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Prospective Student Day

Doctoral Study Programme Computer and Information Science

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Faculty of Computer and
Information Science





Why Become a Doctoral Student at FRI?



Our Successful Doctoral Students



HARVARD
UNIVERSITY

Asst. Prof. dr. Marinka Žitnik, 2015
Harvard University

Genialis

dr. Nejc Škoberne, 2013
CEO & Co-founder of Genialis
dr. Miha Štajdohar, 2012
CTO & Co-founder of Genialis

ZemantaTM
an **Outbrain** Company

dr. Martin Jakomin, 2019
Zemanta

facebook.

dr. Jure Žbontar, 2016
Facebook



dr. Tom Vodopivec, 2018
CEO & Co-founder of Reveris



dr. Sanja Fidler, 2010
CEO of NVIDIA AI Research

Modern Facilities



12 Computer Classrooms



19 Research Laboratories



**Access to
HPC RIVR –**
among Top 100
supercomputers
(10 PetaFLOPS,
120.000 cores)

Research



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**Systems and
networks**

**Machine perception
and multimedia**

**Computational
biology**

**Software
engineering and
informatics**

**Machine learning
and artificial
intelligence**

**Theoretical computer
science and
mathematical
methods**

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Laboratories

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Mentors

fri.uni-lj.si/en/mentors

Doctoral theses

<https://repozitorij.uni-lj.si/Statistika.php>



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- Methods of network embeddings and their applications, 2021
- Visual ear detection and recognition in unconstrained environments, 2021
- Automated planning with induced qualitative models in dynamic robotic domains, 2021
- Representing visual entities with deep hierarchical and compositional models, 2021
- Discriminative appearance models for efficient correlation-based visual object tracking, 2021
- Bayesian models for multivariate count data, 2021
- Quality of service-aware co-engineering of cloud applications, 2021
- Approximate multipliers for energy-efficient computing, 2021
- Semi-automatic reconstruction and documentation of software development methods, 2020
- Incremental matrix factorization for simultaneous learning from parallel data streams, 2019
- Scalable matrix factorization for data fusion, 2019
- Learning of text-level discourse parsing, 2019
- Emotion Recognition on Twitter Using Neural Networks, 2019
- Semantics-based automated essay evaluation, 2018
- Prediction of aircraft trajectories for air traffic control using machine learning approaches, 2018
- Compositional hierarchical model for music information retrieval, 2018
- Learning decision rules with evolutionary optimization, 2018
- Proactive risk management in information systems, 2018
- Multi-level monitoring and rule-based reasoning in the adaptation of time-critical cloud applications, 2018
- Low-rank matrix factorization in multiple kernel learning, 2018

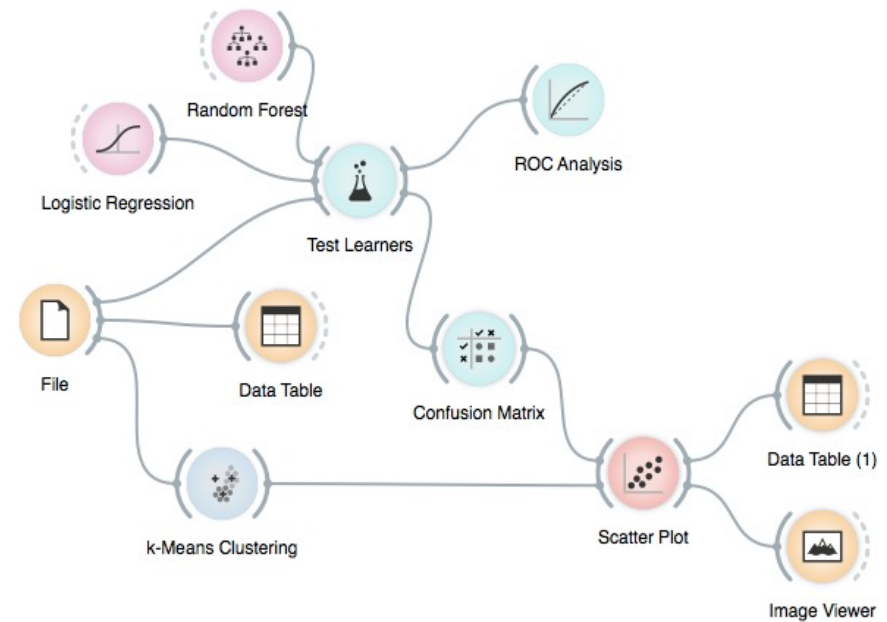
Orange Data Mining

<http://orange.biolab.si>

- **28,000** monthly downloads
- **24,900** Youtube subscribers
- **2,576,000** views on Youtube



