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First Presentation Reaction Report

Overall, I think my first presentation was good. The weakest point of my presentation was the topic. Since it wasn’t directly technical, it was harder to find examples that everyone in the audience would understand. The lack of examples in some sections made it hard for the audience to follow along. The sections of my presentation were clearly defined and content-wise I followed a logical train of thought. Once during the presentation, I paused for a few seconds to look down at my notes which hurt the consistency of my pacing. That aside, I kept a reasonable pace and was very close to the ten-minute mark. In regards to my physical presence, my biggest downfall was that I was underdressed. Other than that, I didn’t use my hands or pace around very much.

I think in terms of everyone’s presentations I had one of the weakest topics. An important part of the presentation was being able to draw upon existing knowledge and that proved very difficult for my topic. In terms of delivery, I did very well. My pacing was good, and I was one of a few students whose presentations filled the time allotted. I was one of a few students who clearly defined the sections of their presentations and made it clear when they were moving on. I paused a couple times which was bad, but compared to other people’s presentations I paused an average amount of times making my pauses stand out less. Compared to other students I used my notes well, I didn’t stop to look at them or blatantly read off them. Despite my attire, I did very well with physical presence. I kept my feet planted and maintained good eye contact around the room, there were many students who moved their feet constantly and only looked at one section of the room.