Homework 1: Initial Presentation
on the Meaning of IT

This homework is intended to fulfill UCF's requirement for some interaction from you during the first week of class and also to help us know more about your interests in IT.

General Directions

This homework must be done individually. This assignment is due Friday at 11:59pm the first week of class, with a presentation in class on the following Tuesday or Thursday.

What to turn in

For this assignment, upload a PowerPoint file (or a PDF file if you are using some other presentation software such as Keynote) to Webcourses. The file name should start with your family name (last name) and then have a hyphen and your first name, followed by a suffix that accurately reflects the file format. For example your file might be named `Smith-Jane.pptx` (or `Doe-Sanders-John-Jr.pdf`).

The Assignment

Make a presentation that lasts between 2 minutes and 4 minutes (ideally 3 minutes). You should practice your talk and aim to be able to deliver it in close to the prescribed time (see above).[1]
   Your talk must include the following.

1. A title slide with the title "What IT Means to Me" and your name and the date.

2. Three slides that helps illustrate your answers to the following questions:

   (a) What can IT do to help enterprises?

   (b) What is and is not IT?

   (c) What kind of enterprise am I interested in?

Question 2(a) refers to how IT can help enterprises fulfill their goals better (that is, how it can help businesses make money, or organizations or government agencies do what they are intended to do better).
   For question 2(b), it would help to give a general principle for deciding what is and is not IT and at least one example of each (some aspect of an enterprise that is in the domain of IT and one that is not).
   The "I" in question 2(c) refers to you, yourself (not to the instructor). For 2(c) talk about whether you want to work for a company (large or small, where small includes a startup business), a nonprofit, or a government agency. Give an example of the kind of enterprise that you are particularly interested in.

Conditions

Note that the talks will be presented in person.
   No videos are allowed in your presentation.

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[1]People tend to talk faster when making an actual presentation; if this is the case for you, then be sure to have enough material so that your talk is not too short and aim for the maximum time allowed during rehearsals.

Tips

It will help to follow our tips for presentations. In particular, don't include too many words on a slide, use as large a font as you can, and use a dark background.

Grading

This assignment is worth 50 points distributed as:

- 5 points: length of time (neither too long or too short, as specified above)
- 10 points: format of presentation slides (as specified above)
- 10 points: clarity of presentation
- 10 points: eye contact and voice volume (loud enough and not too soft to hear)
- 10 points: clarity of the answers.

There will be a penalty for not being ready to present at the time you are called on to present.