

ÅA / IT / Project course

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PROJECT CUSTOMER AND THE STUDENT TEAMS

The IT Department at Åbo Akademi University organizes every year a project course that spans most of the academic year (September-March). During this course, the student works in teams on a project, which results in a working prototype system and corresponding project plans, documentation and presentations.

Each project has a customer. The customer can be a member of the university or from another company or organization. The following document states the assumptions and guidelines used for the relationship and responsibilities between the customer and the student team.

The student team is expected to

- Work on the project assigned by the customer
- Follow the requirements given and agreed before the Kick-Off meeting of the project course
- React on customer comments on the project

The customer is expected to

- Provide requirements for the project, and any other documents that specifies the project in question
- Take part in "customer meetings" and react to proposals and results provided by the team (maximum 10 h/month)

Ownership and license

- The student team has the ownership of any Intellectual Property or software generated during the project (according to Finnish legislation).
- The student team can
 - Agree on transferring ownerships to the customer (against financial compensation)
 - Volunteer to transfer any ownerships to the customer without compensation
 - Provide a license which gives the customer the right to use the source code / product / IP either with or without compensation
 - Publish the results under an open source license

Results and deliverables

- The project course and student teams cannot be guaranteed to deliver according to the requirements, only according to best effort.

Duration of this MoU

- The student team is supposed to work on the project only for the duration of the product course and this MoU applies only for the duration of the course. Any development or support after the course has ended must be agreed on separately.