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Assess- ment tar- get	Assessment criterion				
	Grade excellent (5)	Grade good (3)	Grade sufficient (1)	Grade fail (0)	
Delineation of and justifica- tion for topic, definition of objective/pur- pose	The choice of topic is justified and delin- eated in a variety of ways in view of theory and working life practices. The objective/purpose of the work is re- alistically and logically defined. The the- sis transforms the functions of working life.	The choice of topic is justified and delin- eated in view of theory and working life practices. The objective/purpose of the work is re- alistically and logically defined. The the- sis develops the functions of working life.	The choice of topic is justified, but the delineation is imprecise and unstruc- tured. The justifications are difficult to understand or inconsistent. The objective/purpose of the work is defined, but its attainability and feasi- bility are unrealistic. The thesis is merely a report on stating factual infor- mation.	The choice of topic is not justified or is delineated inappropriately. The objective/purpose of the work is not defined, or it remains unclear.	
Knowledge base and use of sources	In the knowledge base, key and up-to- date information of the professional field has been utilised in a versatile manner. The concepts are explicitly de- fined, and the theoretical background creates a duly substantiated synthesis of the used concepts and models. The selection and use of sources demonstrate information retrieval skills based on deep and analytical thinking and developed source criticism. The relevant research or development topic has been reflected on in a diverse manner in light of the international re- search and development activities of the subject area in question.	In the knowledge base, key and up-to- date information of the professional field has been utilised. Concepts have been used consistently and they are justified. The knowledge base forms a coherent and clear entity. The selection and use of sources demonstrate knowledge of the field's professional concepts and contents as well as the skill of finding sources that are central to the topic. The relevant research or development topic has been reflected on in light of the international research and develop- ment activities of the subject area in question.	The knowledge base is a summarised narrow description of the subject's core concepts and contents. Concepts have been used, to some extent, inconsist- ently and out of context. The selection and use of sources demonstrate comprehension of the pro- fessional field's traditional knowledge base. The use of sources is mechanical and repetitive. In the work, international publications related to the topic have been used sparsely.	The knowledge base is too narrow, or it does not describe the core concepts and contents of the topic. Concepts have been used inconsistently and out of context, or concepts have not been de- fined sufficiently. The selection and use of sources does not demonstrate comprehension of the traditional knowledge base of the pro- fessional field. The use of sources is re- petitive and brief. International publications related to the topic have not been utilised in the work.	
Methodological choices in im- plementation	The chosen research or development method is perfectly suited to performing the task/solving the problem according to the topic. The choice of method is substantiated based on relevant profes- sional literature.	The chosen research or development method is well suited to performing the task/solving the problem according to the topic. The choice of method is par- tially substantiated based on relevant professional literature.	The chosen research or development method is suitable for performing the task/solving the problem according to the topic. The choice of method is insuf- ficiently substantiated.	The chosen research or development method is not suitable for or is poorly suited to performing the task/solving the problem according to the topic. The choice of method is not substanti- ated or is deficiently substantiated.	

