

# LISTENING

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- Read an introductory article before attending
- Try to attend talks that seem well-scoped to your current understanding
- Go with a friend so you can discuss the talk later
- If things aren't making sense
  - Don't get hung up on jargon
  - Try to understand the gist, not the details
  - Keep notes and try to summarize the main points afterward

# SPEAKING

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- We work in a field that has MANY layers of abstraction
- You do not control what levels of abstraction your audience already understands
- Topic learning isn't linear; you can't always assume they know X if they know Y