## MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

## 10/01:

## Creating and Giving Presentations

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## Creating and Giving Presentations

- Creating
  - Organizing
  - Writing
  - Formatting
- Giving

#### Caveats

- Many Variations
  - Opinions
  - Situations
  - Audiences
  - Presenters
  - Etc...
- Seek Lots of Advice
- Hard to Generalize
- Always Exceptions to Every "Rule"
- Do what works for you.

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#### Canonical Organization

- Title
- Introduction
- Contents
  - Section 1
  - Section 2

- Section N
- Conclusion

Force yourself to be organized.

Your presentation should have

- a beginning
- an ending, and
- · flow.

#### Introduction

- The Point
  - What's the point?
  - What's the purpose?
  - What's the "take away"?
- The Plan
  - Go Over Presentation
    - Contents
    - Organization
  - Solicit Audience Questions About Plan

Assume that your audience will only remember exactly one thing.

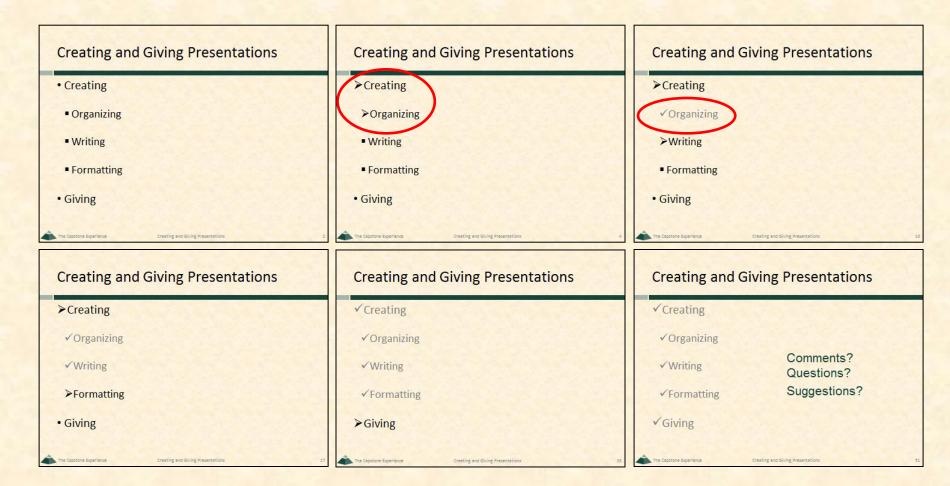
What do you want it to be?

#### Contents

- Plan on 30 to 120 seconds per slide.
- Create Continuous Flow
  - From Start to Finish
  - Avoid Forward References
- Keep Audience On Track
  - Use Contents Flow Mechanism
  - Where are we?
    - O What's done?
    - O What's left?



#### Contents Divider Slides





#### Conclusion

- Review
  - The Point
  - The Purpose
  - The "Take-Aways"
- Solicit
  - Comments
  - Reactions
  - Questions
  - Suggestions
  - Action Items
  - Etc.

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#### **Process**

- Avoid Writer's Block
- Create "Random" Slides (to Avoid Writer's Block)
  - Stream of Consciousness
  - Any Order
  - Title, With No Bullets
  - Bullets, With No Title
  - Ideas Slides(s)
  - Notes to Self
    - o Fix Me
    - Insert Illustration/Picture/Graph Here
    - Say Something About...
    - o Etc...

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- Edit, Prune & Organize Slides
- Create Contents & Divider Slides
- Refine

What messages do you want to convey?

#### Know and Target Your Audience

- Technical
- Non-Technical
- Business
- Marketing / Sales
- Customers
- Management
- Investors
- Etc...



#### **Know Your Time Limit**

- Time Per Slide
  - Variable
  - Plan on 30 to 120 seconds per slide.
- Plan on time for questions.
  - Manage During Talk
  - Allocate At End
- Respect the time limit.
  - Do not go over or under.
  - Over is bad.
  - Slightly under is good.
  - Way under is bad.
- · Practice.



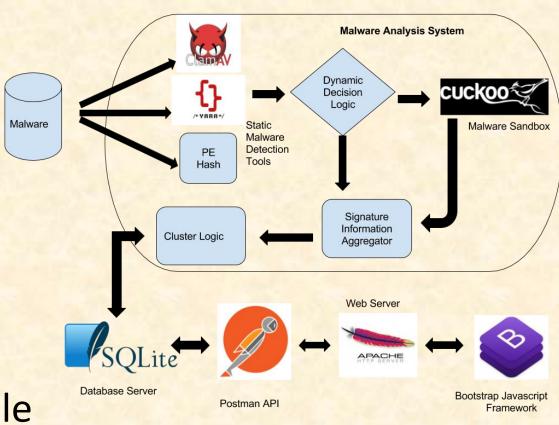
#### Less is more.

