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Don't Panic

- or -

how to survive a PhD

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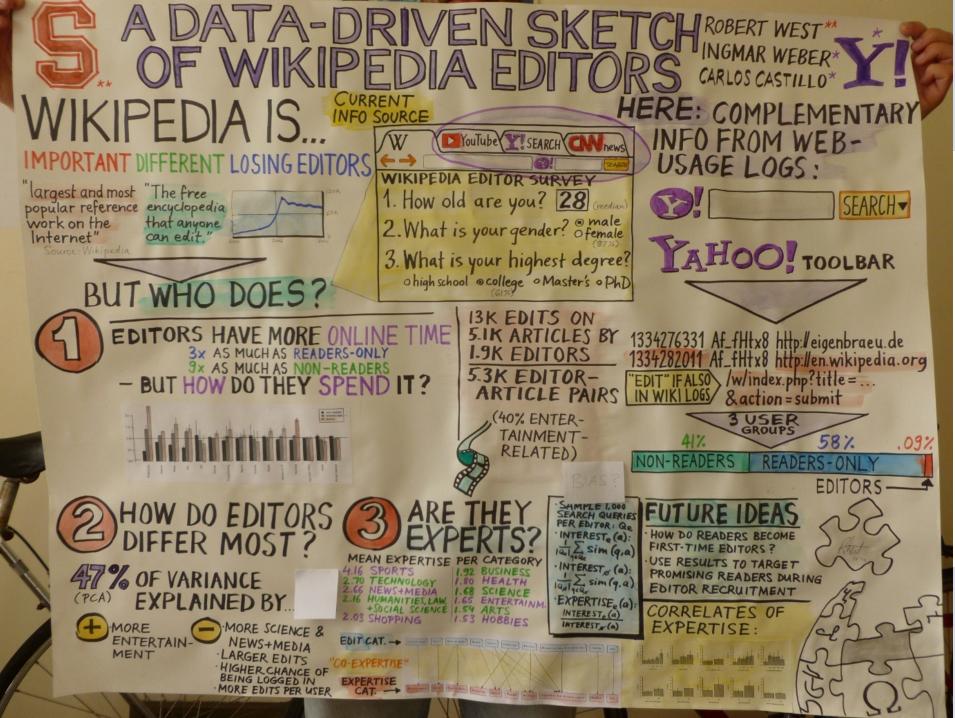
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Surviving on Stage

Just a few things to remember

The medium matters as much as the message

it is all about confidence

Realise that you are the expert

attendees want to learn what you discovered

It is **not** a competition (anymore)

