

CS130(0) Portfolio Review Guide

Hi, CS130(0)-ers! Here is a quick guide to getting ready for your portfolio review. As you prepare for your portfolio review, here are a few things to keep in mind when [reviewing with peers](#) and [reviewing with people from industry](#).

Peer Review Practice Guide

How to prep your portfolio

Your portfolio does not have to be 100% complete by this point, but you should have enough material put together to showcase the main content of your portfolio pieces / present a reasonable narrative (see assignment handout for more details) for each of your pieces.

Remember all those style points allotted on each assignment's rubric? The grading guidelines for style points for each assignment (refer to the [style guide](#)) are a good way to tell if you are on the right track.

Some important tips/considerations:

- Can someone who is not familiar with your assignment / project know what the premise of your portfolio piece is?
- *Be transparent with the process of your portfolio piece!* Reviewers want to see your sketches/diagrams/mockups/etc. and understand your thoughts, not just your end product!

How to find peers to review with

- If you attend class, find 2-3 other students in class to practice with.
- If you are excused from attending class (email the TA list describing your circumstances for a confirmation), find at least 2-3 other students to practice with on your own time.
- If you do not attend class and are not excused from attending class, find at least 1 other student to practice with on your own time.

How to present your portfolio

- Present your portfolio for around 15 minutes
 - Briefly introduce yourself to your peers.
 - Walk through your portfolio pieces.
- For the remaining 5 minutes, get feedback from your peers
 - Conduct this part of the presentation similarly to critique sessions.
 - Let your peers give their thoughts first, then clarify or ask follow-up questions.

How to give feedback

Give feedback to your peers similarly to how you would during critique sessions.

- Refer to [this](#) Medium article about crits at Facebook.
- Refer to [this](#) chapter on critiques from a RISD book (Chapter 10, "Conversation: Critique" by Eva Sutton).

Industry Portfolio Review Guide

How to prep your portfolio

Your portfolio should be completed and ready to present by this point.

Make sure that your portfolio pieces:

- Can convey its premise to someone who is not familiar with your assignment / project
- *Are transparent with the processes involved!* Reviewers want to see your sketches/diagrams/mockups/etc. and understand your thoughts, not just your end products!

How to contact your reviewer

The TAs should have emailed you about how to reach out to your reviewer. Keep in mind that reviewers generously agreed to spend time reviewing students' portfolios for the course, so **please be respectful of reviewers' time and do not ask reviewers about job opportunities.**

What to expect

Before your review time slot

- **Contact the reviewer to send them your portfolio before your critique session** (instructions given by the TAs via email)
- **Please familiarize yourself with the platform where the call will be made and eliminate possible technical difficulties (microphone, camera, etc.) beforehand**
- Prepare any questions you may have about portfolios in general, or about your reviewer and their work in case you have extra time at the end of your review

During your review time slot (20 minutes)

- Briefly introduce each other and jump quickly into the portfolio review process
- Direct your reviewer to your portfolio (through screen sharing or link; this is something you will coordinate when contacting your reviewer)
- Walk through your portfolio with your reviewer
- Your reviewer might ask you some quick questions during your presentation, and you should also leave some time (~2 minutes) at the end for them to ask you some additional questions.

Twenty minutes is really short, so be mindful of how you distribute your time throughout your presentation. Please make your review timely so that students in the following time slots are able to present their portfolios on time. If there is some time left at the end, you may also ask your reviewer for additional feedback or any additional questions you may have prepared for them beforehand. **Finally, please make sure to thank your reviewer for their time!**