Introduction to Technical English

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Syllabus

This course has two principal focuses: reading and grammar.

1. Reading: we will read authentic texts on a variety of subjects related to computing. Specific techniques to improve your reading skills will be taught.
2. Grammar: we will first review the forms and uses of verb tenses, then give special attention to the passive voice, relative clauses, comparatives and superlatives, the uses of infinitives and gerunds, linking expressions, conditional sentences, the use of modal verbs and imperatives, word-formation and complex noun-phrases, and the use of determiners and pronouns. We will also work on how information is organized within a text.

Course materials

1. *A Reading Course for Computing*, by Carmen Rueda Ramos, Elisabet Arnó i Macià and Antonia Soler Cervera, Cedecs Editorial, SL. Please bring this textbook to all Theory classes.
2. *Intermediate Language Practice* by Michael Vince, Heinemann ELT. Please bring this textbook to all Theory classes.
3. Materials for use in the Practice classes will be put on the EUIS intranet.

We also recommend that you bookmark these computing reference websites:
http://www.wordreference.com/ *(Collins Concise Eng-Span/Span-Eng dictionary)*
http://www.telefonica.es/fat/elex.html *(Spanish-English dictionary of terms)*
http://www.pcwebopaedia.com/ *(in English)*

Assessment/Evaluation

The final exam will constitute 60% of your grade, the remaining 40% will correspond to the marks you get in your practice exercises. Students have to take both parts.

N= nota final
T= teoria $N = T*0.6 + P*0.4$ iff $T > 4$ and $P > 4$
P= pràctiques