The Goal of a CSE 481N Five-Minute Update

• Bring us up to speed on the state of your project
• Raise questions and matters you’re worried or unsure about
• Success looks like this:
  • We have a great discussion right after you present
  • You are energized about the next steps of your project

Your goal is not:
• To tell us everything you did or show off how hard you’re working
• I care about the creation of knowledge, not how hard you work
Navigating the Constraints

time monster

curse of knowledge

irrelevant details
Advice

• Focus first on what **information** you want to convey.
  1. Make an outline
  2. Write a script (read your script, not your slides)
  3. Run through it. Too long, too confusing, too boring? Go back to step 1.
  4. Design the slides last.

• Visuals are for information that’s **hard** to convey in English.

• Always start by reminding us what your goal is!
  • Situate your report on progress against this goal.