

TTM4205 reference group meeting on 25-11-2025

Attendees: Tjerand, Caroline, Tom, Jo, and Anders

Topics that we discussed:

- Lectures
 - Two lectures got cancelled, and we made the problems into bonus problems instead. This seems like a good solution for everyone.
 - Few students showed up for the guest lecture on Friday, but this is not uncommon, and several students had an exam the following Monday. Could organise it earlier in the semester, but it was not possible this year, and the idea was to have it after the new content that will be evaluated.
 - We should continue with guest lectures going forward despite low the attendance this year, as it is interesting to get external input.
 - Continue with lectures as is, good balance between content and discussion. Few comments, no negative feedback, which is good.
 - Decent attendance rate of ~25 out of ~40 despite slides and all other material being available, and despite the lecture slots are not great.
- Exercise class
 - Quite few students show up to the exercise class (except for installation of ChipWhisperer for the lab). The time slot is not great, but free for most.
 - Introduction to ChipWhisperer lecture worked out well and should continue. Provide more info about what equipment to bring.
 - The exercise / lab sessions generally worked out well for those who showed up. Use only the CRYPTO-LAB next year, not the lecture hall.
- Assignments
 - Make it a bit clearer what is expected from answers; generally, the least amount needed to show that you understand the problem and to explain what you did to solve it.
 - Might make the lab and technical essay 30 points each next year, and also potentially make the lab group work instead of individual.
 - Weekly problems: some confusion about the early problems about what to answer, but it is also hard to not provide too explicit instructions. Add information that students should state their assumptions if in doubt.
- Ed Forum
 - Useful resource, people use it when they need it, continue as is.