

# Questions and Answers Vol. 4

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“The madness will never end”

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# But first...

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Some house keeping

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# House keeping

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- Flyover is now ready in the labs for use
  - It's not super fragile, but be gentle with it
- Gigabit switch also now in lab
  - It's not super fragile, but be gentle with it
- 3D printer total catastrophe
  - Barriers and obstacles will be a little longer ☹
- Stay the course
  - You should all know what you're doing by now

# Calendar at a glance

Week	Dates	Lecture	Reviews	Demos	Assessment submissions
1	3/3 – 7/3	Introduction			
2	10/3 – 15/3	Principles of Mechatronic Systems design			
3	17/3 – 21/3	Professional Engineering Topics			Design brief
4	24/3 – 28/3	Your soldering is (probably) terrible			
5	31/3 -4/3	No lecture	Progress review 1		
6	7/4 – 11/4	Image segmentation			
7	14/4 – 18/4	Q&A	Progress seminar	25% demo	
Break	21/4 – 25/4				
8	28/4 – 3/5	Q&A			
9	5/5 – 9/5	Q&A	Progress review	50% demo	
10	12/5 – 16/5	Q&A			
11	19/5 – 23/5	?		75% demo	Preliminary report
12	26/5 – 30/5				
13	2/6 – 6/6	Closing lecture		Final testing	Final report and addendum

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Coming soon! ←

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# FAQ Roundup

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- **How many pages is the preliminary report?**
  - 5 pages, plus appendices

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# The reports

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- The final report is the major written assessment piece of the class:
  - Detail your work done to make your car works
  - Detail the analytical approach you used
  - Convince me that you followed a sane and considered approach in finding your solution
- The preliminary report is just the same
  - Only sooner!

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# The preliminary report

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- The preliminary report allows us to give you useful FEEDBACK prior to assigning marks
- Once handed in, we will endeavour to return useful comments to you the next week
  - Use the comments to improve the final report!
- Pass/fail assessment – 20 per cent.

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# The preliminary report

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- The preliminary report must:
  - Contain the majority of content and structure of the final report
  - Constitute a complete, polished report in its own right (preliminary, *not draft.*)
- The preliminary report must not:
  - Be an unstructured jumble of material
  - Be an incomplete, feeble effort



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# The preliminary report

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- Preliminary report due in Week 11
  - That's next week
  - That's only *TEN* days away!
- The final report is due in Week 13
  - Last day of semester

OMG! Get started now!!

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# Questions

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# Tune-in next time for...

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“The few, the brave – the ‘nominated representatives’.”

Fun fact: Paul’s new rotorcraft drive system is beautiful.