



COMPSCI 715SC 2003

Preliminary Presentation Guide

Research Frontiers in Computer Graphics

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Why preliminary presentations?

Preliminary presentations are an opportunity for you to assess your own progress, practice your presentation skills, and learn a little about all the topics that have been chosen by all the groups. You may even be able to identify expertise in other groups that you can tap into to help your group. For me, this will be a chance to checkpoint your group's progress and give feedback on your presentation style. The talks are so short that nobody should get bored. It should be a lively session.

What should be in a presentation?

You should cover three main issues in presentation:

- What is the main point of the paper you that you are studying?
- What is the project that you are doing?
- What progress have you made so far?

Any number of group members can be involved in the presentation itself, but all group members should go to the front of the room, and one of the speakers should introduce all the group members by name at the start.

Try to make your presentation as visual as possible. Avoid pure text slides. Use diagrams. Use pictures copied from the original articles, or generated by your own implementation.

Your talk must be no more than 3 minutes long. We will be keeping to very strict time limits. Practice your talk often and make sure you can fit it into the time available. Make it as fun and interesting as possible, given the required content.

I recommend that you use powerpoint for your presentation. If the presentation is in your afs space, you'll be able to access it from the lecture theatre. If you want, you can test that your slides display well on the projector in the seminar room during the "Question and Answer Session" on 30 September.

How will the session be run?

Presentations will take place on 2 October. Time will be tight, so it is important that all group members arrive on time (or early if at all possible). I will be taking attendance.

We'll arrange the desks so that each group will sit together at their own table.

I will set up a timer that goes off every three minutes. It will start at the beginning of the first talk and will be completely automatic afterwards. **Speakers must stop speaking as soon as the alarm goes off.**

After three minutes of speaking we'll have three minutes of question time. During one group's question time, the next group will be setting up in the background.

To ensure a lively question time, each group be assessed in part by how the number and quality of questions that it asks of other groups.

