**Worksheet: Engaging Presentations**

In this assignment, you get to choose some TED talks to critique.  Presentation skills are important: in your career as a software developer or IT expert you'll regularly be presenting material to your peers, your managers, your clients, prospective clients, new recruits, and job candidates.  Almost everyone finds presentations intimidating at first, but they get much easier with practice.  Let's have a look at some expert presenters to see how they work their magic.   
 

**WHAT TO DO**

This is an individual assignment, not a team one.  Here's a checklist to help you complete this worksheet.

**1. Head over to** [**ted.com**](https://www.ted.com/#/) **and choose some presentations.**

You can pick **any three presentations** **you wish**, on any topic, by any speaker, as long as each presentation is at least 10 minutes long.  Avoid musical or stage performance presentations and stick with talks delivered by a single speaker.

**2. Do writeup**

Be ready to write a half page paper on what makes a good presentation as opposed to a dull or boring one.

**3. Watch and review your presentations.**

Grab a tea or some popcorn!  As you watch each talk, try to actively discern what made the presentation engaging and what didn't.  Observe the presenter closely.  Make notes on the presentation form as you go.

**4. Complete the remainder of the review form and submit it.**

Don't rush.  Try to list some thoughtful observations on each presentation.  Keep in mind you'll be doing your own presentation to the class soon, and this is your chance to identify what makes a presentation rock (or not).

**HOW TO GET TOP MARKS**

Scrutinize each presentation carefully; pay attention to the body language, visual supports, cadence, delivery, and habits of the presenter; don't get distracted by the presentation topic itself (watch it twice if you need to); avoid submitting incomplete or superficial work; follow submission guidelines properly and submit on time!

**ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST   
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Here is the grid we will use to assess each individual's work.  Please note the significant weight attached to spelling, grammar, and sentence structure.   
 

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| Presents a thoughtful analysis and critique of three presentations | /60 |
| Correctly answers general presentation questions | /10 |
| Identifies three practices to improve presentation to class | /30 |
| Total | /100 |
| Spelling/grammar/sentence structure (@5/ea) |  |
| Plagiarized or unoriginal work (0% + **academic sanction**) |  |
| Total adjusted | /100 |