CS 791/891
VANET Seminar

Giving Presentations

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Reminder

◆ Presentations: 25-30 minutes

◆ Questions/Discussion afterwards

◆ 2 presentations per class meeting

◆ Presenting student is responsible for distributing the paper(s) to be discussed to the class at least 2 days before the presentation
  » other students are responsible for at least skimming the paper(s) before class and preparing a couple of questions to ask

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◆ Consider the audience
◆ What's the story you want to tell?
  » what do you want the audience to walk away knowing?
◆ Keep in mind your time limit
  » only use about 80% of the allotted time (save time for questions)
◆ Don't provide too much detail
◆ Start with motivation
◆ First slide should always contain your title, your name (and names of your collaborators), and your affiliation

"Tell them what you'll tell them, then tell them, then tell 'em what you've told them"

From *Writing for Computer Science*, by Justin Zobel, Springer, 1997.

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◆ Proof-read your slides
◆ Check consistency in capitalization and font usage
◆ Keep slides clean and simple
  » don't use too many different fonts or colors
  » don't use distracting backgrounds
◆ Practice! Practice! Practice!
  » get feedback from others
◆ Having notes may be helpful, but don't write out the entire talk
◆ Don't try to memorize your talk
◆ Speak clearly and slowly
◆ Face the audience

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◆ Include helpful figures and illustrations.

◆ If you use a figure from another source, give attribution.

◆ Include enough background material that your audience will be able to follow your talk.