

Unit 10 Evaluation - Research Proposal Presentation

We were asked to conduct a Research Proposal presentation in this module. The presentation is required to be recorded and submitted together with the transcript. And the PowerPoint slide should be presented as a prop during the recording.

This is the first time for me to work on the individual assignment which requires presentation by recording. I used to be in a group assignment which we also need to record the PowerPoint presentation of our software design, but I found the Research Proposal presentation is much different from my previous group assignment. It means it would be a new challenge for me as my previous experience can barely apply in this case.

I used to conduct a presentation of a group project, where we built our software and explained all the features in detail during the demonstration. I felt confident at that time as all our idea was built up as a software and we had clear artefact which we could present. Instead of warping up what I have completed, in this assignment it mostly requires student to propose what one plan to do. And this caused me lack of confidence at the beginning.

First, I started the assignment by summarizing all my ideas, plans, research into the PowerPoint slides based on the information and requirements I gathered from the instruction and the seminars. Then, I analyzed each material and categorizing them into different headers. I also reviewed my first draft of the PowerPoint carefully to ensure the backbone of the presentation is solid. Finally, I tried my first rehearsal of the presentation with recording.

The first recording I made was bad, and it was a bit unexpected for me. I thought I have prepared enough, but the result had shown me wrong. I was so nervous during the rehearsal that I run out of words many times. Even I had my note prepared to remind me what to say next, I noticed I can barely say anything other than the note.

I started to evaluate the reason why my recording was bad. First, I have repeated listening to my recording for several times, even the mistakes I made during the recording might makes me uncomfortable. I noted down all the mistakes I have made and tried to find some solution and potential improvement. Then I adjusted my note to make the content more comprehensive.

After the adjustment, I noticed my presentation has slightly improved and get better each time I rehearsed. I became more confident and fluent on expressing my ideas, and I am also glad about the learning journey of this assignment.

In this assignment, I have learnt the layout of the research proposal presentation. I also learnt how to focus on my main topic and apply critical thinking properly. Furthermore, I learnt that thing will always get better after several tries and rehearsals. And I believe after this module, I will be more prepared for my upcoming dissertation project.