- Less
  - Slides
  - Bullet Points Per Slide
  - Words Per Bullet Point
- Chose Carefully
  - Slides
  - Bullet Points
  - Words
- Prune Continually
- Exceptions
  - Slides are Reference Document
  - Trying to Make a Point



#### "Pictures"

- Worth 1,000 of Words
  - Photos
  - Videos
  - Illustrations
  - Diagrams
  - Graphs
  - Charts
  - Clip Art
- But Keep Simple



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#### **Bullet Points**

- · Less is more.
  - Less Points Per Slide
  - Less Words Per Point
- Two or More
  - At Each Level
  - Avoid Single Sub Point
- Avoid
  - Single Sub Point
- Exception
  - Slide Deck is Reference Document
- Details Required
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#### Consistent Case

- Sentence case
  - First word uppercase
  - Other words lowercase
- lower case
  - all words lowercase
  - no punctuation
- Title Case
  - All Words Uppercase
  - No Punctuation
- Hybrid Scheme
  - Title Case For Sentence Fragments
  - I use sentence case for complete sentences.

Your Choice

Be Consistent

Can Use Hybrid Scheme

## Inconsistent Styles

- Some people use all kinds of styles in a presentation and on a given slide.
- Annoying
- style guide.
- Use of sentence Fragments Okay.
- important point
- Another Important Point
- Both Title Case and sentence case mixed.
- This slide makes the speaker look careless.

#### Readability

Unreadable

# . Annoying

- Readability Varies
- Test
  - In Advance
  - In Actual Setting
    - In Actual Meeting Room
    - Using Actual Meeting Software



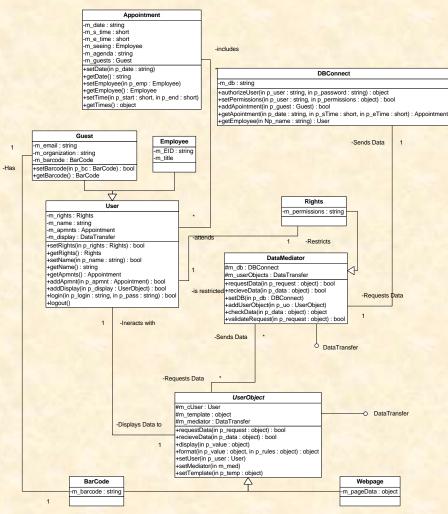
## Directions to Spartan Stadium

- US 96 West
- US 127 North
- Exit Trowbridge
- Left on Harrison
- Right on Shaw Lane
- Stadium on Left



"I know you can't see this map but..."

## Class Diagram



"I know you can't read this but..."

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## Really Important Quote

"When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security. --Such has been the patient sufferance of these colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former systems of government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these states. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world."

"I know you can't read this whole thing but..."

#### Too Much Information

- The first thing you should do is ask yourself "What's the point?"
   Every presentation should have a main point. What message are you
   trying to get across to your audience? If your audience will only
   remember one thing from your presentation, what do you want it to
   be?
- It's important to know your audience. The content will depend on the audience. Research your audience to determine the types of attendees and their expectations.
- Do not put too much information on any one slide. Fewer bullet points is better than many. Use a few words as possible per bullet. Sentence Fragments are okay.
- Chose fonts that are the appropriate sizes. If a font is too small, it
  may be unreadable. If a font is too large, it may be annoying.
- While a picture may be worth a thousand words, too many pictures or too much clip art can be distracting. And, avoid the use of goofy looking clip art.

## **Emphasis**

- Use One of...
  - Boldface
  - Italics
  - <u>Underline</u> ← IMHO Easiest to See
- Do Not Overuse
- Avoid
  - ALL CAPS IS FROM TYPEWRITER DAYS
  - BOLDFACE AND ALL CAPS AND UNDERLINE

#### Color

- Good If
  - "Right" Colors
    - o Readable
    - Coordinates
  - Not Overdone
- Bad If
  - "Wrong" Colors
    - Not Readable
    - o Clashes
  - Overuse of color can be very annoying.
- Some people are colorblind.
- Color Varies by Media (LCD, Projector, TV, Paper, Etc.)
- Consult a professional.
- Test
  - In Advance
  - For Actual Usage (Projecting, Printing, Etc...)
  - In Actual Setting
    - o Room
    - Equipment
    - Time of Day



