PechaKucha Presentations

PechaKucha presentations are timed slide shows made up of 20, 15, or 10 slides that auto-advance every 20 seconds. After a stationary title slide, which allows you to get ready, you start the show, talk to the audience while the slides are running behind you, and stop talking when the last slide leaves the screen. This format trains you to stay focused on your message. It also keeps the things moving so no one gets bored.

Here are the rules:

- Your presentation will use PowerPoint (or Keynote or Google Presentations), but you'll be restricted to 20 slides. No more, no less. Period.
- Each slide must be set to auto-advance after 20 seconds. No clickers, no exceptions.
- Your presentation must also follow the 1/1/5 rule. You must have at least one image per slide, you can use each exact image only once, and you should add no more than five words per slide.
- You may use your own images, or you can find and use images that are in the public domain.
    - *Google Images has a new tool for finding Creative Commons images.*
    - *You may also find Creative Commons images on Flickr.*
- When designing the presentation, think SHORT, INFORMAL, and CREATIVE. Perhaps surprisingly, the Pecha Kucha form's restriction (paradoxically) promotes this creativity.

PechaKuchas come in three formats:

- **Full Format:** 20 slides (plus a title slide) that auto-advance every 20 seconds. This gives you **exactly 6 minutes and 40 seconds** to present your material.
- **Mieso Format:** 15 slides (plus a title slide) that auto-advance every 20 seconds. This gives you **exactly 5 minutes** to present your material.
- **Mini Format:** 10 slides (plus a title slide) that auto-advance every 20 seconds. This gives you **exactly 3 minutes and 20 seconds** to present your material.

For further information:

- *Wikipedia article on Pecha Kucha*
- *Ryan Cordell's Pecha Kucha assignment for his "Deep Mapping" course at Northeastern University*