

CHOOSING and MANAGING a relationship with your advisor

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- Experience & Method
- Passion
- Support
- Network
- Reputation

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- Search
- Ask
- Experience

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- Communication
 - Establish trust
 - Understand and learn each other styles, references, etc.
- Keep your advisor(s) updated
- Meet regularly (rule of thumb: at least once every two weeks)

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How would you define a productive meeting with your advisor(s)?

How to prepare for one?

- What are different kinds of specific meeting structures that you and your advisors can set up?
- How to utilize communication channels (i.e. email, slack, git commits, in person meetings, etc.) to make the collaboration more effective?

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Worst case scenario: you can leave the program (possibly with a master)...

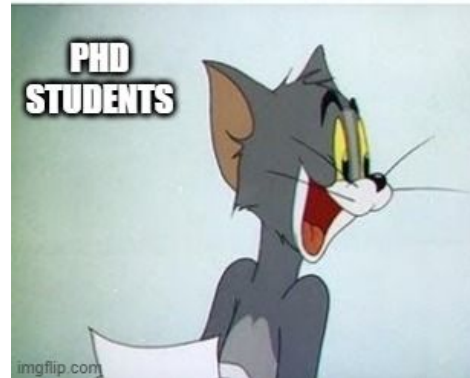
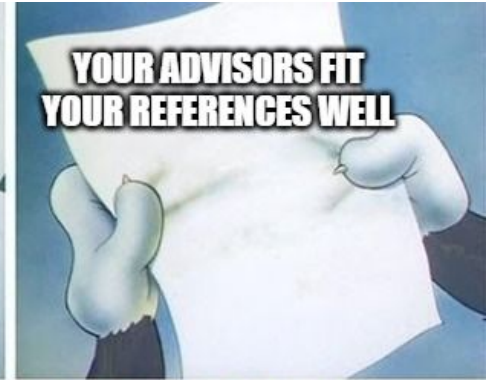
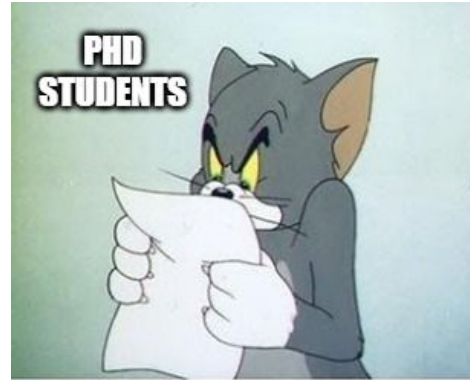
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(For Adam and Marco) - How would you react when you know or notice that your advisees are unhappy/uncomfortable about something related to their progress?

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- Make every meeting with your advisor(s) count.

References and useful links

1. [Choosing an Advisor - Caltech Counseling Center](#)
2. [Take Your Advisor's Perspective](#)
3. [Graduate Student Advice and Research Survival Guide](#)

Thank you for joining us today!

Special Thanks to Marco and Adam for very constructive feedback!!!