

Electric Power Systems Lab EG201X DEGREE PROJECT IN ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEMS 26 September 2011

Exercise

Presentation Technique

You will give several oral presentations during your master degree project. In this exercise, you will be given some advice on how to create a good presentation. You will compare three different ways to present the background and objectives of a master degree project.

Background

For a modern engineer it is crucial to be able to present technical problems and solutions in meetings and conferences, and oral presentations is therefore considered important in the engineering education at KTH. This is emphasised in the course objectives of degree project courses, which states that students should be able to

"document and present one's work with strict requirements on structure, format, and language usage."

This course objective is in its turned based on the requirements for a Master of Science in Engineering degree according to the Swedish Higher Education Ordinance, which states that the student should

"demonstrate the ability to present his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in speech and writing to different audiences in both national and international contexts."

As part of the Degree Project course, you will be given the opportunity to further practice presentation techniques. The first step is this exercise, and you will then practice your skills in start-up and mid presentations in order to be prepared for the final presentation, which will be graded as described in the course syllabus.

Instructions

Go to the course web page and select "Exercises" in the menu. Go to the Presentation Technique exercise. In the menu on the right hand side of this web page you can find the instructions (i.e., this document) and three example presentations. Moreover, on the start page of the course, you can find instructions on presentation of a master thesis.

Start by looking at the three example presentations. The examples are intended to be used as slides for a start-up presentation of a master thesis project. Make a table, where you notice what

you like and what you do not like about the three presentations.

Next, you read the guide on master thesis presentation. Considering the advice given in the guide, update your table with pros and cons of the three presentations.

Finally, you write a small report including the two tables with some additional comments and conclusions. Discuss this report in a telephone meeting or a direct meeting with your supervisor. If possible, several students can meet in a seminar and have a group discussion of their observations together with a KTH teacher.