

## **Assessment of MSc Projects Information Security**

Each project report shall be read independently by two examiners, normally one of whom shall be the candidate's supervisor.

They will each write a brief assessment of the project and assign a mark.

The mark shall be an integer in the interval  $[0,100]$ , where 50 is the pass borderline and 70 is the distinction borderline.

The two examiners should consult to compare their assessments and, if possible, they should recommend a mark jointly.

Examiners should satisfy themselves that the report is the work of the candidate, and should take into account the readability and coherence of the report as a whole, the completeness of the discussion, as well as the difficulty and scope of the project, its relation to an industrial placement, if any, and the extent to which the objectives of the project are met.

To justify a pass there shall be evidence of at least one of the following points:

- The candidate appreciates the relations of the topics discussed to one another and to the rest of the subject area concerned.
- The candidate has extended the source material by expressing reasoned opinion or by way of a practical implementation.
- The candidate has elaborated the treatment as found in the sources by clarifying the issues or filling in gaps.

A distinction should only be awarded when these factors are present to a marked extent or where research is involved which demonstrates the discovery of new facts or the exercise of independent critical power, or provides material that merits publication.