

# Final Reflections - What Needs Work?

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Amidst a wave of projects, including completion of my original work, creation of my board and edition of my portfolio's content, work for the upcoming Research Showcase is coming to a close! The amount of preparation and time spent to make each one of these components of my presentation at the event allowed me to understand the breadth of formal settings in ensuring proper work is done on a study or project, as well as equip me with the knowledge on how to tackle similar situations in the future (not just in this independent environment, but also in business and educational settings as well).

A crucial lesson learnt in the formation of my presentation materials for the showcase was the significance of interpersonal communication; no matter the subject, shaking hands and talking directly with an interested audience is the best to convey information about your work. Knowing this, I feel better prepared to create boards, portfolios, and personal dialogue in the future that would accurately reflect the time spent on the project. I also looked to further my understanding of what I could do better to accomplish everything needed for similar events in the future, and found that I could benefit the most from a clear visual of what my set-up would look like, including both 3D props and arrangement of myself, the audience, and supplementary materials.

While wary of the implications that come with investment into projects like these, I feel I have found tremendous profit from experiencing a culture of consistency in your work. I hope to continue my pursuits in this personal management in the future, as well as apply these principles to other areas of my life.