# Project Two

# Lightning Talk

**Due:** Feb 11 at 7:59am on Blackboard

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**Value:** 100 points; 15% of your final grade

In this project, you will give a 5-minute lightning talk that demonstrate your content knowledge, ability to communicate orally, and skillful use of PowerPoint.

As a result of this project, you will learn and apply the following skills:

* Communicate a concept from your field to an audience that is not familiar with the information.
* Speak clearly, directly, and within the 5-minute timeframe.
* Use PowerPoint animation features and Unsplash photos to create dynamic, instructional slides that keep your audience engaged and informed.

## Step 1: Choose a Concept

For this part of the assignment, you will choose a concept from your field/discipline that you can communicate to an audience in 3-5 minutes. In the past, students have chosen a variety of topics including an explanation of a mathematical equation, how a dentist fills a cavity, or the steps to meeting with a first-time client.

**Step 2: Write a Script**

To be prepared for an oral presentation, it is important that you know ahead of time what content you will cover. This will help you stay on task and within the time constraints. Be sure to consider how you will introduce yourself and the topic, the bulk of the information, and the way you will conclude it. In general, for a 3-5-minute lightning talk, you will only need about 625-750 words. This amount can be decreased or increased after you practice.

**Step 3: Create Slides**

You will create slides to accompany your talk, including a title slide and a conclusion/contact info slide. Be sure to incorporate quality images from Unsplash and use the animation techniques that we learned in class. Your goal for these slides is to make it appear that it is a seamless video playing behind you as you speak. Forget everything that you’ve seen or learned in the past about using Powerpoint.

**Step 4: Practice, Practice, Practice**

Now that you have written a script and created your slides, you need to practice your lightning talk several times to make sure that your timing is correct, your slides correspond with the content, and you feel comfortable with the material.

## Due Date

Project Two is due on February 11 at 7:59am on Blackboard (you will attach the PP). You will present the Lightning Talk either February 11 or 13. Be prepare for either day.