your paper was accepted, now it is about advertising

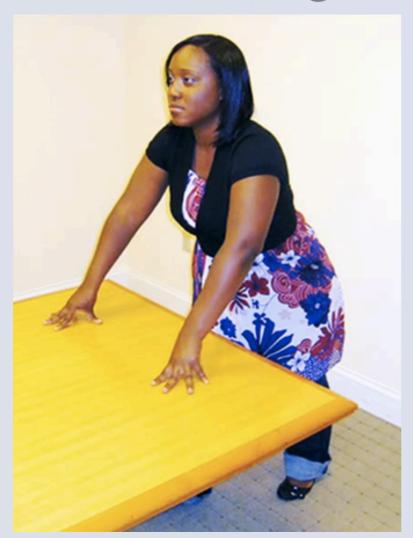
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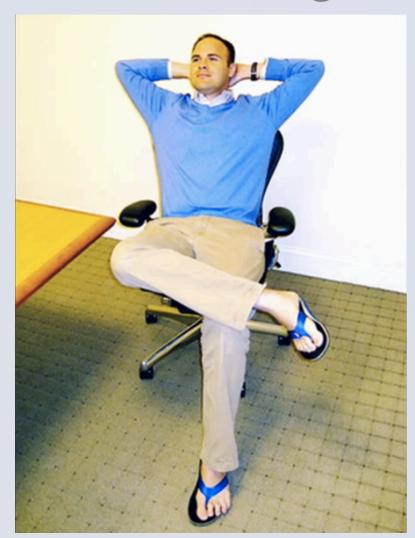
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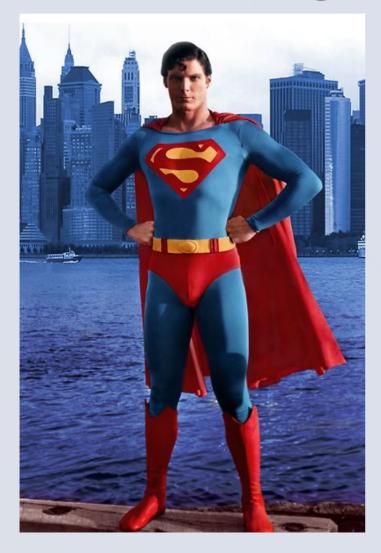
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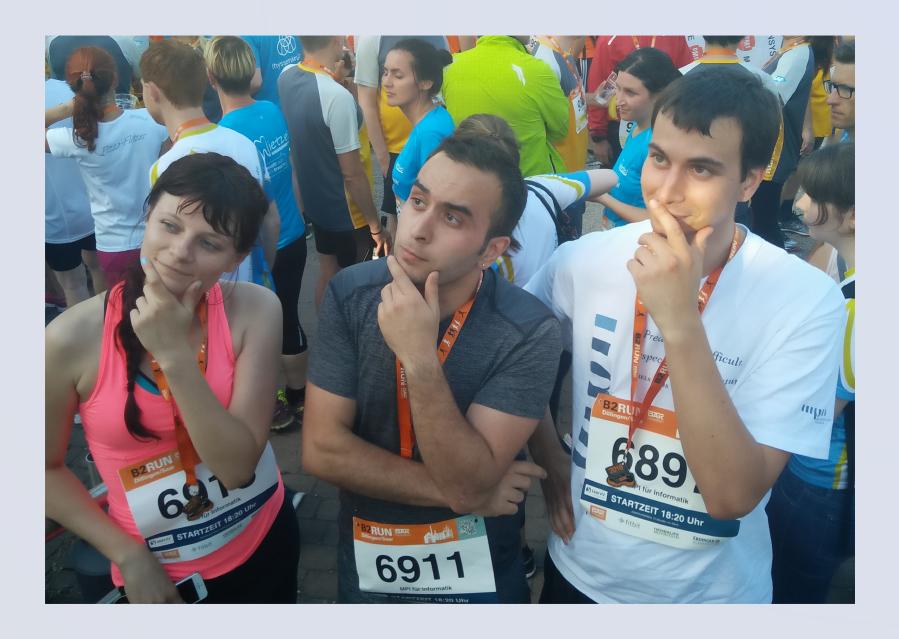


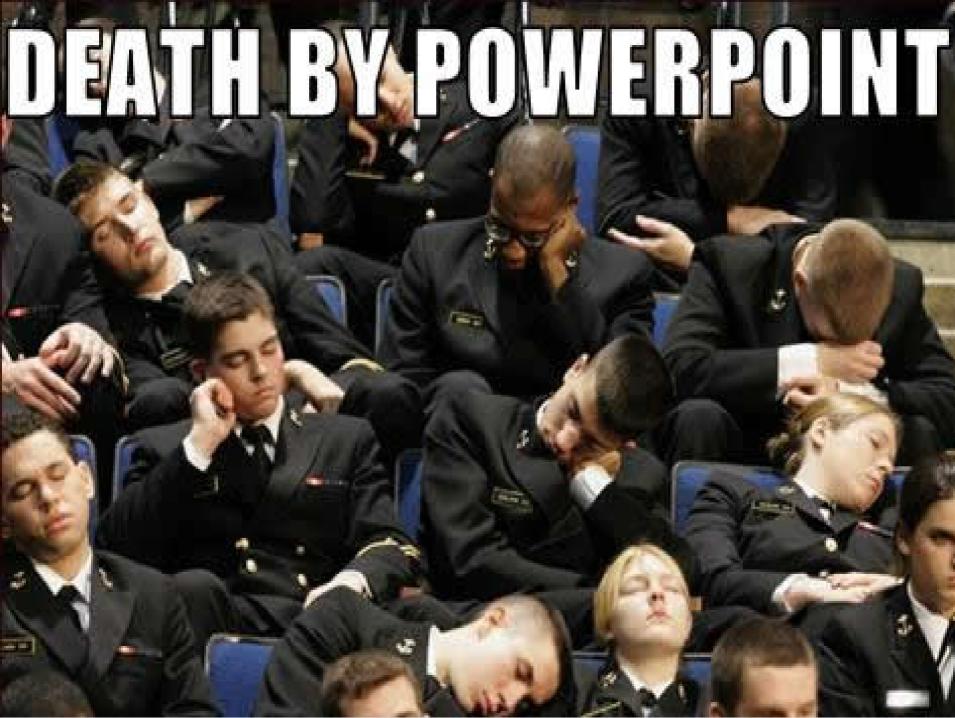
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90-100 seconds per normal slide

