

# Calm Before the Storm

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With this past week of work within my mentorship, it was gratifying to take a step back from the past work and reflect on what should be focused on for the remainder of the year. Due to a large amount of my time this week being given towards a spring trip with Reedy Orchestra, I was both more relaxed and focused after having the time to look at what can be done with my time as I move towards final preparations and practice for final presentation night.

The largest aspect of preparations I hope to focus on is my speech as a whole within the latter half of my ISM presentation: I have quickly realized that 30 minutes maximum goes by very fast when you have such an abundant amount of information to discuss. When recording for the presentation up to information over my Original Work experience, I found out that I can so easily take up time discussing the research portion of my journey, while taking away from the explanation of my Original Work and Final Product as a whole. I saw that, in attempting to cover all of my bases with information, I had little to say when I got to my Original Work portion that hasn't been said already. I hope to be able to use my class time this upcoming month to practice this speech with my presentation, and make sure my time with the audience is made most efficient for the betterment of my explanation of my experience as a whole.