

Guidelines for Term Project Presentations

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This document lays out the skeleton for your term project presentations. All presentations *must follow* this skeleton. Presentations will be for 12 minutes (10 minutes for the talk and 2 minutes for Q&A) and it is expected that you have rehearsed your talk at least 3 times. If you are on slide 2 at the end of 5 minutes, it is a clear indication that you have not rehearsed your talk.

[1] Title Slide

This should include (a) The title of the presentation (b) all team members, (c) the course information: CS 455: Introduction to Distributed Systems, and (d) affiliation which would be Computer Science Department, Colorado State University.

[2] Background Information [1 slide]

Describe why the problem you have chosen matters; how this plays a role in our daily lives, etc.

[3] Problem characterization [1 slide]

This is a technical description of the problem. Your audience is your peers so express it in a way that they can appreciate.

[4] Methodology [3 slides]

This portion of your talk describes your solution to the problem. Identify the key elements of your solution; this may include: algorithms, data structures, software stack, etc.

[5] Performance Benchmarks [3 slides]

These should identify the experimental setting including the OS on the machines, the number of machines, dataset, etc. Identify experiments that you performed that substantiate your claims for the item [7] below.

[6] Insights & Conclusions [1 slide]

What are the key insights that you have gleaned since you started work on this project. Also, what are the assertions that you can make about your project.

Points distribution

The presentation will account for 5 points towards your cumulative course grade. The breakdown of the points is listed below.

Attendance is mandatory for the sessions on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. There is a 1 point deduction per-session that you are late OR leave early from – 10 minutes late-arrivals/early-departures will be used to enforce this. Use of laptops is NOT allowed during the sessions.

2 points	Technical depth of the presentation.
3 points	Quality of the presentation. All group members should present. It is important that you rehearse your presentation and not simply read from the slides.

Submission of Presentation Slides

You should submit your presentation slides as a .pptx (Microsoft PowerPoint format) via checkin. The deadline for submission is Friday, May 3rd @ 5:00 pm. There will be one submission per group. The checkin folder set aside for this submission is **TP-REPORTS**