - When in doubt, ask your advisor!
- Choose sources carefully:
  - Use the sources indicated by your advisor, and look for further sources yourself.
  - Be aware that some sources may be unreliable or change frequently (common example: to cite or not to cite a Wikipedia article).
  - When in doubt, ask your advisor!

