

# 3 Steps to a successful DT project

**First:** make sure you know what the topic of the project is and why you are doing the project. Is this project going to be used as a reference for another project in the future? How is this project using the theory covered in class? Make sure that you know what the general question or topic is so that you know the focus of the task.

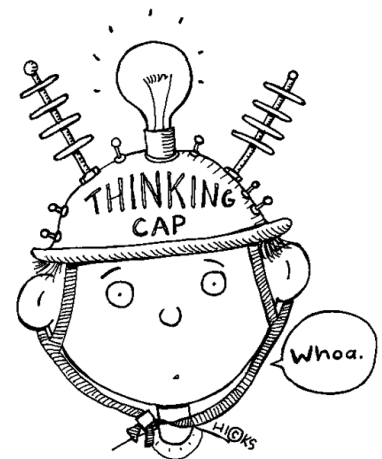
**Second:** make sure you know what the WHOLE project entails. If there are different sections, make sure you know how the marks are divided between these sections so that you know where most of your effort and focus must go. Don't waste time on small details that are irrelevant in the bigger picture. Make sure you cover the main aspect of the project before going on to add extra detail.

**Third:** stick to the constraints. If the project requires that you use certain materials, or that there is a size constraint, then stick to those specifications. Extra marks cannot always be awarded for an excellent piece of work that is off topic or not exactly within the constraints.

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DT projects generally need a lot of thought and planning. Remember that you don't get these projects with the expectation that you will get 100%, but rather with the expectation that you will learn something.

Getting into the habit of researching for projects will help you gain a better perspective on the work you are covering, and will also help you to learn more from it. No matter how small, there is always something to be gained from doing a project properly from start to finish.



## **REMEMBER:** Always ask questions!

The best professionals in the world only achieved success because they asked learned to ask the right questions.

You must do the same and ask for clarification on anything you are unsure about.