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Specification Presentation

The CS 495 practice presentation did not go nearly as I thought it would. I should have prepared more, but got great feedback from my video and other students. I noticed that I made several bad hand gestures and my body language was not positive. My body language connived to the audience that I didn't know what I was talking about and that I wasn't serious about security. I need to focus on clearly articulating main points with my hands next time, and changing my voice pitch. I also need to stand up straight. The slide layout and content was good, but the white text was nearly unreadable to the audience. I need to change the font, and maybe background, as well as the size. My problem statement needs to be more clearly structured as well. I also struggled with trying to describe my project and requirements without showing a visual design diagram of how user's could interact with it. To me, I would never want someone to give me a long problem statement, objective, and then requirements – I would want to see how the project works and what problems it solves.

There were several good points about my presentation. My objective, requirements, and specifications all mapped together nicely. I clearly defined what I wanted from my project and why. My requirements and specification were well rounded to best suit the audience in a production environment. I covered how the project will fit various class sizes, teacher's needs for grading, and be organized so students can focus on learning. My presentation as used good vocabulary for a technical audience but may have been confusing to other audiences.