

Digital Product Innovation and Development

Pre-Course Meeting
10.02.2026

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- Research institute for software-intensive systems
- Tightly coupled with TUM
- Close collaboration with industry

Requirements Engineering

- Research early in the development life-cycle
- Industry partners in various domains

Chair of Software Engineering for Data-Intensive Applications

- Provides academic guidance and institutional support

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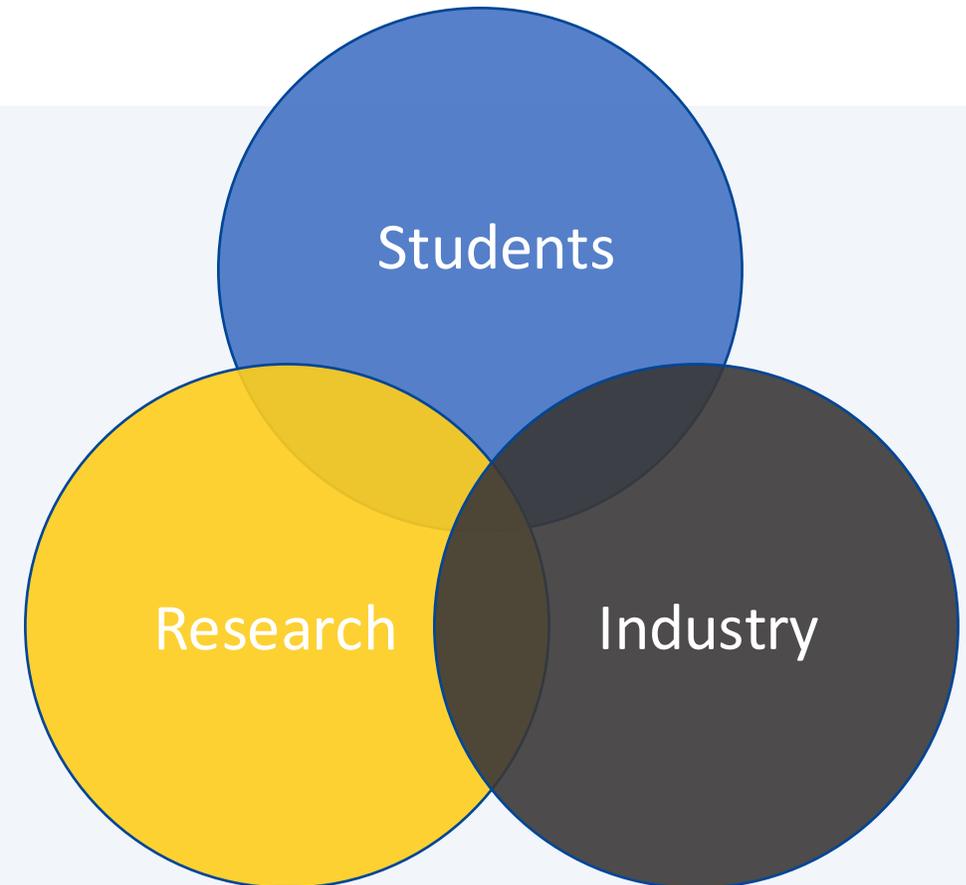
Our Motivation

Bring Students and Industry closer

- Provide students with real-world product development experience
- Provide space for students to easily connect with industry practitioners
- Connect industry partners with skilled students

Thesis Opportunities

- Contact between students and industry partners offering thesis topics
- Contact between students and PhD students offering thesis topics



The Course.

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Learning Goals

Problem Solving

Learn to tackle complex industrial challenges using innovative digital solutions.

Entrepreneurial Thinking

Cultivate entrepreneurial skills by formulating a product plan and navigating customer collaboration.

Technical Proficiency

Gain hands-on experience in creating technically excellent digital products.

Collaboration and Communication

Enhance teamwork and communication skills through group-based projects.