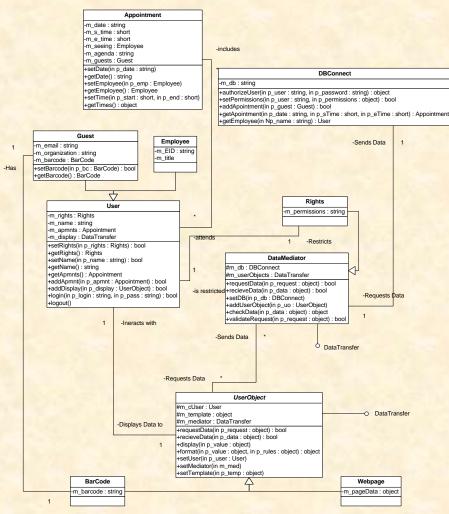


#### Transitions and Animations

- Transitions
  - From Slide to Slide
  - Simple Better
  - Be Consistent
  - IMHO None Best
- Animations
  - Bullets or Objects Within a Slide
  - Simple Better
  - Use Only If Necessary
  - NB: Take Time



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#### **Animated Bullet Points**

- Take Time
- To Reveal
- Must Advance and Wait
- For Each Bullet Point Animated
- May Keep Looking at Slide
- To Know When To Press Button
- May Accidently Go to Next Slide

#### Don't Use Animations

- If
- · You're
- Not
- Really
- Going
- To
- Use
- Them

Remember...
Animations use up precious time.

#### Spelling and Grammar

- Mistaeks
  - Easy Too Do
  - Far To Common
  - Unexceptable
  - Make Uoy Look Bad
- Use
  - Spell Checker
  - Grammar Checker
  - Multiple Other People
  - Corporate Editor



## Use Color and Grey to Highlight

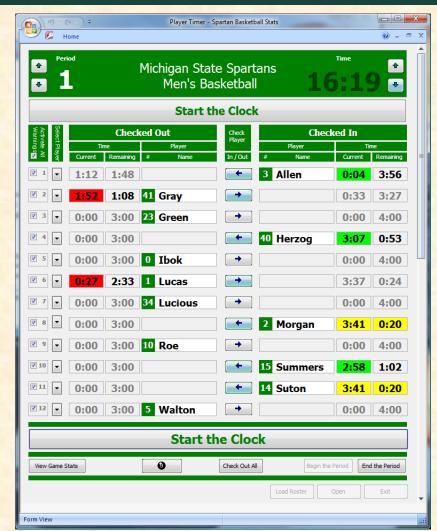
- Make Grey Version of Image
  - Copy Image
  - Picture Tools > Color > Recolor
- Overlay Images
  - Select Grey Image
  - Picture Tools > Send Backward > Send to Back
  - Select Both Images
  - Picture Tools > Align > Center
  - Picture Tools > Align > Middle
- Highlight Area
  - Select Color Image
  - Picture Tools > Crop > Crop
  - Grab and Slide Crop Indicators on Edges
- Group
  - Select Both Images
  - Picture Tools > Group > Group



**NB: Example of Reference Slide** 

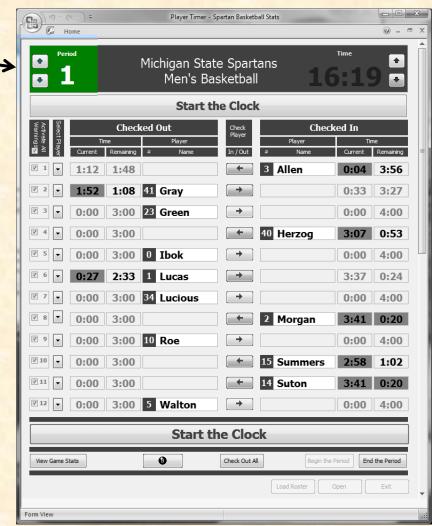
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- Set Period
- Check In/Out Players
- Start/Stop Clock
- Adjust Clock



