**Week 11: Final Presentation and Reflection**

**Lab Objectives:**

By the end of this lab, students will be able to:

1. **Deliver a compelling career pitch presentation** summarizing their professional goals and personal brand.
2. **Reflect on their learning journey** throughout the course, highlighting personal growth and challenges overcome.
3. **Incorporate feedback received** over the semester to demonstrate professional development.
4. **Effectively communicate** their vision and next steps in their IT career.

**Activity 1: Career Pitch Presentation**

**Task:**

* Prepare a **3-minute career pitch** that summarizes:
  1. **Your career goals** and professional aspirations.
  2. **Your personal brand** – What makes you unique?
  3. **Why you are a strong candidate** for your chosen field.
* The pitch should be **clear, confident, and engaging**.
* Create a **concise slide deck (3–5 slides) or record a video presentation**.

**Instructions:**

1. **Structure your pitch as follows:**
   * **Introduction (30 sec):** Who you are and your career aspirations.
   * **Main Content (2 min):**
     + Your **skills, experiences, and strengths**.
     + Key **projects or accomplishments** that highlight your abilities.
     + How you **add value** to your chosen industry.
   * **Closing (30 sec):** Your **future vision** and call to action (e.g., networking, further learning, job search).
2. **Create a professional slide deck** (3–5 slides) with minimal text and strong visuals.
3. **Deliver the pitch confidently**:
   * Speak clearly and at a steady pace.
   * Maintain professional body language.
   * Engage your audience with enthusiasm.
4. **Presentation Format Options:**
   * **Live delivery** in class.
   * **Recorded video submission** (uploaded via LMS or shared link).

**Expected Deliverable:**

* A **3-minute career pitch presentation** in one of the following formats:
  + **Slide deck (PDF/PPT) with speaking points**.
  + **Recorded video presentation** (MP4/YouTube link/Google Drive link).

**Sample Slide Structure:**

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| **Slide** | **Content** |
| **1** | Title Slide – Your Name & Career Goal |
| **2** | About Me – Key Skills & Interests |
| **3** | My Unique Value – Strengths & Achievements |
| **4** | Future Vision – Where I See Myself in 5 Years |
| **5** | Closing Statement – Contact Information & Final Message |

**Activity 2: Final Reflection**

**Task:**

* Write a **500–600 word reflective essay** discussing:
  1. **Key lessons learned** throughout the course.
  2. **Challenges overcome** and personal growth.
  3. **Future steps** in your professional practice journey.
  4. **(Optional Enhancement)**: Incorporate **peer and instructor feedback** received during the semester to demonstrate development.

**Instructions:**

1. **Reflect on your experience in this course:**
   * What were your biggest takeaways?
   * How has your professional mindset evolved?
   * What skills have you developed or improved?
2. **Identify key challenges and how you overcame them:**
   * Public speaking, networking, technical skills, time management, etc.
   * What strategies helped you improve?
3. **Outline your next steps:**
   * Further learning (certifications, courses, internships, networking events).
   * Specific career goals for the next 1–3 years.
4. **Structure your reflection essay:**
   * **Introduction:** Overview of your journey in the course.
   * **Main Body:** Lessons learned, challenges overcome, and development over time.
   * **Conclusion:** Future career steps and how you will apply what you’ve learned.

**Expected Deliverable:**

* A **100–150 word reflective essay** in **PDF or Word format**.

**Sample Reflection Outline:**

**Title:** My Journey in Professional Practice in IT  
**Introduction:** Initial expectations and mindset at the start of the course.  
**Lessons Learned:** Key takeaways from resume writing, networking, ethical considerations, etc.  
**Challenges & Growth:** Overcoming public speaking anxiety, improving LinkedIn presence, mastering interview techniques.  
**Future Steps:** Plans for internships, certifications, further education.  
**Conclusion:** How this course has shaped my career path and confidence in the industry.