Project inspections

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why?

• 40 or 60 credits => 20 or 30 credits worth of work this term

project mark really matters!

• assess the progress of your project so far
• independent and ‘objective’ feedback/advice
• help you to end up with a great project
when?

- last week of term 1
- detailed timetable will be available soon
- note your time slot and inspector’s name
- check FYP page regularly
where?

• meet your inspector at the inspection time on the **lower ground floor**
• take him/her to the place where you’d like to present your work
• **do not stay in a lab assuming your inspector will find you!**
• inspector may be late (delays caused by previous inspections)
how?

• inspection - about 15 min
• Prepare a **short** presentation (~10 min)
  - background
  - key ideas
  - work so far
• answer questions, mention problems ...  
• **feedback** from inspector (you’ll need to sign)
• complete a module questionnaire
• before inspection – discuss with your supervisor
what next?

• no inspection mark BUT

• the inspector will most likely mark your final thesis, so take the feedback seriously!

• discuss feedback with your supervisor
inspection tips

• introduce the topic

• explain the problem

• present your approach

• discuss progress/issues/plans
your approach

• design

• architecture

• discuss alternatives - why is your approach preferable?
presentation

• firm and clear structure

• high level overview – you’ll be asked about details if necessary

• principles – do not show long pieces of code

• demos/pictures are great
do not

• give handouts
• prepare many slides
• overrun
• just read the slides
• use quirky fonts
• use complex animations/presentation tricks unless really needed
inspector

- will see many projects
- will not know anything about your project before the inspection
- your project may not be his/her specialist area
- assume you’ll talk to an intelligent adult
good luck!