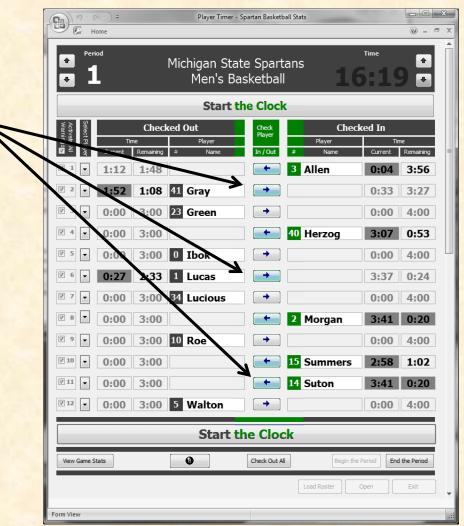
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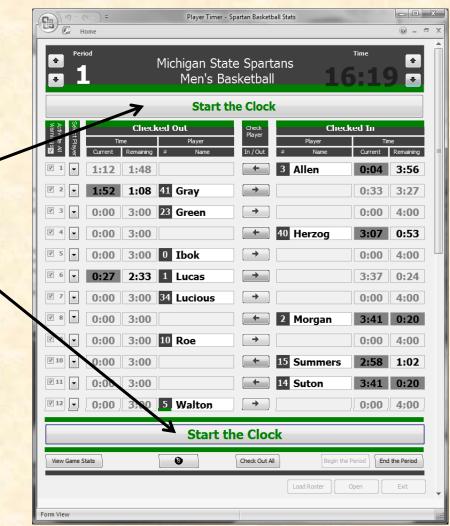
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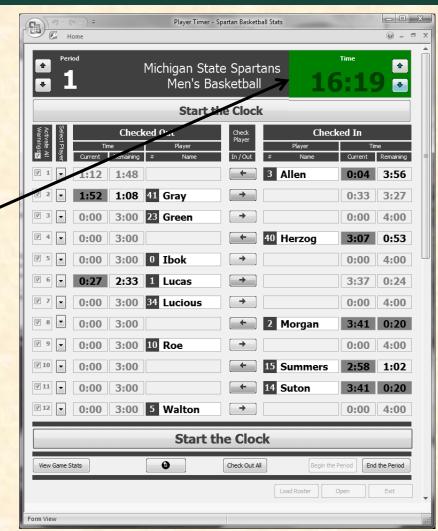
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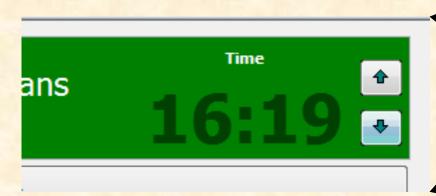


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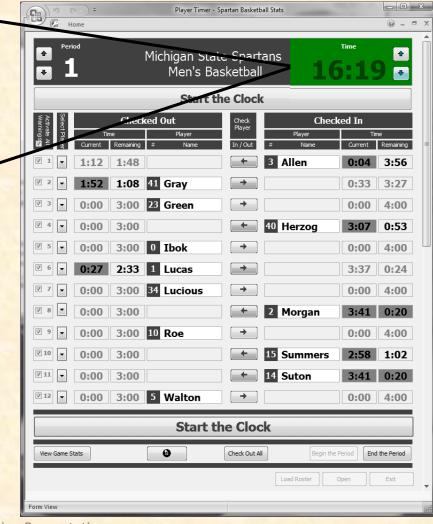
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# Adjusting the Clock



- When Game Clock Stopped
- Add/Subtract Seconds
- Synchronize with Game Clock



## Corporate Resources

- Standards
  - Style Guide
  - Presentation Templates
  - Graphics
- People
  - Writers
  - Graphic Designers
  - Editors

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## Managing Equipment

- No Excuses
- Check Everything In Advance
  - Projector / Projection / Laptop Connection
  - Sound
  - Network Connections
  - Wireless Presentation Devices
  - Etc...
- Make Checklist of Things To
  - Bring
    - Power Brick
    - Cables and Adapters
    - Batteries
    - Presentation on USB Stick
    - o Etc...
  - Do
    - Plug Laptop to Power Outlet
    - Connect to Network / Register MAC Address
    - o Etc...

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## Managing Yourself

- Look Appropriate
  - Dress (Know the Dress Code)
  - Hygiene
- Eliminate Nervous Habit "Temptations"
  - Empty Pockets (Change, Keys,...)
  - Take Off Necklace
  - Spit Out Gum
  - Etc...
- Be Careful With Wireless Presenter



## Managing Yourself

- Watch Your Language
  - Grammar
    - Subjects: I, He, She, They
    - o Objects: Me, Him, Her, Them
    - o Bad
      - "Him and I are working on that."
      - "Me and two others on the team..."
      - "I ain't sure about that."
  - Offensive
  - Regional or Cultural Ism's or Idiomatic Expressions
  - Politically Incorrect and/or Insensitive
    - o Use of "He", "Guy", "She", "Girl", "Gal", "You Guys"...
    - Use of "Old" When Referring to People
    - o Terms Like "Secretary" or "Janitor" or ...
    - o Etc...
- Avoid Dry Mouth
  - Use Bottle(s) of Water (But Be Careful)
  - Suck on Cough Drop (But Only If Not Annoying)



## Managing Questions

- Strategic
- Can Make or Break a Presentation (Why?)
- Often
  - Not Considered in Advance
  - Not Managed

