DP Presentation Assignment
6.033 2018

Since the DP preliminary report, two things have happened (or will happen soon):

1. You’ve received feedback on your design from your recitation instructor.

2. We’ve released additional requirements to the design project.

As a result, your design likely will have changed a bit since the preliminary report. Additionally, you should have started thinking about how to evaluate your design.

The design project presentation is an opportunity for you to receive feedback on your updated design while also practicing your oral communication skills. Your presentation should begin with a brief summary of your system and the key design decisions, but you do not need to explain the problem you’re solving (your audience is the 6.033 staff, and we are all, at this point, very familiar with the problem you’re solving).

Once you have summarized your design, the rest of your presentation should focus on the things that have changed since your preliminary report. This may include:

• Changes or modifications you’ve made to your design as a response to feedback on the preliminary report.
• An explanation of any aspects of your design that were incomplete as of the proposal.
• Changes or modifications you’ve made to your design to handle our new requirement.
• A brief discussion of how you intend to evaluate your design (you do not need to present an actual evaluation — see our evaluation tips for some suggestions).

In general, you should view the presentation as an opportunity to get the feedback that would be the most useful to you. Additional guidelines:

• Presentations should be 10-15 minutes (absolutely no more than 15 minutes; your instructor will cut you off after 15). Each group member should speak for roughly the same amount of time.
• Presentations should not involve slides, because you won’t have a projector. A 1-page handout (for your instructor) is allowed, but not required.
• You will give your presentation to your recitation instructor. If you would like to rehearse your presentation beforehand in front of an audience, the WRAP instructors will be available to watch your rehearsal and give you feedback.
• You should be prepared for a relatively fluid presentation style, where your instructor may stop your to ask your questions about your design during the presentation itself (rather than waiting all the way until the end).
• Your instructor will grade you on a check/check+/check- scale, and will take into account both your technical design and the quality of your presentation. This grade will augment your preliminary report grade (see our grading policies for more details).