Research Presentation Evaluation Form – Video Presentations

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Speaker: Spencer Lowitt Topic: A novel framework for storage assignment optimization inspired by finite element method

Instructions

You should have access to the videos you have been assigned to review for the class.

Do not compare this presentation to any other presentation. Evaluate each one independently. As you watch each video, be prepared to rate it on four categories: **Visuals, Content, Organization,** and **Presentation Style.** You will also provide an **Overall Assessment.** In each category, you will enter a number from 0 to 100 that represents your opinion for the given component. You will also have a short section to give commentary for each category. Numerical ranges and suggested meanings are:

95 – 100	Excellent or outstanding
85 – 94	Very good (minor improvements needed)
75 – 84	Good (more significant improvements needed)
50 – 74	Fair (barely adequate; major improvements needed)
0 – 49	Extremely poor (unacceptable)

Under each of the four categories are sets of *descriptors*. Each has a scale of "Strongly Agree" to "Strongly Disagree"; replace the ☐ with an 'X' based on how well the performance adheres to the descriptor. Your selection for a descriptor should reinforce or inform your numerical rating of the category. You may also select 'n/a' if a descriptor does not apply to the current presentation. Generally, checking "Agree" or "Strongly Agree" would signify something positive, well done, or that added to the video; checking "Disagree" or "Strongly Disagree" would signify something neutral; checking "No opinion" would indicate you were neutral with respect to that dimension of the talk. There is also a space in each section where you can leave feedback specific to that category. Under your overall assessment, there are additional questions to answer. Strive to make all of your feedback as helpful as possible.

Overall Assessment   Score _82.75_ /100

Did the presentation reflect adequate preparation?

	Yes	No
	☒	☐

Visuals and Video

Score __80__ /100

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	No Opinion	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A	The Speaker's...
☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	visuals were relevant
☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	visuals were complete
☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	visuals were accurate
☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	visuals were well integrated
☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	visuals well-designed
☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	visuals were easy to see
☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	video quality was not distracting
☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	audio quality was not distracting

Comments: Excluding the first slide there were only images. I enjoy visuals as they make presentations more engaging and comprehensive, provided that there is some amount of written comtent present. This presentation had none. It made an overuse of the visuals to a degree that the presentation became rather boring and monotonous. The content that is being discussed in the presentation sounds strong and interesting. I think it would have helped out if the presenter provided a sufficient amount of written content to with the images.

Content

Score __80__ /100

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	No Opinion	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A	The presentation had...
☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	sufficient content provided
☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	appropriate explanations
☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	sufficient examples provided
☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	the right scope for audience

Comments: The content was well structured however, it seemed rather lost in the presentation mainly due to the overuse of visuals and images. There didn't seem any citation of the images as well, so not entirely sure how good that it. If the content was provided, in some areas as bullet points, I am sure the presentation would have worked out really well.

Organization

Score _86_ /100

Comments: The presentation was rather short lived. It would have been better to break up the presentation by adding more slides with written content on them to make it engaging and comprehensive for the user.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	No Opinion	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A	The Speaker...
☐	☐	☐	☐	X	☐	gave an outline or agenda
☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	provided transitions between ideas
☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	organized their content logically
☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	summarized their main points
☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	clearly introduced their topic
☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	made good use of time
☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	offered conclusions

Presentation Style

Score _85_ /100

Comments: The style of the presenter seemed confident as he didn't make any use of any written content except for the starting slide. Although there was a huge lack of written content, I believe that the content that was spoken was accurate and highly informative.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	No Opinion	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A	The Speaker...
☐	☐	☐	☐	X	☐	Introduced themself
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	X	Dressed appropriately
☐	☐	☐	X	☐	☐	Avoided distracting mannerisms & fillers
☐	☐	☐	X	☐	☐	Appeared Enthusiastic
☐	☐	☐	☐	X	☐	Paced the talk appropriately
☐	☐	☐	X	☐	☐	Used professional language
☐	☐	☐	☐	X	☐	Appeared poised & confident
☐	☐	☐	X	☐	☐	Avoided monotone delivery?
☐	☐	☐	☐	X	☐	Spoke loud enough
☐	☐	☐	☐	X	☐	Defined terms when needed

What did you like most about this presentation?
I liked how the images were being used. It did happen to be overused, however, the images and all the visuals that were used appeared to give room for more explanation. They were rather promising as with some written context, they could have been better implemented.

What is the most significant thing that this speaker could improve upon?
Interesting approach to the presentation. The implementation of images and then describing them seemed rather very promising, however using slides to some content, like bullet points would have drastically helped the presentation. Especially while talking about the different types of algorithms. The approach for this would have been better by either having a wholesome slide indicating all the algorithms, or having different slides for each algorithm. Doing this, would have made the presentation engaging. Right now, it is a bit difficult to pay attention constantly as there is some 'humming' sound in the back that can make it a little disturbing.