

# Principles for preparing presentation slides

Prepared by  
Motaz Saad  
Fall 2016

# 10/20/30 rule

- 10 slides
- 20 minutes
- 30 point font

# Ideas from cognitive science

- Give the right amount of information
- Make data stand out from the rest
- 4 items maximum per slide (avoid overload)
- Using grouping (color, size, ... ) to associate data or ideas

# Example of use coloring and grouping



## Race Condition

- `counter++` could be implemented as

```
register1 = counter
register1 = register1 + 1
counter = register1
```

- `counter--` could be implemented as

```
register2 = counter
register2 = register2 - 1
counter = register2
```

- Consider this execution interleaving with “count = 5” initially:

S0: producer execute	<code>register1 = counter</code>	{register1 = 5}
S1: producer execute	<code>register1 = register1 + 1</code>	{register1 = 6}
S2: consumer execute	<code>register2 = counter</code>	{register2 = 5}
S3: consumer execute	<code>register2 = register2 - 1</code>	{register2 = 4}
S4: producer execute	<code>counter = register1</code>	{counter = 6}
S5: consumer execute	<code>counter = register2</code>	{counter = 4}



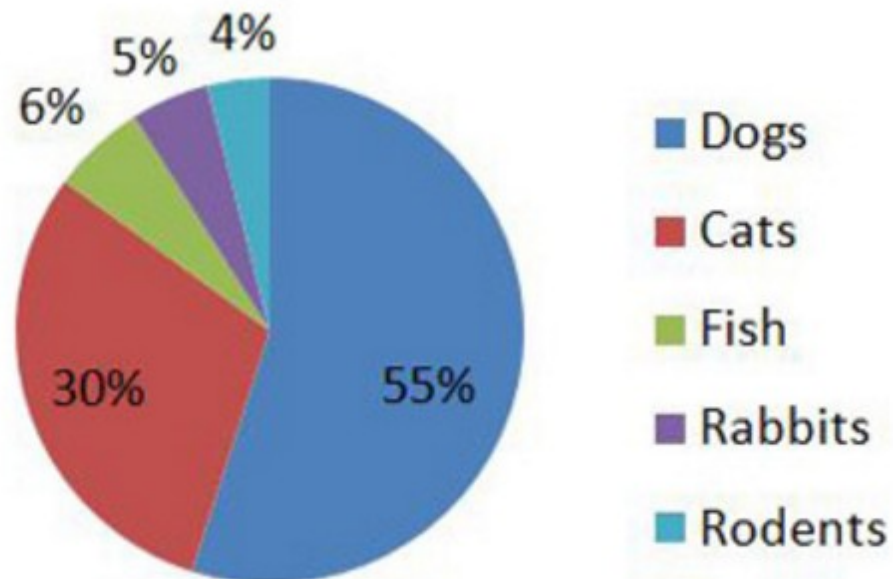
# Text rules

- Avoid paragraphs
- Use appropriate fonts
- Avoid dense data
- No capitalization of ordinary text
- Distribute a handout
- No sound effects
- No transition effects
- No cheesy images

# Graphics rules

- Use highly quality graphics
- Display graphical data (pie chart, bar chart, ...)
- Use colors well

**Pet Ownership**



# Delivery

- Voice
- Eye contact
- Posture
- Gesture

# Answering questions

- Control the audience
- Repeat the question before answering
- Answer briefly



End of slide

