

Describe Your Work I Coursera

Important Information

It is especially important to submit this assignment before the deadline, March 27, 11:59 PM PDT, because it must be graded by others. If you submit late, there may not be enough classmates around to review your work. This makes it difficult - and in some cases, impossible - to produce a grade. Submit on time to avoid these risks.

Instructions

Peer Review: Describing A Project You Have Worked On

In this peer review assignment you will describe a project you have worked on to a fictional interviewer. You will record yourself and submit this recording for peer review.

Instructions

You should select a project that you have listed on your resume, and imagine a technical interviewer has just asked you "Tell me about [this project]. What problem did you solve and what was your solution?"

You should film a 3-5 minute video of you answering the interviewer's question. You should answer in English, and submit your video in .mp4 format. You should adhere to the following additional guidelines in your response:

The "Interviewer"

- If at all possible, you should get a friend or family member to participate as the "interviewer" as you have seen in the example videos this week.
- Assume that the "interviewer" has a broad technical background. You should ask them questions and you proceed, and they should assume the role of someone with some kind of technical knowledge, but it may not be exactly in the area you are describing. Adapt to their background appropriately.
- If you truly cannot find someone to act in this video with you, imagine the camera is the interviewer. Ask the same questions you would ask another person, but make up what the answers would be and make it clear what you are assuming the "interviewer" said.

Visual Aids and Filming

- You should use appropriate visual aids in your video. A whiteboard or blackboard is best, but if you cannot find one, drawing with marker on a large sheet of paper is a good backup.
- You can use any video camera that will produce a reasonable video with clear audio including a cell phone, flip camera, etc. It does not have to be high production quality, but remember that if your peers cannot see your interaction with your "interviewer," or hear your technical explanation, they will not be able to judge your explanation.

Language

We recognize that many people taking this course are not native English speakers, and you may not be applying for a job where you will need to speak English. Thus we are allowing learners to complete this assignment in the language of their choice. However, please note the following when deciding what language to use:

- Most of our learners speak English, so if you choose to do your video in English you are most likely to get the fastest peer reviews. Other major languages should be OK, but if you are having trouble getting peer reviews, it could be because there are not enough learners on the platform that speak the language you used.
- If your video is not in English, please note the language you used in the TITLE OF THE UPLOADED FILE. This will help reviewers find videos they are able to review and get you your reviews as fast as possible.

Review criterialess

Your final score on this assignment will be the median score you receive from your peers, but what you might find most useful is the open-ended comments that they provide in their review. Because of this, please **make sure you give thoughtful and complete feedback when reviewing others**.

Giving thoughtful feedback is difficult, which is why we have set the bar for passing this assignment relatively low (you only need to earn 1 point to pass this assignment, and as long as you upload a video with any project description, you should earn that point). We want you to give and receive constructive feedback without overly worrying about "passing". Before you start your review for any one submission, you probably want to take a look at several submissions.

Most importantly, don't be afraid to suggest improvements, but do so in a constructive and supportive way. Filming yourself can be difficult and intimidating for many of us, so please recognize that the hardest part may have been just creating the video in the first place. Lastly, recognize that the person receiving feedback may feel very vulnerable having provided this video for feedback, **be courteous and respectful in your response**.

Please note that all open-ended feedback should be given in English or the language in which the video was filmed.

The Peer Review Process

Here are the instructions for completing your peer reviews:

First, select a video to review *with a preference toward reviewing videos in other languages if you are fluent in the non-English language*. You should be able to see the language of the video in the file name, if the video is not in English. Learners can upload videos in the language of their choice, but are dependent on reviewers who are fluent in these languages to review them. So if you can review a non-English video, please do so.

Next, make sure you can access the video. It should be in .mp4 format which many video players can handle, and if you don't have one that works, you can search online to find one.

Next, watch their video as though you were the one deciding whether or not to hire them. Then, we will ask you to provide feedback to your peers in the following areas:

- Situation and Task (i.e. "The Problem")
- Action and Results (i.e. "The Solution")
- Overall "Soft Skills"

You can take a look at the questions to see specifically what we will ask you to assess.

The last two rubric parts ask you to provide open-ended feedback to give specific comments on any of the aspects from the rubric questions. It is this open-ended feedback that will be most valuable to you and other learners.