HOW TO SUCCEED AT VB001 ORAL EXAM – PRESENTATION PART

First, make sure you prepare ahead

- Read "On a Well-Structured Presentation" for information regarding the various parts a good presentation **must** have.
- Read "Giving a Presentation" for a quick summary of presentation goals as well as a discussion on audience and body language
- Read "Presentation Phrasebook" to get familiar with common phrases used in presenting in an academic setting
- All of the three texts can be found in the Presentations Resources folder in the Useful Resources section of the interactive syllabus

- Watch two example presentations and focus on the differences between the two presentation styles:
  a. Watch "Delivering a bad presentation – spot the mistakes" video (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ATfY8dvbuFg)
  b. Watch "Delivering a good presentation - identify the good techniques" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5utoLhjUuAI)

Think about your topic…

- Your presentation must be IT-related. In addition, avoid discussing computer and video games; however, presenting on game engines (for example the evolution of 3D engines) or technologies used in gaming (e.g. motion capturing) is a good presentation topic.
- Choose your topic well! Are you knowledgeable of the topic? What exactly are you going to talk about? What do you want the audience to remember? Why is it important?
- Try to avoid general topics (e.g. "Overview of Mobile OS"). Instead, try to provide a more focused presentation.

…but also focus on the more "technical" side of giving presentation

- What are you going to need for the presentation? Are you going to use a video or audio during the presentation? Do you need a specific application or a piece of hardware? Make sure these are in working order **before** you start your presentation.
- To avoid the above, prepare your presentations as a *PowerPoint* or .pdf file (*Prezi* is fine as well).
- Even though you can use notes during your presentation, you should avoid relying on them too much while presenting. In addition, do not write down the whole text you are going to say during your presentation; use bullet points or brief phrases for your notes instead.