

On PowerPoint Presentations

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Objectives of an Oral Presentation

Communicate

Convince

Defend

Aspects of an Oral Presentation

Knowledge of the subject

Organization of the content

Oratory

Handling of questions

Common Practices for Oral Presentations

- Decide the order beforehand.
- Reach the venue early enough.
- Do not rush through the speech.
- Appreciate queries.
- The gaze and the glance theory

Common Practices for Oral Presentation contd...

- Breathing is always essential; sometimes good.
- Be artful but honest.

► First, practice and then,..... Practice!

Common Practices for Oral Presentation contd...

Good reading habit and quality companions

Why Visual Presentation Tools?

A visual guide to order

► Facts and figures

Let the audience keep track and anticipate

Sophisticated

Who needs PPT?

Researchers

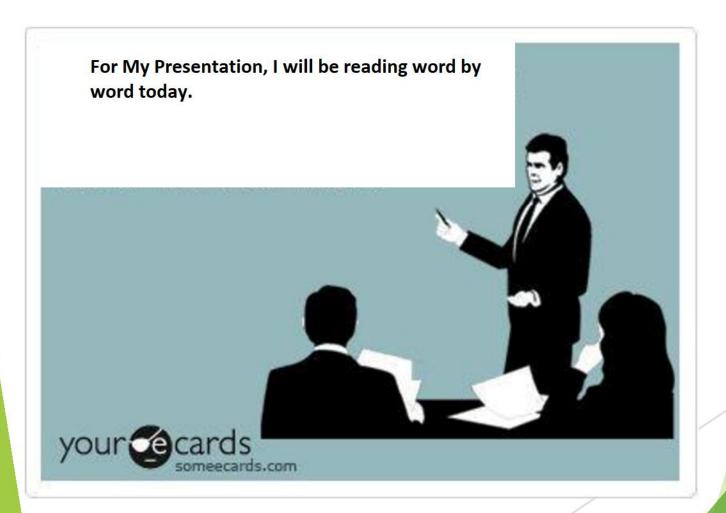
Entrepreneurs

Business managers

How not to Do It!

- Nucleic acid structures, like DNA and RNA, primarily involve hydrogen bonded, base-paired stretches interspersed with loops of various geometric shapes.
- Theoretical modelling and simulation of loop structures have been an analytical challenge (with the exception of proteins) and most methods used are based on heuristics.
- The objectives of this research are to model loops in nucleic acid structures by developing an algorithm using the inverse kinematics for hyper-redundant manipulators and develop a database of theoretical analogue for corresponding experimental models in Protein Data Bank (PDB).
- First, a volumetric representation of the loops in nucleic acids is sought from a hyper-redundant manipulator schema with torsion angles as joint variables. Based on it, steric clashes, as a function of loop configuration, in side chains are predicted acknowledging that a stable configuration should have minimal......

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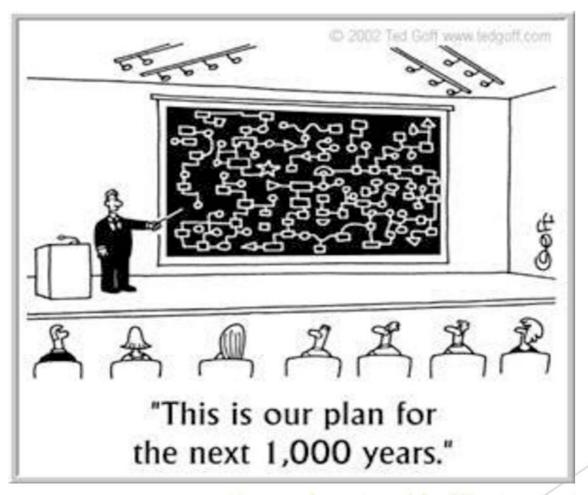


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Keep it short and simple

No compulsion to fill up the void

More said, less written

Graphics and animations are not mandatory

contd....

You own PowerPoint; not the other way

Clear images and plots

Be judicious about colours and fonts

Alignments

contd....

Take advantage of PowerPoint's shapes

Knowing customization

Test the objects inserted

Embed fonts and multimedia

contd....

Better still, pdf

Bring your own trusted device

Avoid cluttering of ideas

Have a hook but do not look

contd....

Modulate

Do not plagiarise; cite

Some useful Tips

San-Serif fonts are easier to read on screen

Use decorative fonts and design sparingly

Avoid cheesy effects

Some useful Tips contd....

Avoid Repetition

Strong contrast between text and background

Four Colour theorem

Some useful Tips contd....

A picture is worth a thousand words

Avoid insets; image within images

Consistency in formatting

Some useful Tips contd....

Customize plotting software to suit PPT

How much is too much?

Time and emphasis.

In General,...

Attend presentations

Deliver presentations

Develop language skills

▶ Participate in discussion forums; outside internet

Thank You!

The most amazing speeches are a mix of fear, expertise, and practice.