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	The method has been applied inde- pendently, creatively, consistently and justifiably in the various phases of the implementation. Information retrieval and analysis have been explicitly de- scribed and implemented. The strengths and weaknesses of the method have been critically evaluated and possible alternative approaches have been considered in multiple ways.	The method has mainly been applied consistently and justifiably in the vari- ous phases of the implementation. In- formation retrieval and analysis have been described and implemented rela- tively clearly. The strengths and weaknesses of the method have been evaluated and possi- ble alternative approaches have been considered.	The method has partially been applied systematically and justifiably in the var- ious phases of the implementation. In- formation retrieval, analysis and imple- mentation have been described mini- mally. The strengths and weaknesses of the method have been partially evaluated.	The use of the method has not been successful even with tutoring. The im- plementation of information retrieval and analysis have not been described. The strengths and weaknesses of the method have not been evaluated.
Results/outputs and their ex- ploitability	The results/outputs of the thesis per- fectly correspond to the set objectives and the concrete setting of tasks. The yielded result is realistic and crea- tive development measures with nov- elty value for the professional practices of the organisation or the field of indus- try. The result can also be an updated, transformed version of a product or a new product. The result/output is exploitable as such on its own merits in working life.	The results/outputs of the thesis corre- spond well with the set objectives and the concrete setting of tasks. The yielded result is realistic develop- ment measures for the professional practices of the organisation or the field of industry. The result can also be a more developed version of a product or a new product. The result/output is exploitable in work- ing life.	The results/outputs of the thesis par- tially correspond to the set objectives and the concrete setting of tasks. The yielded result is development measures for the professional practices of the organisation or the field of indus- try. The resulting product requires fur- ther development. The result/output may be partially ex- ploitable in working life.	The results/outputs of the thesis do not correspond to the set objectives and the concrete setting of tasks. The yielded result is measures, but these as such fail to develop the profes- sional practices of the organization or the field of industry. The resulting prod- uct requires a great deal of further de- velopment. The result/output is poorly exploitable in working life.
Discussion: Ethicality and reliability, re- view of results/ output and conclusions presented	The reliability of the thesis process and the results/outputs, as well as the ethi- cal issues related to the work, have been evaluated in a duly justified and critical manner. The author of the thesis can critically analyse and evaluate the implementa- tion of the thesis and the choices made. The results/output are reflected on in a variety of ways through the theoretical background constructed in the work or through research information of the field.	The reliability of the thesis process and the results/output, as well as the ethical issues related to the work, have been evaluated in a partially justified man- ner. The author of the thesis can analyse and evaluate the implementation of the thesis and the choices made. The re- sults/output are reflected on through the theoretical knowledge base. The conclusions are compatible with the theoretical background and results/out- put. The work presents conclusions as well as follow-up measures and devel- opment proposals that are related to	The reliability of the thesis process and the results/output, as well as the ethical issues related to the work, have been evaluated in a limited or summary man- ner. The author of the thesis can describe the implementation of the thesis, the choices made and the results/output, but the reflection on the theoretical knowledge base remains incomplete or scarce. The conclusions remain partially discon- nected from the theoretical background and results/output. The work presents conclusions as well as further measures	The reliability of the thesis process and results, as well as thesis-related ethical issues, have not been evaluated. The author of the thesis can describe the implementation of the thesis, the choices made and the results/output, but the connection to the theoretical knowledge base is lacking. The conclusions remain disconnected from the theoretical background and re- sults/output. The work does not present conclusions or follow-up measures or development proposals.

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	The work presents well-reasoned and diverse conclusions as well as innova- tive follow-up measures and develop- ment proposals that have a distinct connection to the work's starting points and practices of the field.	the work's starting points and practices of the field.	and development proposals, which are partially connected to the work's start- ing points and practices of the field.	
Reporting	Reporting is clear and coherent. The structure of the work forms a balanced whole. Comprehensibility and readability are at an excellent level. The written expression is formal, pro- fessionally fluent and error-free. The layout of reporting is of consistently high standard. The reporting guidelines have been followed.	Reporting is mostly clear and coherent. The structure of the work forms a whole. Comprehensibility and readability are at a good level. The written expression is formal, pro- fessionally fluent and almost error-free. The layout of reporting is clearly de- signed. The reporting guidelines have been followed.	Reporting is incoherent. The structure of the work is satisfactorily organised, or it has inconsistencies in places. Comprehensibility and readability are at a reasonable level, or they are poor in places. The written expression is only partially formal and contains incorrect expres- sions. The layout of reporting is deficient. The reporting guidelines have been utilised.	Reporting is incoherent. The structure of the work lacks text organisation or is inconsistent. Comprehensibility and readability are at a poor level. Written expression contains a great number of colloquial and incorrect ex- pressions. The layout of reporting is profoundly in- complete. The reporting instructions have not been followed.
Maturity test	The maturity test is passed.			The maturity test is failed.

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