## **Managing Questions**

- Anticipate Questions &/Or Comments
  - Solicit From Reviewers/Practice Audience
  - Particularly Hard and/or Dreaded Ones
  - Formulate Answers In Advance
- Audience May...
  - Be Confused
  - Be Hostile
  - Disagree
  - Want More Details
  - Make Good Observation
  - Etc.
- Be Prepared

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- Anticipate Questions &/Or Comments
- Formulate Answers In Advance
- Create "Extra" Slides
- Place Past "Fake" All Black "End of slide show. Swipe right to exit." Slide
- Use
  - PowerPoint Hyperlinks
  - Use "Secret" Hidden Box (Upper Right) with Link

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- Say During Introduction When Okay to Ask
  - During?
  - Preferably at End?
  - But Only if You're In Position to Do So
- What if you don't understand the question?
  - Because
    - o Didn't Hear
    - Couldn't Parse Accent
    - Don't Understand the Question
  - Politely Ask Questioner to Repeat



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- Good to Repeat Question
  - Others Hear It
  - Gives Speaker Chance to Think
  - May Need to Summarize Question
  - "The question is..."
- Good to Say
  - "That's a great question."
  - "That's a great idea."
  - Etc...
- Okay to Say...
  - "I'm sorry I didn't quite hear that. Can you repeat it?"
  - "I'll get to that later in the presentation."
  - "I'm sorry. I'm not sure what you're asking."
  - "Why don't we talk off-line later."
  - Etc...



## Managing Time

- Practice Timing
- Be Aware
  - When and Where You Are
  - Adjust Dynamically
- Don't Look Directly At Time
  - Clock or Watch
  - Put a Clock/Timer Somewhere
- Never Have to Ask
  - "What time is it?"
  - "How much time do I have left?"

- Faculty Candidates
- President Bush I

## In Person: Managing the Big Screen

## Do Not...

- Stand (Permanently) Behind Podium
- Stand (Permanently) in Front of Screen
- Stand in One Place
- Read From Screen
- Turn Your Back to Audience
- Point Up at Screen Overhead
- Point at Laptop
- Whip Around Laser Pointer

## Online: Managing the Little Screen

#### Do...

- Test Camera and Microphone Before
- Adjust Camera Before Meeting
- Look Into Camera
- Gesture with Head and Hands

#### Do Not...

- Look Around Your Room
- Read From Screen
- Point At Your Screen



## Managing Your Slides

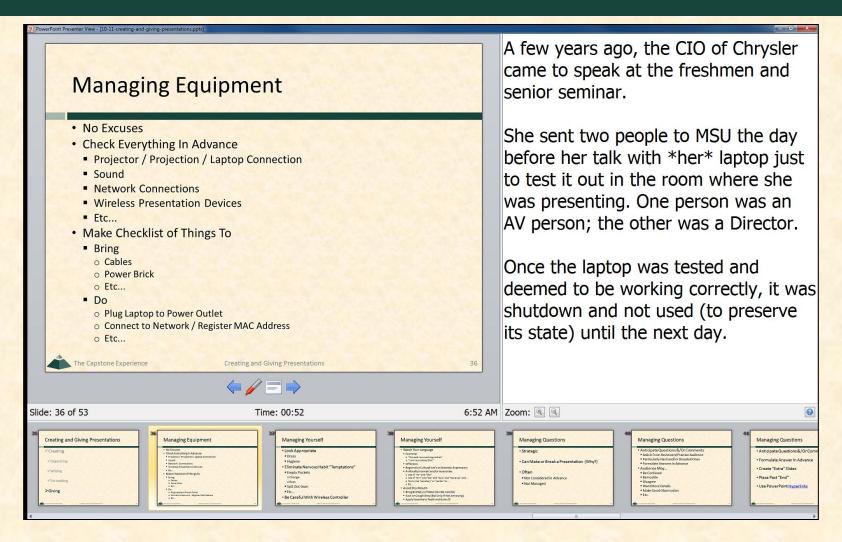
- Slides
  - Merely Aid To Presentation
  - Not a Transcript
- Glance at Big Screen or Laptop Screen
- Talk "About" Slide
- Three "Don't"s
  - Don't Read Slides to Audience
  - Don't Memorize and Recite Slides to Audience
  - Don't Ask Audience to Read Slides
- Better Miss a Point Than Bore an Audience
- Use PowerPoint Presenter View

## Use PowerPoint Presenter View

- Presentation on Projector
- Presentation View on Laptop
  - Current Slide
  - Notes (Zoomable)
  - Slide # of #
  - Timer
  - Clock
  - Drawing Tools
- But Don't Use as a "Crutch"



## PowerPoint Presenter View



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## Managing Your Audience

- Don't Hand Out Slides In Advance
- Look at Audience
  - Don't Stare At...
    - Ceiling
    - o Floor
    - Screen
  - If Necessary, Look at Back Wall
- "Read" Your Audience
  - Faces
  - Body Language
- Solicit Questions/Reactions



## Practice

- With An Audience
  - Yourself (Record Video)
  - Critical Friends
- As Close to Actual As Possible
  - Hardware and Software
  - Room
  - Clothing
  - Lighting
  - Timing
  - Time of Day (For Lighting)
  - Audience
  - Questions

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**■** Etc...