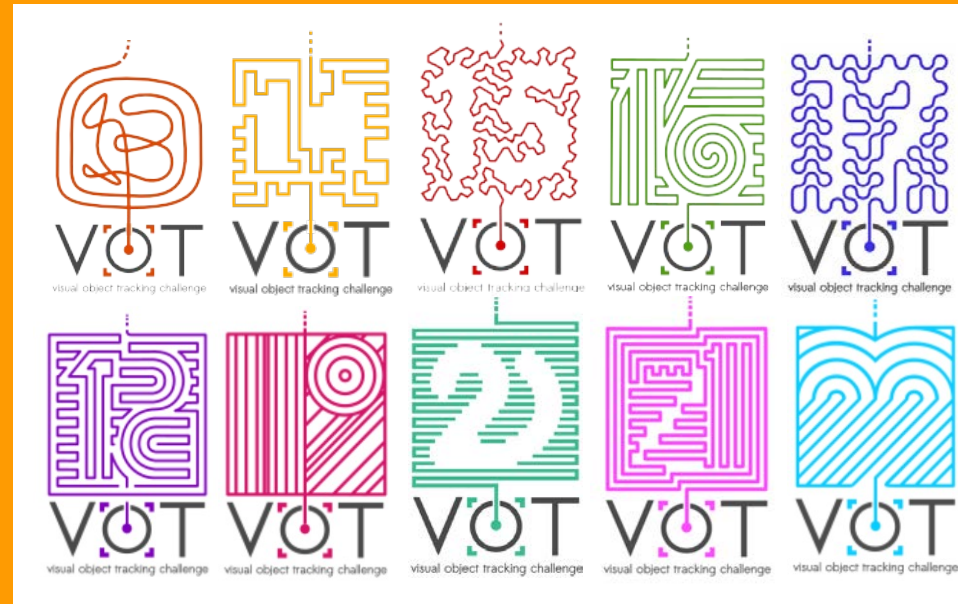
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VOT – Visual Object Tracking initiative

<http://www.votchallenge.net>

- **Running since 2013**
10th anniversary in 2022
- **VOT2022:** 7 specialized subchallenges
- **Workshop papers with over 100 coauthors**
- **VOT publications cited:** ~3000 (Google Scholar)



ICCV2013 Sidney
ECCV2014 Zürich
ICCV2015 Santiago de Chile
ECCV2016 Amsterdam
ICCV2017 Venice
ECCV2018 Munchen
ICCV2019 Seoul
ECCV2020 Glasgow
ICCV2021 Virtual
ECCV2022 Tel Aviv



Deep-learning-based Computer Vision

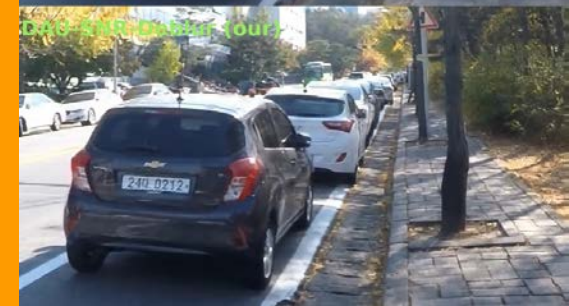
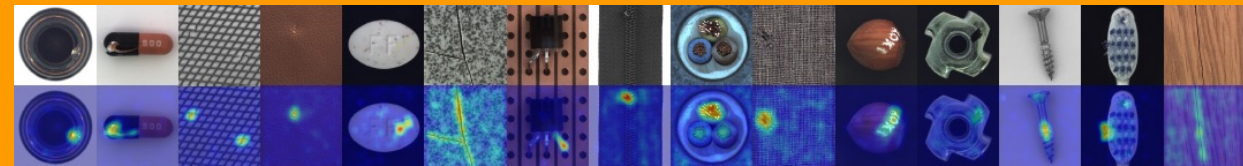
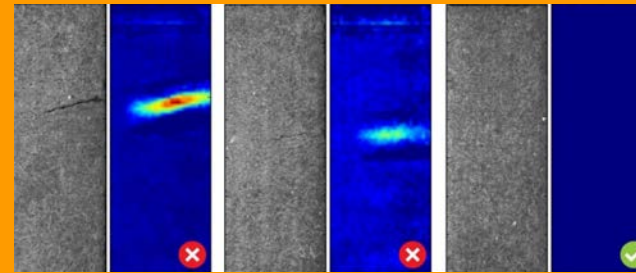
- Data-driven learning-based machine vision
- Segmentation-based surface anomaly detection
- From supervised to unsupervised learning
- Vision for robotics
- Image enhancement
- Visual tracking
- Biometrics:

