

Phil's First Year

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I came to the Department of Computer Science at Coketown University by answering an advertisement for a research studentship in computer modelling. My first degree was in mathematics (I had gained a First) and I did not really think the department would be interested in me, though I was very interested in the subject matter. I was lucky in that the department was looking for someone with a mathematical background for the project. It all seemed very easy at the time. I went over to Coketown to look around the department, had a twenty minute interview with the Graduate Tutor and was accepted there and then. The department did not already have a supervisor for me but I accepted their assurances that '... this can all be tied up when you arrive'.

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My problems started once I'd settled in for my first year. I had done some reading around the topic before starting but the area was completely