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Comments?
Questions?

Suggestions?

End of slide show. Swipe forward to exit.

## Hyperlinks in PowerPoint

- Can Link to
  - Existing File or Web Page
  - Place In This Document
- Inserting a Hyperlink
  - Highlight Text
  - Right Mouse Click
  - Select "Hyperlink..."
- Returning
  - Automatically From Existing File or Web Page
  - Via Another Hyperlink From Place In This Document

## Team Evaluation Form (TEF)

- Word Document (.docx)
  - Customized for Each Team Member
  - Download Page, <u>Team Evaluation Forms</u>
  - Use Office 365 Word Native on Windows 11
- For Each Team Member
  - Overall Effort and Performance Rating
  - Technical Contributions
  - Team Contribution
- Worst and Best Team Member
  - Who?
  - Why?
- Read Submission Instructions Carefully
- Due Monday, October 7



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- Upcoming Meetings
  - **■** 09/26, Th: Design Day Booklet Production Process
  - **■** 10/01, Tu: Creating and Giving Presentations
  - 10/01, Tu: Draft DD Booklet Asset Zip Files Due ← Today by Midnight
  - 10/03, Th: Resume Writing & Interviewing
  - 10/04, Fr: Artwork Clinic
    - o 10:00 a.m. − 3:30 p.m., EB 3149
    - Same Schedule as Team Photos
    - Artwork Person or Persons from Your Team
  - 10/05, Sa: Final DD Booklet Asset Zip Files Due ← 4 Days, Saturday
  - 10/07, Mo: Team Evaluation Form Due
  - 10/08, Tu: Alpha Presentations
  - 10/09, We: Alpha Presentation Slide Decks Due ← Note
  - 10/10, Th: Alpha Presentations
  - 10/15, Tu: Alpha Presentations
  - 10/17, Th: Alpha Presentations

  - 11/14, Th: Beta Presentations



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## Artwork Clinic Schedule, Friday, October 4

- 10:00 AM: Whirlpool
- 10:10 AM: Launch
- 10:20 AM: Magna VNNG
- 10:30 AM: Amazon
- 10:40 AM: Magna TDD4ES
- 10:50 AM: Urban Science
- 11:00 AM: DRIVEN-4
- 11:10 AM: Stryker IST
- 11:20 AM: Michigan State University CSE
- 11:30 AM: Union Pacific
- 11:40 AM: Kohl's
- 11:50 AM: Volkswagen
- 12:00 PM: RPM
- 12:10 PM: Roosevelt Innovations Knowledge Science
- 12:20 PM: GM RIS

- 01:10 PM: Anthropocene Institute
- 01:20 PM: Meijer
- 01:30 PM: Magna MADO
- 01:40 PM: Ally
- 01:50 PM: MSUFCU
- 02:00 PM: Magna WFG4ADAS
- 02:10 PM: Auto-Owners
- 02:20 PM: TechSmith
- 02:30 PM: GM WHMS
- 02:40 PM: Henry Ford Innovations RSVP
- 02:50 PM: Vectra
- 03:00 PM: Henry Ford Innovations RSE
- 03:10 PM: WK Kellogg's Co
- 03:20 PM: AbbVie
- 03:30 PM: HAP



## DDB Artwork Feedback Clinic

- Who?
  - Dr. D.
  - Artwork Person or Persons from Your Team
- What?
  - Design Day Booklet (DDB) Project Page
  - Feedback on Artwork
- Where?
  - Dr. D.'s Office
  - EB 3149
- When?
  - Friday, October 4
  - Same Schedule as Team Photos
- Why?
  - Have Best DDB Pages
  - Short Timeframe



#### team-amazon.docx

- Provide
  - Project Description
    - Exactly Fill Textbox
    - Search for "will" Etc.
  - o Artwork
    - High Resolution png's
    - Delete Unused png's
- Check Template
  - Sponsor Name
  - Project Title
  - o Team Photo
  - Sponsor Logo
  - o Team Members
  - Project Sponsors
- Document Template Changes
  - Highlight In Yellow
  - Add Textbox with Explanation
- Check...
  - Everything
  - Every Pass

3200/3300 Hallway | Third Floor, Computer Science and Engineering 8:00 a.m. - Noon | CSE498

#### Amazon

#### Employee Badge Image Validation Too

Amazon is a multinational technology company that has grow to become the world's largest retailer. Founded in 1994 by Jeff Bezo Amazon has since expanded into various industries, includin

As Amazon continues to grow, ensuring a quality employe onboarding process is paramount to supporting Amazon's vision An efficient onboarding process enables new employees to focus o ransitioning without unnecessary delays or disruptions.

cloud computing, digital streaming, and artificial intelligence.

