

CS18120 Study Skills for Computer Science

2023–2024

Tutorial 5

In this tutorial we will be watching three videos of presentations and have discussions about the different presentations. Keeping in mind what you have heard in the two lectures about presentations (23/24 October; Monday by Clive; Tuesday by Thomas) you will discuss what you liked, what was done well, and what could be improved.

The videos are on YouTube. Each is less than three minutes long and was submitted by a research student (PhD or Master, at the time; the videos are about six months old) as entry to a competition that was run as part of an international conference (EvoStar 2023; <https://species-society.org/less-than-three-minute-video-challenge-2/>). They are all describing (parts of) their own research.

By the way: EvoStar 2024 will be held at Aberystwyth University.

EvoStar is a combination of four conferences, each covering different aspects of evolutionary computation. You will not be able to fully understand the contents of the videos. That is fine. Don't worry! It is about seeing and assessing the presentations, not their contents.

You will be watching the videos together in the tutorial groups. You can watch them before the tutorial on your own if you want (but that is not required).

After watching the video in the group consider the following questions.

What was good and what could be improved with respect to...

- ... the slide design?
- ... the slide contents?
- ... the use of graphics, graphs, and animations on the slides?
- ... the introduction of the presentation?
- ... the main part of the presentation?
- ... the end of the presentation?
- ... the way the presenter speaks?
- ... the way the presenter appears?

Do you think the EvoStar 2023 competition panel made the right decision when they picked the winner?

Is there anything you can learn from this for your group presentation?

Video 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2p-mMA9BRo>
Ahmet Burak Barakli

Video 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m5YDPQK3bF0>
Christopher Cray

Video 3 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=az_Xj0fjRZg
Karina Rebuli