How the DAT390 report will be graded

General rule: As a basic orientation, grading on the "A" to "F" character scale is applied in line with the UHR's decision on grading master theses (see <u>assessment form</u> and <u>specification of grades</u>). This is not applied 1:1, but taking account of the status of work from DAT390; in particular, that the reports need to be shorter than master theses and that they are at an earlier stage, so that they contain preliminary results only, rather than the output from a completed research effort.

The *standard* for evaluation is the same as for a master thesis, but the scope is different; the <u>UHR assessment form</u> is adjusted to these circumstances as follows:

Introduction and theory

- Literature review and disciplinary context (10 points)
- Technical grounding and theoretical insight (10 points)
- Goal description (10 points)

Methods and working practice

- Choice and justification of working methods (10 points)
- Good practice related to data (10 point)

Results and discussion

- Preliminary results and/or feasibility demonstration (10 points)
- Analysis and discussion (10 points)
- Critical reflection and plans or suggestions for future work (10 points)

Form and academic writing¹

- Structure and form (10 points)
- Language (10 points)

Other than those highlighted, the sub-criteria above are taken over from the UHR form. They have the same meaning here as originally specified by the UHR for master theses.

The *methodology* for the assessment also differs from that for the master thesis in that the prospective supervisor (of the master thesis) is not involved in the grading.

¹ This replaces the "Presentation" criterion in the UHR document while still using analogous sub-criteria.

Scale for the sub-criteria

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10 points near perfect
8 points very good, only minimal improvement possible
6 points good, but clear improvement possible
4 points just acceptable for master degree standard
2 points some value, but insufficient for master degree standard
0 points negligible value
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The odd integer values in between can be given as well (but no fractional points).

Overall grade table

A: 90 - 100 points
B: 80 - 89 points
C: 60 - 79 points
D: 50 - 59 points
E: 40 - 49 points
F: 0 - 39 points