Currently, when Amazon hires a new employee, the employe uploads a photo to the employee badge verification system. Thi photo is manually checked against photo requirements by th Amazon verification team. This process can take days, slowin down the rate in which employees can join Amazon teams.

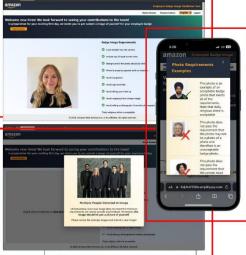
Our Employee Badge Îmage Validation Tool streamlines th new employee onboarding process by providing instant feedbac on new employee badge photos.

Users simply need to upload their photo to the Employee Badg Image Validation Tool website in order to get feedback on thei photo. When a photo is uploaded, our system uses machine learnin models to test the validity of the new uploaded photo against standardized badge requirements.

The website displays feedback on photos and gives instruction on how they can improve their photo for the next upload.

Our tool not only saves time for new hires, enabling them to start faster and transition more smoothly into their roles, but also enables Amazon to dedicate more resources to delivering qualit ervices to their customers

Our web application is responsive and scalable due to a robus set of Amazon Web Services. The front end is hosted on AW Amplify and back-end requests are handled by API Gateway, Lambda, Rekogniton, and S3.



"Tool" was missing from

the project title

amazon

Team Members (left to right)

Arul Srivastava

Khloe Hayes



Wayne Dyksen no longer works at Amazon

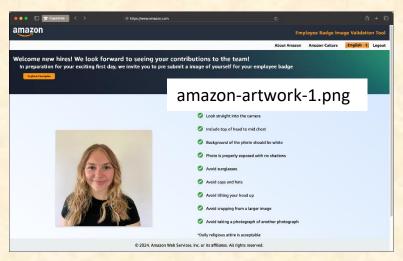


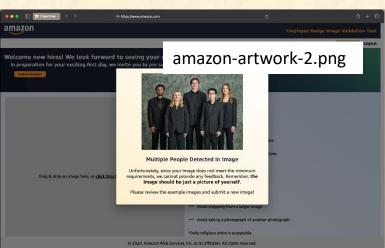
Sean Whipple Detroit Michigan

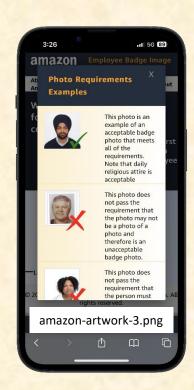
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## Artwork







## Delete unused template artwork files.



## Assets Zip File Submission

- READ Submission Instructions Carefully
- Zipped Assets File
  - Folder Name: amazon-assets
  - Contents
    - o amazon-page.docx
    - amazon-artwork-1.png (Very High Resolution)
    - amazon-artwork-2.png (Very High Resolution)
    - amazon-artwork-3.png (Very High Resolution)
    - <del>○ amazon-artwork-4.png</del> (Deleted)
  - Delete unused placeholder artwork files.
  - Zip Filename: amazon-assets.zip
- Upload to Microsoft Teams
  - General Channel File Space
  - Folder Named Design Day Booklet Assets Zip Files
  - Team's Private Channel File Space
  - Draft: Due 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, October 1. ← Today by Midnight
  - Artwork Clinic: Friday, October 4
  - Final: Due 11:59 p.m., Saturday, October 5. ← 4 Days, Saturday



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- Start
  - Tuesday, October 8
  - One Week From Today
- Demonstrate Working
  - Software
  - Hardware
- Prove Mitigated All Risks
- Significant Progress to Beta Presentation
- Slide Deck Template Posted



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### Outline

- Very Brief Review of Project Overview (Your Elevator Pitch)
- Very Brief Review of System Architecture
- Software Demonstration
  - Most of the Presentation
  - Skip All of the screen shot slides in your slide deck.
     (Why are the screen shots in your slide deck?)
- Brief Summary of What's left to do?
- Use all of the allotted time.