Sclera-based Identity Recognition

Ear Biometrics

De-Identification

Soft-Biometric Privacy Enhancement

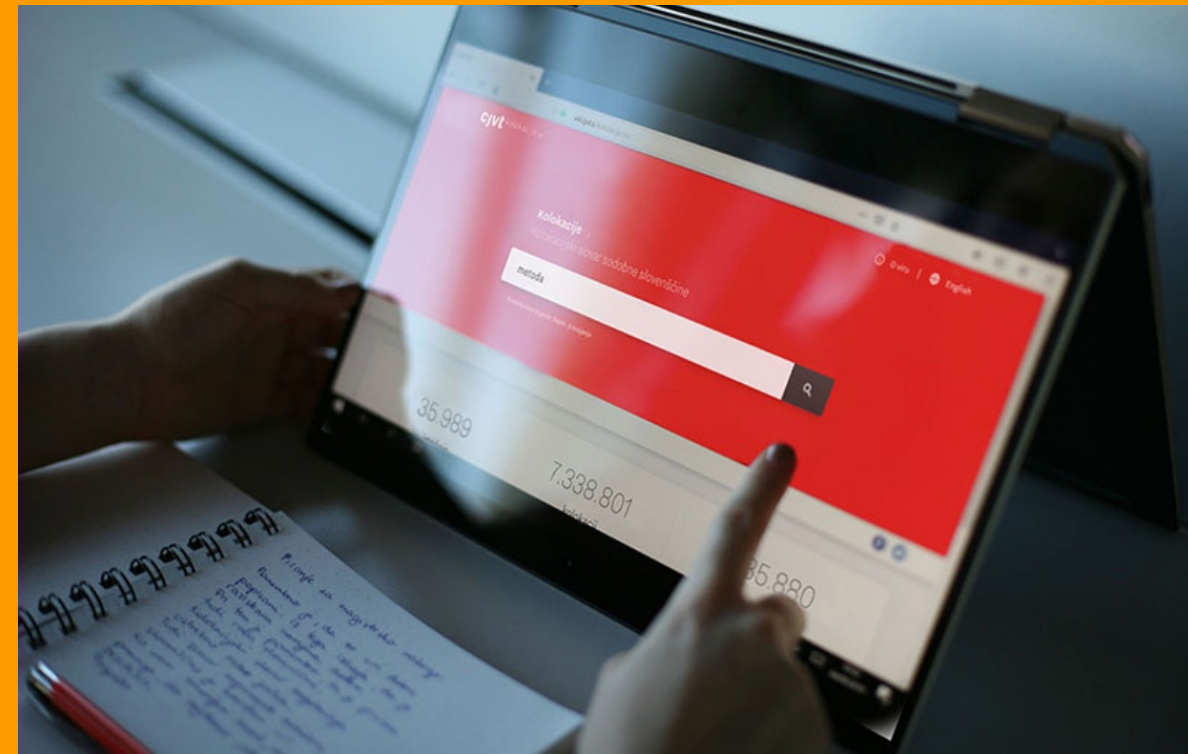


Development of Slovene in a Digital Environment

Language Resources and Technologies

<https://www.cjvt.si/rsdo>

- Computational tools and services in the field of language technologies for Slovene
- Natural language Smart assistants
- Open license of software and databases
- Speech recognition
- Speech transcription
- Machine translation
- Terminology extraction
- Terminology portal





1st Year



2nd Year



3rd Year



4th Year



Study Programme

Elective Courses

2022/2023

- Machine Learning for Language and Graphs
- Advanced Algorithms for Search and Planning
- INFOSEC of Socio-Technical Systems
- Heterogeneous Computing Platforms
- Computer Graphics and Visualization
- Low-Power Hardware Designs for Next-Generation Signal Processing and Machine Learning Applications

