



PROJECT ISSUES

Student Perspective

The project I was working on was suggested by my supervisor and was extremely complex. It's cutting-edge research. So I had zero or probably two percent knowledge in the area when I started—I'd read a little bit, but not very much. So it was a matter of trying to up-skill myself to actually understand the language because it's very thick, like, one sentence, when I first read it, I didn't have a clue. So I spent months and months up-skilling myself to actually understand the research. All the reading I was doing ... I was so confused, oh my god, so although the model was there I just couldn't link it to the project I was planning to do... and I think when I look back at my work I produced at the time it was clear I wasn't getting it. But I did get there with the literature at least—I was quite proud of myself. But I did say to my supervisor from the beginning, this strikes me as a PhD project rather than an honours and I've said that numerous times. And I guess that was one of my concerns, that it was way beyond my capabilities and it just wasn't doable within the time frame. In hindsight I think that it's a bit of an ask for this particular project to have been an honours project. It really needed someone who understands research a little bit better, who had more research training and experience.



