

„Databases decides if you'll have a degree...

- ...and Computer Graphics decides when”
/phrase by Hungarian CS students/
- hardest subject so far – among the most useful ones too
- requires full attention, regular studying and *honest* commitment
- other courses are lighter than their Hungarian equivalents, Databases isn't
 - same degree – same requirements towards students
- if you only know the material word-by-word – you fail
 - word-by-word knowledge is not knowledge
- if you understand, know and can apply the underlying logic – you pass

what can you get here?

- this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship
 - if you're here for knowledge
 - if you want full-stack engineering skills directly applicable in industry
 - if you want to learn from people with industrial experience on the field
 - if you regard BME your only full-time workplace (which it is)
 - if you have another workplace – it is your business, not ours
- this will be seriously problematic
 - if you want to *just* pass – you probably won't (according to our experience)
 - if you're only here for the degree
 - if you don't want to understand the massive underlying logic

when should you drop this subject?

- if you only want a paper from BME
 - drop the course, come back when you want knowledge instead
- if you plan to not visit each lecture, practice or laboratory
 - drop the course, and come back when you can devote your time to this
- if your English is not fluent
 - drop the course, learn some English, and come back later
 - I will assume that you speak English fluently

presence

- lab practices and tutorials formally require presence
- presence is not just being at class
- you will not be accounted as present if
 - you come, sign your name/write your entry test and then leave
 - you come, sit through the practice class but do something completely different

how to fail?

- by only coming for the paper
- by not aiming at profound understanding of the material
- by not being present
- by not asking questions when you have any uncertainties
- by not practicing

- already discussed

how to pass?

- study regularly, each week
- try to understand the underlying logic
- come prepared to each class
- do the entire exercise book
- ASK when you have any questions/doubts/obstacles/medical emergencies/etc.
 - via e-mail
 - in person
 - at any time
- **read the course website from beginning to end**
 - db.bme.hu/databases/

Have fun!

whether you will or not depends on you