The Course

Outline

In a Nutshell

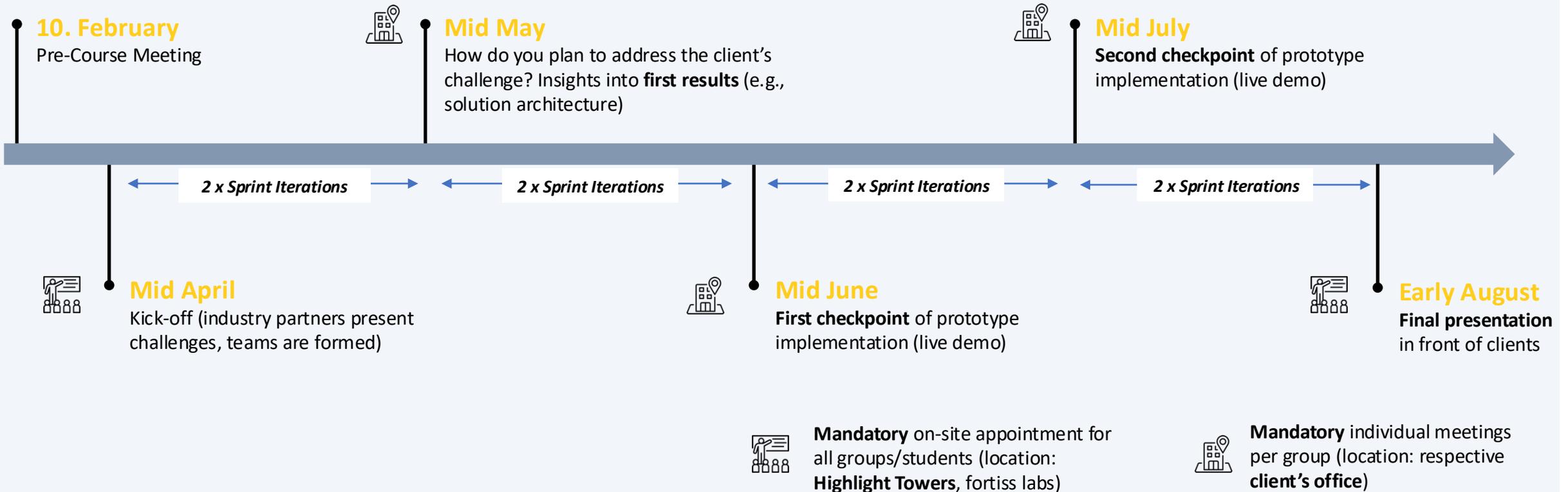
- Industry partners present challenges for students to solve
- Teams of up to 5 students collaborate to address these challenges

In Detail

- Start (mid of april): Presentation of challenge and team assembly
- Teams work in 2 week sprints with predefined deliverables for every month
- Teams get feedback from industry partner
- End (early august): Final presentation and hand-over to industry partner

The Course

Timeline



The Course

Roles

Industry Partner



Defines challenges and provides industrial resources and feedback.

Client Stakeholder



Delivery Coach



Guides teams and ensures project alignment.

Product and Development Team

Project Manager



Handles external communication & Goal achievement

DevOps Engineer



Implementation of CI/CD infrastructure.

The Course

Past Challenges

Asylum and Refugee Communication



Predictable AI Code Generation



Security Compliance Assessment



Event Exchange Platform



AI Feedback on Student Videos



Project Staffing Application



The Course

Our Expectations

In a Nutshell

- Commitment, Excellence & Professionalism

Commitment

- The course is worth 10 ECTS and we expect you to put in the work.
- This course is not easy credits, but also the rewards are high.

Excellence

- We don't expect you to know everything.
- But we expect solid knowledge in software engineering (e.g. modeling, architecture, programming languages).
- Results are expected to be of high quality.

Professionalism

- We provide you access to our industry partners. Hence we expect professional appearance and communication.
- As in a realistic industrial setting, independent working attitude is a must.
- The participants in our course come from different backgrounds and study programs. Learn from each other.

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Application

Head over to <https://dpid2026.de> and submit your application for the course
The more information you give us, the easier for us

2 mandatory checks:

- MIT License: We will develop everything under MIT license
- NDA: It might be necessary to sign an NDA with the company of your challenge

⚠ **Deadline: 17.02.2025** ⚠



Next Steps

Summary

Next Steps

- **Until 17.02. Apply for Course**

In a Nutshell: Why Should You Apply?

- **Freedom to Innovate:** Choose your tech stack and let your creativity shine.
- **Hands-On Experience:** Work on real industry cases and understand practical workflows.
- **Comprehensive Learning:** Explore the entire development cycle, from ideation to prototype delivery.
- **Expert Guidance:** Gain mentorship from delivery coaches and collaborate with industry professionals.

Further Information



<https://www.fortiss.org/en/career/digital-product-innovation-and-development>

Vielen Dank!



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