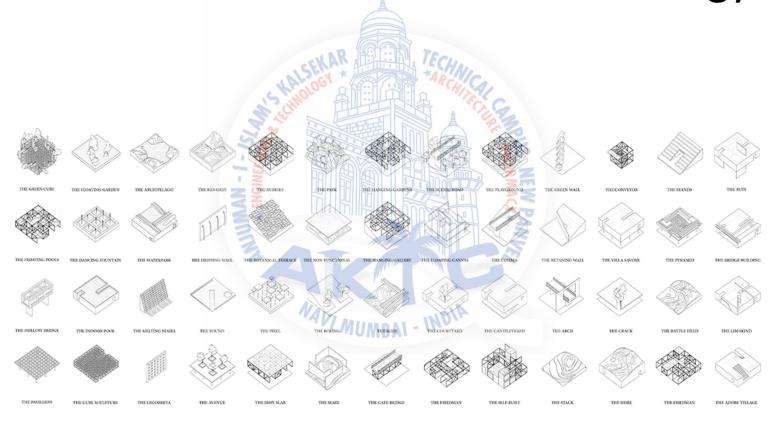
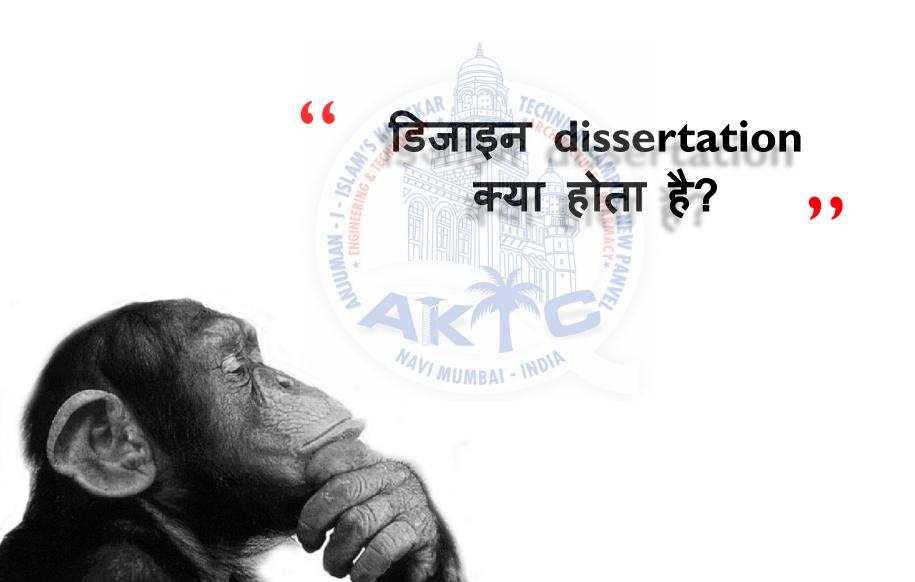


Design Dissertation

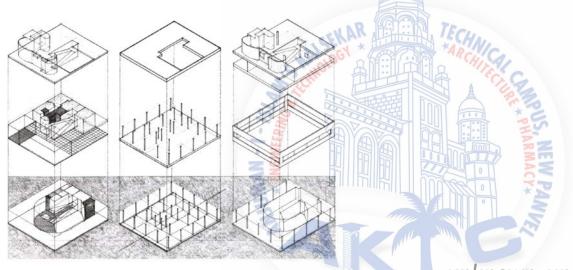
+ Research methodology





Design

known, explored and exploited in last 4 academic years



Dissertation

unknown, unexplored & confusing





Design

noun

a specification of an object manifested by an agent, intended to accomplish goals, in a particular environment, using a set of primitive components, satisfying a set of requirements, subject to constraints to create a design, in an environment.

Dissertation

noun

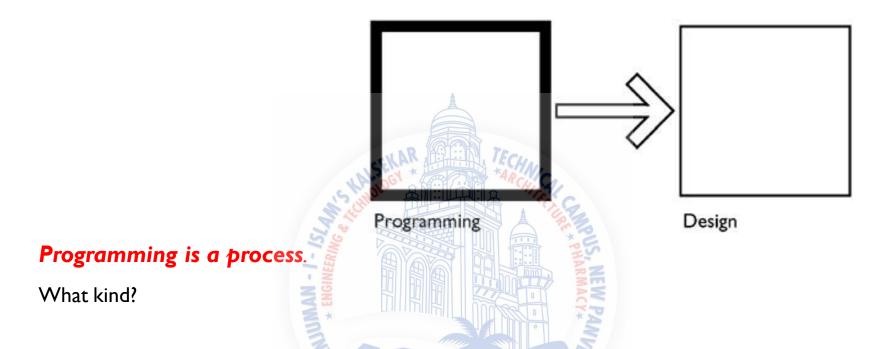


a long essay/research/study on a particular subject, especially one written for a university degree or diploma.

