

# Presentation Best Practices and Preparing for Technical Issues

Data Boot Camp Lesson 20-4.1



## The Big Picture





# **Quick Tip for Success:**

If you're getting stuck, think through the issues out loud, lean on your teammates, and ask questions!

## **Project Segments**

### This Week: "Put It All Together"



#### Sketch It Out

Decide on your overall project, select your question, and build a simple model. You'll connect the model to a fabricated database using comma-separated values (CSV) or JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) files to prototype your idea.



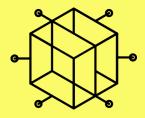
### **Build the Pieces**

Train your model, and build out the database you'll use for your final presentation.



### Plug It In

Connect your final database to your model, continue to train your model, and create your dashboard and presentation.



### **Put It All Together**

Put the final touches on your model, database, and dashboard. Lastly, create your final presentation and deliver it to the class.

# This Segment: Capstone Project

By the end of this segment, you will have:



Wrapped up tasks in your individual roles



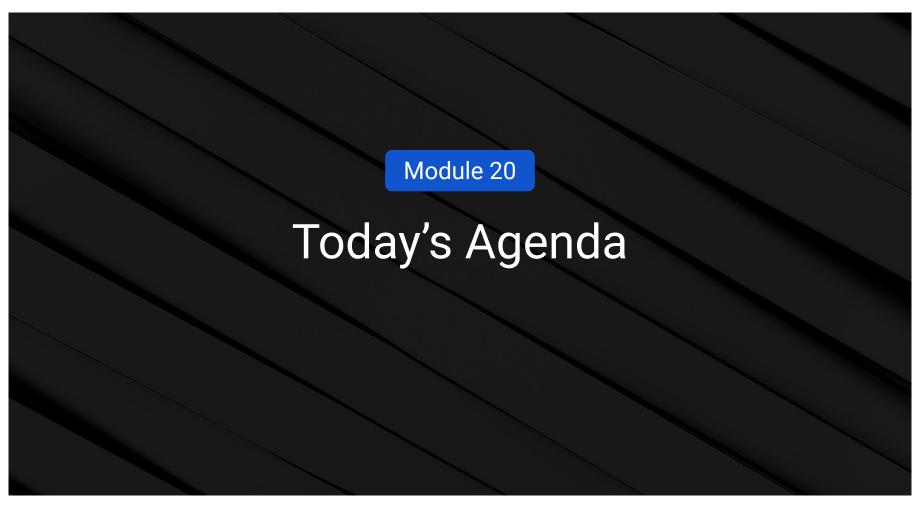
Tidied up the final README.md in the project repository



Merged, discarded, or deleted any outstanding PRs



Completed an editorial sweep for quality control

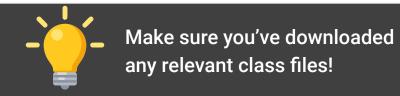


# Today's Agenda

By completing today's activities, you'll...



Understand the best practices to create and deliver a presentation







Is your team comfortable with presenting the project?



# **Presentation Tips and Tricks**





### **Know Your Audience**

No presentation is one-size-fits-all. Tailor your presentation to your audience.

- What is the technical background of your audience?
  - This will tell you how in depth your analysis should be.
- How much initial knowledge do they have on the subject?
  - You don't want to condescend with basic information to an informed audience ...
  - But you don't want to lose an audience that is unfamiliar with the subject.
- What are they expecting from this presentation?

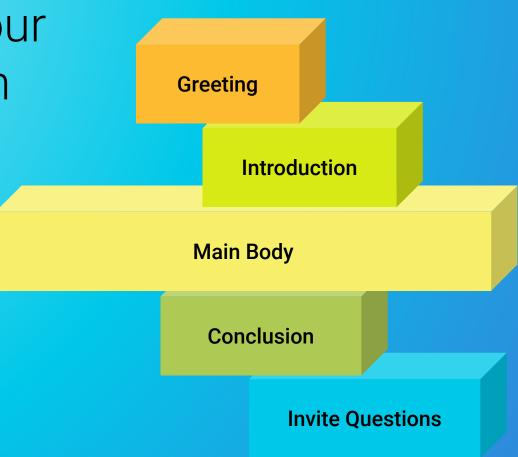


# **Define Your Takeaway**

What do you want your audience to walk away with—in one sentence?

- Defining your takeaway distills your presentation down to its essence.
- Everything in your presentation should work toward delivering the takeaway.
- Remove or rework any parts that distract from the takeaway message.
- Even when things are working to help the takeaway, ask yourself if they could help even more.

# Structure Your Presentation



### **Structure Your Presentation**

### Transitions will help the audience follow along.

- Moving from the introduction
  - o "First, let's begin with..."
  - "I will first cover..."
  - "To get started, let's look at..."
- Shifting between similar points
  - o "Likewise..."
  - o "Equally..."
  - o "Similarly..."
- Summarize, and move to new points
  - "So far, we've covered XYZ; now I'd like to look at ABC"

**Invite Questions** 

### Structure Your Presentation continued

Outline the structure of your presentation.

- Greeting
- Introduction
- Main Body
- Conclusion
- Invite Questions

Greeting

Introduction

**Main Body** 

Conclusion

**Invite Questions** 

# Practice!



### Practice!

Know what you want to say, and practice saying it.

- Rehearse your presentation
- Time yourself
- Record yourself
- Make a plan for anything you're nervous about



# **Engage Your Audience**

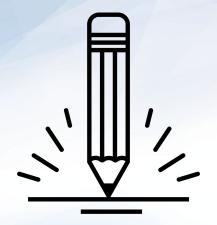
### Make it personal.

- Tell a story
- Use humor
- Share your interest in the topic
- Ask your audience questions during the presentation

# **Engage Your Audience** continued

### Make it clear.

- Define unfamiliar terms
- Use concrete examples
- Use analogies to explain unfamiliar elements
- Use previews and summaries



# **Preparing for Technical Issues**



# **Preparing for Technical Issues**

Problem	Potential Solutions
Hardware Failure	Save copies of presentation to another computer or cloud-based storage
Notes saved in slides, but only able to share on-slide content	Print out hard copies of slides
Relying on Live Demo, but underlying data changes	Create a "dummy" version relying on static data
Relying on Live Demo, but demo fails/gets corrupted	Pre-record video demoing functionality



**Project Development Consultation** 

Suggested Time:

60 minutes