Who on earth invented overview slides?!?

Introduction, ... Experiments, ... Conclusions

Clearly **emphasize** the key points

Visually and audibly

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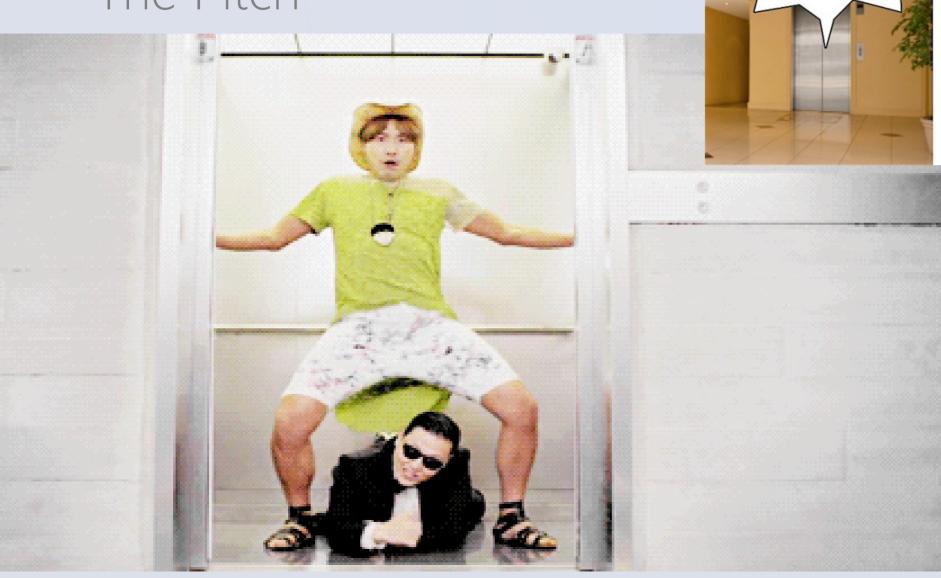
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Forces you to focus on the essential, see the big picture, get others excited, and remember you & your work



HOW EXCITING!! PLEASE TELL ME MORE!!

Perhaps even more important: Cocktail Party Pitch

- Next family reunion
- "My child does something with computers."

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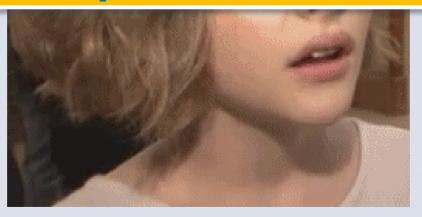


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Think of a 60 sec summary of your work. Ask jv@cispa.saarland for feedback.



The Thesis

In CS, typically a collection of papers

in the best case on a related topic

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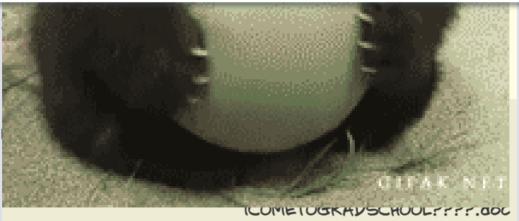


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