Your THESIS PROPOSAL is the one project that should integrate all you're learning in your 4-year (or so...) stay in Bachelor of Architecture. It is supposed to justify your right to graduate. So, you will have to dig into all the knowledge that you have acquired (architectural and otherwise) to come up with a project that is not only **feasible**, but is also **believable** and **distinctive**.

It begins with a identification of a problem, and ends at finding a solution to that problem. This is not an easy task. With a series of research works and evaluations (and re-evaluations), you need to come up with enough proof that your solution is right (research & case studies).

THE SEARCH begins --



"A process leading to the statement of an architectural intervention (need?) and the requirements to be met in offering a solution."

Statement of an architectural intervention -- This implies problem solving. Problem solving is a creative effort. There are many different problem-solving methods, but only those few that emphasize goals and concepts can be applied to architectural design problems.

Right now, you are faced with one big problem.

That is,

How Do You Come Up With
The Problem?

But before we get into that, you have to choose a certain scope or concern first. This will help you narrow down the number, the extent and the magnitude of the problem you wish (?) to solve.



how?

- ✓ **Formulation** or development of a project that does not exist yet.
- ✓ Generation of useful technical data or technical properties of new material or process.
- ✓ Improvement of existing knowledge.
- ✓ New application of an existing knowledge.
- ✓ Comparative study of two or more entities or development of an improved version of an existing one.
- ✓ Physical development of a research work.
- ✓ Documentation (Black Book)

CRITERIA FOR SELECTING A PROPOSAL

- The research topic must be one which **YOU** selected.
- It must be within Your Interest.
- It must be within your specialization.
- It should have definable limits to suit your available resources.
- It must be researchable and manageable.
- It must be completed within a reasonable span of time.
- Its solution must require original, critical and reflective thinking.
- It must be significant, important and relevant to the present time and situation.
- It must contribute to the national development goals for the improvement of quality of life.



PROPOSING PROJECT --

When you have already set your mind on a certain topic or problem, the next step is to find out its *physical application*. Your thesis, after all, does not just involve research. Most of the time, the topic or problem chosen must be translated into *a structure or a set of guidelines*. Here are some questions to help you determine what kind of project you may carry out to interpret your research.

- I. What are your interests? What are your life experiences?
- 2. Do you know of **any organizations** or groups that support your interest? They may have possible projects.
- 4. Do you know of any possible **proposal by a government agency** and unit which you can further develop?
- 5. Are you aware of any **new concept**, technology or project which may be tested or feasibility in local application?

Every student has to know the BUILD FORMS from below mentioned list--

CULTURAL

INSTITUTIONAL

RECREATIONAL

CONSERVATION

RESIDENTIAL

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

LEISURE MIXED USE ADOPTIVE **GOVERNMENT RELIGIOUS**

REGIONAL

COMMERCIAL

Others

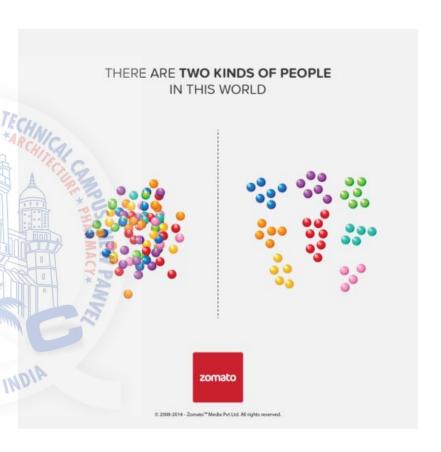
THESIS PROPOSAL CONSIDERATION

- ✓ In general, the thesis proposal should be modest projects, similar to programs attempted in Semester VI or IX (scale of a project?).
- ✓ The Thesis is also a comprehensive summary of what has been learned to date, so technical competence (services, sustainable, structures etc.) must be exhibited in all aspects of a Thesis project.
- ✓ Thesis projects will not only be judged on the quality of work presented, but also on the processes used to produce it.

What you should do?

- **✓ Think precise** (clarity of thought)
- ✓ Think specific (stay focused, don't get sidetracked).
- ✓ Think realistic (what is achievable and how much time have you got in which to do it, and how are you going to measure it?)
- ✓ Think as an Architect.
- ✓ <u>Talk over your proposal on a regular</u>

 <u>basis with your Guide and others.</u>







frequently asked QUESTIONS

- ✓ What is the title of your thesis?
- ✓ What do you mean by such title?
- ✓ Is there really a need for this kind of project?
- ✓ What is the main goal of your project? Research Objectives?
- ✓ What then is your Design goal? Design Objectives?
- ✓ Who are the direct beneficiaries of this project?
- ✓ What is your Design Philosophy?
- ✓ Explain to us your **Design Concept** for this project and how can you relate it to your **Philosophy**.
- ✓ How can you prove to us that the site chosen is the best site for this project?

Tick Box for self validating thesis project

| Is the project Feasible ? | Is your project relevant to present time? |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Is the project Unique? | Is your project relevant to present situation? |
| Is the project researchable? | Is the project within your specialization? |
| Are you passionate about project? | Does it improves quality of life? |

