

"How to Give a Better Technical Talk"

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Abstract:

In your career, you will be called upon to make oral presentations in a variety of venues, for a variety of purposes. Whether you are reporting research results at a conference, defending your thesis, or interviewing for a job, you will still need to use the same tools to prepare that talk. The good news is that presentation skills can be learned, and they improve with practice. This seminar provides an introduction to effective technical communication by reworking bad examples from real presentations and giving you the tools to construct better presentations for yourselves.

Bio:

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