2023/2024

- Incremental Learning from Data Streams
- Modern Cryptography and Computer Security
- Advanced Topics in Ubiquitous Sensing and Learning
- Predictive Analytics for Structured Data
- Optimization Methods for Large Networks
- Selected Topics in Analysis of Sound Signals
- Tensor Networks for Machine Learning

International Collaborations

Collaborations with world-renowned institutions:

- **Joint Research Centre of European Commission (Italy)**
– doctoral partnership on cybersecurity and biometrics;
- **The European Organization for Nuclear Research – CERN (Switzerland);**
- **Chinese Academy of Sciences (China)** – joint Chinese-Slovenian virtual laboratory for high performance computing;
- **Kyungpook National University (South Korea)** – joint research in computer vision and wireless computing and a double degree study;
- **University College London (UK)** – joint research in bioinformatics and mobile computing;
- **Baylor College of Medicine (USA)** – joint research in bioinformatics;
- **University of Birmingham (UK)** – joint research in computer vision and robotics;
- **Czech Technical University in Prague (Czech republic)** – joint research in computer vision;
- **Alpe-Adria University Klagenfurt (Austria)** – joint research in computer compilers and algorithmics;
- **University of Belgrade (Serbia)** – joint research in sport statistics and computational linguistics;
- **KAUST – King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (Saudi Arabia)** – computer graphics and visualization technology for depicting the life forms from atoms to organisms



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**Total number of
collaborating
institutions**

Internal fund for research and study visits abroad!

A photograph of three young adults, two men and one woman, walking through a modern building with large glass windows. They are all smiling and appear to be in conversation. The man on the left is wearing a light blue button-down shirt and dark jeans, with a backpack. The woman in the middle is wearing a white top and blue jeans, also with a backpack. The man on the right is wearing a grey hoodie and blue jeans, holding a water bottle. The building has a high ceiling and large windows that look out onto a cityscape with other buildings and a body of water. The text "Open to Foreign Students" is overlaid in a large, orange, sans-serif font on the right side of the image.

Open to
Foreign Students





About Slovenia

Slovenia is one of the greenest European countries. Mediterranean Coast, snowy mountain tops of Julian Alps or thermal spa resorts in the Eastern part, famous for its wines, are all just an hour's drive from Ljubljana, the lively and picturesque capital of Slovenia.



Student Life in Ljubljana

- Peaceful and safe city
- Low living costs:
 - 400–500€/month
 - Subsidized lunch, transportation
 - Dorms for exchange students
- Tech events for students

Study in Ljubljana, discover Slovenia



How to Apply for the Doctoral Programme?

Apply Online

Apply at eVŠ Portal

<http://portal.evs.gov.si/prijava>

Master or pre-bologna
equivalent study programme

Application Deadline

1 June 2022

Enrolment in September 2022

Application Enclosures

- a well-structured CV
- a certified copy of your bachelor or master's degree
- a GPA certificate of exams and tutorials
- a motivation letter
- 2 recommendation letters
- mentors's acceptance statement
- short conceptual design of the research work

Tuition Fees

4200 € for 1st and 2nd year

3000 € for 3rd and 4th year

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Assistance to International Students by International Office

Assistance in applying for:

- study programme online via eVŠ platform
- visa, residence permit
- JRC call

Advising on:

- documentation for recognition of education
- finding an apartment in Ljubljana
- basic information about living in Slovenia

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Open Positions and Scholarships

<https://fri.uni-lj.si/en/career-faculty>

- **Researcher**
Computational approaches for the analysis of rhythmic datasets and their application to biological, environmental and traffic data
Contact: *miha.moskon@fri.uni-lj.si*
- **Teaching assistant**
Computational approaches for the reconstruction and analysis of context-specific models for systems medicine and systems biology applications
Contact: *miha.moskon@fri.uni-lj.si*
- **Researcher**
Data-driven learning-based machine vision
Contact: *danijel.skocaj@fri.uni-lj.si*
- **Researcher/Teaching assistant**
High-Performance Computing, Parallel programming, CPU Architecture, Hardware-software co-design
Contact: *branko.ster@fri.uni-lj.si*
- **Teaching assistant**
Cloud-native architecture development
Contact: *matjaz.juric@fri.uni-lj.si*
- **Researcher**
Computer Graphics and/or Visualization empowered by machine learning
Contact: *ciril.bohak@fri.uni-lj.si*

Computer graphics and visualization

Biological processes and data on micro/nano level

Asst. prof. dr. Ciril Bohak – ciril.bohak@fri.uni-lj.si

- Reconstruction of electron microscopy data:
e.g. cryo-ET.
- Segmentation and analysis of microscopy data:
e.g. structure, background segmentation.
- (Procedural) Modeling of biological systems on a molecular level:
e.g. viruses, bacteria, cell organelles.
- Simulating parts of electron microscope using
deep learning models: e.g. Simulating noise, electron beam, sensors.
- Deep learning methods in computer graphics:
e.g. end-to-end differentiable rendering of volumetric data.



