# Master thesis peer review instructions and peer review protocol.

Your task as an opponent is to:

* critically review the report you received
  + give special consideration to the problem, the choice of methodology and interpretation / evaluation of results
  + in the report, mark when you find typos, other small errors, things you do not understand and things you wonder/uncertain about
  + fill in the attached peer review form
  + in advance and within the specified time period, submit the peer review form to the persons concerned (reviewee and your own thesis supervisors etc.)
  + according to what your thesis supervisor decides you may have to orally present your general assessment of the report and the work in about 5 minutes after the thesis report author has presented his/her work. This is subjected to the supervisor’s decision, so please discuss this in advance.
  + Discuss with/ask the thesis author after his/her public presentation; you can ask the same questions you formulated in the peer review report , but it could also be that the presentation gives rise to new questions
  + provide the peer review report to the author of the report at the end of the presentation

You can contact the person who did the thesis to e.g. get test drive programs.

You can fill in the peer review report by computer or by hand (use black ink and write clearly). The report should be copiable and readable.

Dissertations are very different in nature. Therefore, some of the questions below may not apply to the dissertation you are opposing. Then redo the question as appropriate. You can also add one or two questions.

Try to answer the questions in the peer review report in some detail. Yes and Good answers are not sufficient.

## Peer review report

Name(s) of the reviewee(s) (the thesis author(s)):

Title of the report/thesis:

Report identifier (version/date/etc.):

Opponent (name, email):

Date (for this peer review report):

1. Was it easy to understand what the dissertation was about? Motivate your answer.
2. What do you think of the title in relation to the contents of the report? Motivate your answer
3. How did the author describe the background to the dissertation? Is there an introduction to the general overview of the research field discussed in the report?
4. How well has the author justified his choice of research methodology?
5. Does the author discuss whether the requirements are fulfilled to justify the use of chosen methodology?
6. Is the research methodology well described?
7. Has the author presented his/her/their results clearly?
8. Do you find the conclusions of the author credible?
9. What do you think of the bibliography? What type of literature is included? Does the literature seem relevant?
10. Which sections of the report difficult to understand?
11. Other comments about the report and its structure.
12. What are the strong points of the project/report?
13. What are the weak points of the project/report?
14. How do you assess the news value of the project?
15. Summarize the project in a couple of sentences
16. Questions to the author:
17. What is your summery assessment of the thesis?