

Communication Skills I

1º semestre (P1)

In-Class Activity

Topic: Non-Verbal Communication

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In-Class Activity: Making eye contact while responding to questions

Objective:

To enhance eye contact, public speaking skills, and connection among peers. This activity helps you practice public speaking and eye contact and fosters meaningful conversations in a professional context.

Setup:

1. Students should be in a circle.
2. Each student will take turns being the speaker while the others listen.

Steps:

- 1. Question Selection:**
 - Students read and review the questions (see below).
- 2. Round 1: Sharing:**
 - One student starts as the speaker and chooses one question to answer.
 - They will make eye contact with each listener while speaking for about 1-2 minutes.
 - After the speaker finishes, each listener can ask one follow-up question (1 minute each).
- 3. Rotate (10 minutes):**
 - After each round, the next student clockwise becomes the speaker and selects a new question. Repeat until all students have had a turn.
- 4. Group Reflection (10 minutes):**
 - Discuss what they learned about making eye contact and how it affected their communication.

Questions:

1. What is something you've learned in your computer science journey that surprised you?
2. If you could work on any tech project without limitations, what would it be and why?

3. Share a coding challenge that taught you an important lesson.
4. What's your favorite technology, and how do you see it evolving in the next five years?
5. Describe a time when teamwork made a significant difference in a project.
6. If you could ask one person in tech a question, who would it be and what would you ask?
7. What's a misconception people have about computer science that you'd like to clear up?
8. How do you stay motivated during difficult coding tasks?
9. What's a recent tech trend you're excited about and why?
10. Share a personal goal you hope to achieve in your tech career.

Tips:

- Participants should maintain eye contact and be engaged.
- Other students should listen actively and respond thoughtfully to follow-up questions.