



NetSec: Presenting a conference paper

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Choose your focus!

- What are the interesting key results in your paper?
- Goal: to get the audience interested so they read your paper!
- You can say “the details can be found in the paper”
- Assume the audience knows the basics



Planning

- Plan the beginning: why is this topic interesting and relevant?
- Plan the end: a good presentation doesn't end with "That's all, folks"
- Practise
- Practise pronunciation



Timing

- The schedule has 30 minutes for full papers:
 - 20–25 minutes for the paper
 - 5 minutes for questions
- Session chair will show you how much time you have left
- Exceeding 25 minutes is not allowed
- My recommendation: 6–10 slides



Poster presentations

- Also known as “work-in-progress” or “rump session”
- 10 minutes/presentation:
 - 5–7 minutes for presentation
 - 3 minutes for questions
- Slides are not necessary, but if you use them, don’t make more than 3



Visual aids

- Available:
 - PC and data projector
 - Overhead projector
 - Whiteboard
 - Flip chart
- Use a large font
- Test the equipment before the session
- If using the data projector, take transparencies as a backup
- Don't talk to the screen!



Before the presentation

- Find out when you're supposed to present
- Get enough sleep :-)
- Introduce yourself to the session chair before the session



Opponing

- Prepare at least two questions or comments for the session
- Write about half a page of comments
 - What was good in the paper and presentation?
 - What could be improved?
 - Things to fix in the paper
 - Proposed grade
- As always, criticize the work, not the author
- Learn from the comments!