**Guidelines for Project presentations**

Before any talk you should think about the audience: what would interest them and/or help them the most? And how much time do you have? Size and scope your talk accordingly. I cover the same topic at very different levels depending on the audience and time.

Suggested outline (may vary based on your project and density of slides).

* 1-4 slides setting your problem, introducing what you are trying to achieve and providing sufficient background for the class to understand (including related work if applicable)
* 3-5 slides for your approach (especially if you have a new algorithm or new finding) and perhaps rationale for the models that you chose.
* 3-5 slides on experimental results (note that if you have developed new algorithms, more on the previous section than this one), you will need to describe your dataset, interesting preprocessing that you may have done, and some of your results - don't present all your results but just the ones that are more interesting or more surprising
* 2-4 slides on discussion points such as key challenges, problems you've encountered, **takeaways thus far, lessons learned.**

 Just describing properties of the data and a long sequence of results is not interesting. Focus more on key challenges, surprises, insights. If you found some cool software that may be of use to the class, do mention it.

Clearly you won't be able to cover everything you want to in the allocated time, so pick and choose Make sure your presentation has 3-4 minutes set aside for Q&A.

Obviously, I don't expect you to finish all your work before the presentation. Thus, the presentation criteria will mostly consist of the following:

* clear description of your project and the goal of the project
* cohesive presentation (material + delivery)
* quality of the content (e.g., is the rationale solid, are the experiments on track, do the results make sense, etc.)
* does it seem like you're making good progress on the work for a good project report (e.g., are there things that you haven't thought of that would be big red flags for any reviewer)