

Conduction of Exams: Analogous vs. Digital

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Statement of the Problem

- Digital Examinations and Analogous Examinations differ in substantial aspects
 - Formalities
 - Preparation
 - Conduction
 - Grading
- Security concerns for Digital Examinations exist







Structure of Exams

- Three phases
 - Preparation
 - Conduction
 - Grading
- These phases...
 - ... are valid for all types of exams
 - ... differ more or less from each other for Digital and Analogous Examinations









Structure of Exams - Preparation

- Only small differences
- Exam sheets for Analogous Examinations are mostly prepared on the computer nowadays (but do not have to be printed)

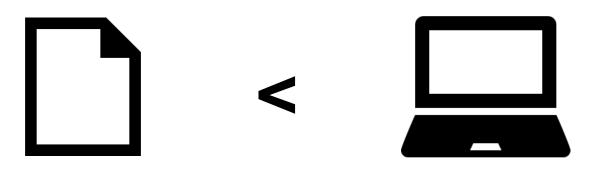






Structure of Exams - Conduction

- Digital Examinations improve ...
 - ... timing (same {start, end, operating time})
 - ... the handling of technicalities (attendance list, visiting the toilet)
 - \ldots the ways of posing and answering questions during the exam
 - ... the handling of sheets of paper (no additional sheets needed, no sheets can get lost)

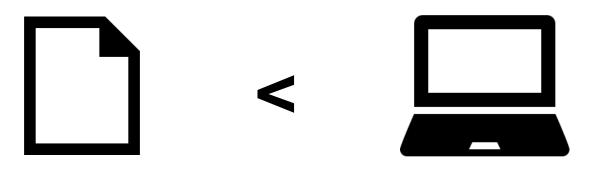






Structure of Exams - Grading

- In Digital Examinations, students' results are available digitally
 - Readability improves a lot!
 - Digital tools can be used for the correction, e.g. a debugger for programming assessment
 - Answers can be corrected (semi-)automatically
 - No switch between paper for correction and computer for tracking grades, therefore less prone to errors









Security Threats

- Threats are the same for Digital and Analogous Examinations
 - Access to unauthorized information
 - Communication with other students
- Digital Examinations offer more opportunities to cheat, but ...
 - ... these opportunities require a lot of effort to exploit
 - \ldots the traditional opportunities are a lot easier to exploit
 - ... offer more opportunities to detect cheating in the same manner



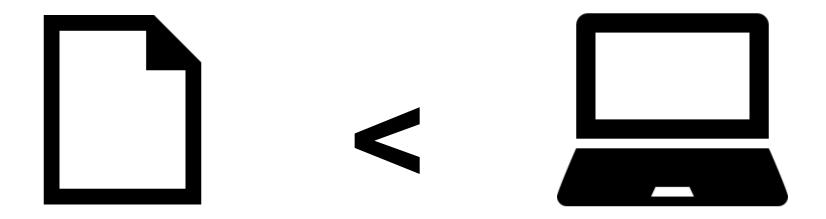






Summary

- Security threats exist in similar forms for both, Digital and Analogous Examinations
- Digital Examinations are, from our point of view, at least as secure as Analogous Examinations
- The advantages of Digital Examinations outweigh the disadvantages







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Are there any questions or comments?



