

Lightning Talks - Considerations

Talks: Each Speaker is allotted 15 minutes , 10 for speaking, 5 minutes for questions. Watch for signals from the host indicating your remaining time. The use of slides, though recommended, is optional and at the discretion of the speaker. To save time and reduce technical difficulties, one slide application will be used, currently this is Google Slides. If you choose to use slides, share it with the host at valentineokundaye21@gmail.com.

Audience: The background of the audience is a mixed bag: beginners, practitioners, various types of engineers, physicists, Phds, self directed learners etc. In light of this, the use of concrete explanations over highly technical jargon will aid a more even absorption of the main points among the crowd.

While crafting the talk, it might be helpful to consider the following targets:

1. Synthesize:

Is the talk synthesizing information by drawing on disparate information to make a unique experience, rather than simply listing facts?

2. Entertain:

Are the examples or points current, meaningful, or packaged in a way that people are likely to find interesting.

3. Provoke:

Is the information conveyed in a way that may cause people to see it from a completely different point of view?

Speakers:

Topics: Due to the varied background of the audience , we favor an interdisciplinary approach for topics. The broad categories to find topics

in include: Entrepreneurship/Innovation, Engineering/Technology, Science, Education, Design, Art, & Architecture. The one constraint is that there be some underlying relation to software engineering/ technology.

In the case of overlapping topics, i.e. two submissions for “ML in 10 minutes” The first speaker to submit will get to present it, the latter will be informed via email that the topic is already taken. **For this reason we ask that each speaker have a backup topic in mind.**

Order & Deadlines: The general order is *first in first to speak*, However, all speakers will need to confirm their presentation within the week before the talk is given to retain their order in the talk. (To confirm, simply reply ‘yes’ to a message asking if you’re still ready to present). A reminder will be sent to you on the midway point between confirmation of the lightning talks and the actual date of the talks.

All unconfirmed speakers, by the end of the week, will be repositioned to the end of the talk list. The updated order will be provided to speakers via the #speakers-hall slack channel and or email. If you wish to postpone or cancel your talk, please let the host know before the event.