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#### Presenting

- The purpose of the Alpha Presentation is to convince everyone that your team will be successful; that is, to convince everyone that your team has your project completely scoped, the specifications complete, and all risks mitigated so that you are capable of implementing your project, full-featured, and delivered it to your client, on time (Wednesday, December 4).
- The time limit for your presentation is 14 minutes, which will be strictly enforced. Practice your presentation to ensure that you will finish within the allotted time.
- Each team will present using their own laptop. You will be provided with a wireless presenter. Ask your TM for adapters <u>in advance</u> to connect the laptop AV equipment in your presentation room. Test <u>in advance</u> in the room in which you will presenting with the laptop you will be using.
- We will meet in "split-hands" meetings. Luke's teams will meet in 115 International Center, Griffin's teams will meet in 1281 Anthony, and Sam's teams will meet in 1130 STEM.
- Plan on spending most of your presentation demonstrating your software. A suggested approach is as follows.
  - Very Brief Review of Project Overview
  - Very Brief Review of System Architecture
  - Software Demonstration (Skipping All of the Screen Shot Slides in Your Slide Deck)
  - Brief Summary of What's left to do?
- Your presentation should be professional, well rehearsed, and flow from beginning to end. Practice presenting in a suitable room.
   Ensure that your slides are readable. Practice demonstrating your software. Practice switching from one team member to another.
- As a backup to live demonstrations, consider making screen recordings of your software demonstrations using Camtasia.
- All team members are required to dress business casual on the day of their presentation. Business casual does not include jeans, sneakers, tennis shoes, hats, coats, hoodies, t-shirts or shirts that are not tucked into pants. Google "what is business casual."
- Although the presentations will be scheduled over the course of three meetings, all teams must be prepared to present on the first day scheduled, Tuesday, October 8.
- The presentation schedule will be posted on our <u>Weekly Schedule</u> page in the evening of Monday, October 7.



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#### Creating and Editing

- Read and follow the instructions in "Editing Documents and Presentations Using Office 365" of our course syllabus.
- You must use this PowerPoint slide deck template as is. Do not change the number of slides unless the instructions explicitly allow you to duplicate slides. Do not change the order of the slides. Do not change the styles. Do not edit the master slides.
- Throughout the template, replace placeholders [...] with the appropriate information.
- Edit the center footer by clicking the Header & Footer button on the Insert ribbon. Change [Team Name] in the footer to your company name as in "Team TechSmith Alpha Presentation". If necessary, extend the width of the center footer textbox on the master slide, making sure that you re-center the enlarged textbox.
- Do not include any company confidential information in your presentation.
- Delete every textbox that includes "Delete this textbox" and every slide that includes "Delete this slide."

#### Submitting

- All presentations are due to us and to your client by 11:59 p.m., Monday, October 7.
- Name your PowerPoint slide deck file as "team-[team-name]-alpha-presentation.pptx" replacing "[team-name]" with your team's name normalized by using all lower case, deleting non-numeric and non-alphabetic characters, and replacing blanks by dashes.
  Examples include "team-kohls-alpha-presentation.pptx" and "team-wk-kellogg-co-alpha-presentation.pptx". Set File Explorer or Finder to show all file extensions to ensure that there are no blanks before the ".pptx" extension as in "team-amazon .pptx".
- Upload your PowerPoint slide deck to the folder "Alpha Presentation Slide Decks" in our Microsoft Teams General Channel file space by 11:59 p.m., Monday, October 7. In addition, upload your slide deck to your team's private channel file space in case your slide deck is deleted by accident from the General Channel file space, and you need to prove that you did indeed upload your slide deck by the due date and time.
- Email a copy of your slide deck to your client as well by 11:59 p.m., Monday, October 7. Do not cc us on that email. Include some professional text in the body of your email to practice being a professional and to avoid having your email sent to your project sponsor's junk folder.



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# Alpha Presentation [Project Title 36pt]

## The Capstone Experience

Team [Team Name 24pt]

[Team Member 1 16pt]

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# **Project Overview**

- Point 1
- Point 2
- Point 3
- Etc...



# System Architecture

Include your system architecture diagram from your Project Plan presentation.

Update or redo your system architecture diagram if you were asked you to do so in your Project Plan presentation feedback.

# [Title of Screen Shot 1]

You must include at least four screenshots.

Include actual screen shots (i.e., not mockups), replacing [Title of Screen Shot] with an appropriate title.

You may duplicate the Screen Shot template slide as needed.

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# [Title of Screen Shot 2]

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# [Title of Screen Shot 4]

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## What's left to do?

Do NOT modify the title of this slide in any way. List your what's-left-to-do items on this one slide in bullet points.

Delete this textbox.

- Task 1
- Task 2
- Task 3
- Task 4
- Etc

Don't panic.

We do not expect that your project is done or even nearly done.

Simply give a list of the major tasks that you need to accomplish to complete your project.

Only include things that are relevant to your software system.

Do NOT include things such as "Update the Project Plan" or "Create Project Video."

# Questions?

