

Presentation Suggestions

1. Be excited about your research (without being long-winded about it). Vary your voice inflection.
2. Talk about something that you know and assume that your audience *does not* know.
3. Speak slowly and clearly.
4. Don't try to include your entire written report in a short talk. Either talk at a very high level, suggesting that the audience can get further details by talking to you in person or checking out your web page, or pick **one** exciting part of your research and talk about it. A lot of you did research on existing stuff and then used that to do your own thing. Spend your time talking about **your** contributions and your results, especially when you only have a short time.
5. It's OK and in fact is great to switch from PC to whiteboard to reading from a prepared script. Just be sure to practice your talk ahead of time, so you don't run out of time.
6. The general rule is one slide per minute of talk. Each slide should only have about 8 lines of text on it. You can then use the slides as hints to yourself of what you wanted to say rather than reading the gory detail of the slide. (I know. I do it too!)
7. TIME YOUR TALK! Practice in front of a mirror with a clock. Practice with your friends and/or research partners.