

The Literature Survey

The Literature Survey, a six page report that is due at 2pm on 19 June, is a study to assess the potential direction the project will take. The objective of the study is to identify the appropriate literature that will allow a decision to be made regarding the future direction of the project. The literature identified should include academic journal articles suitable for use within the literature survey of the final report.

In the report do not simply list each book or paper you have read, the objective of the report is to show you have read and understood it. More importantly you need to show how the articles you have read relate to one another.

Start your survey by defining the important areas within your project and then select the important themes and show how each of the articles relate (and inter-relate to these themes).

A possible format for the report is:

Page 1	Project title; Student and Supervisor names; Definition of problem background/environment/themes. Definition of terms.
Pages 2-4	Important issues of identified themes from results of reading.
Page 5	Proposed direction of project.
Page 6	Conclusions and references.

The report will be read by the project supervisor and feedback given.