<https://cemse.kaust.edu.sa/vcc>

A man with glasses and a beard is shown in profile, looking at a computer. He is wearing a dark sweater. There are three monitors. The left monitor shows lines of code. The middle monitor shows a 3D visualization of a fish-like object with a red and orange gradient, surrounded by blue and white lines. The right monitor shows a dark interface with some text and icons. The text "Testimonials of Doctoral Students" is overlaid in a yellow, sans-serif font. There is a small yellow dot to the left of the word "Testimonials" and a yellow zigzag line below the word "Students".

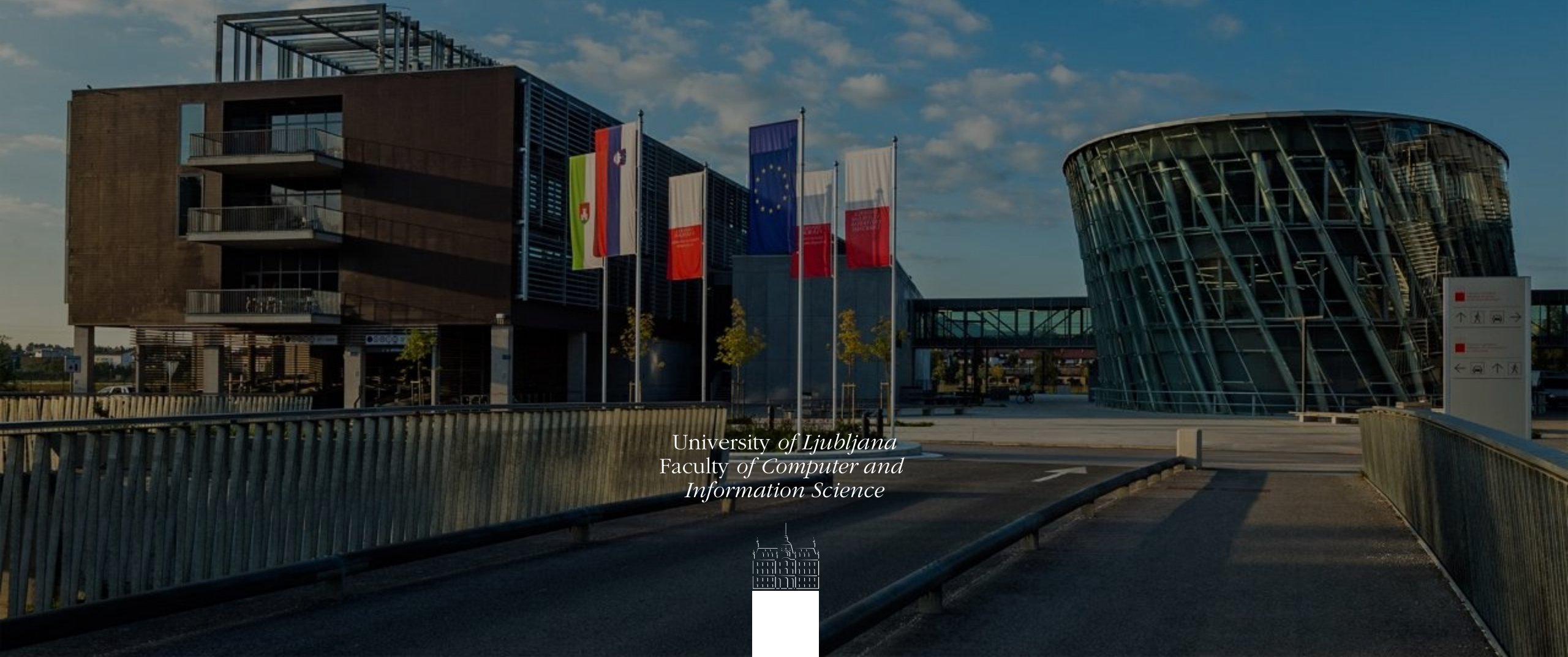
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Questions & Answers

