

ART Speakers' Handbook

About ART

Alumni Research Talks is a platform where Alumni of BITS Pilani deliver talks to current students at BITS, on-campus. The talks are about your journey, motivation, experiences, mixed with interesting work that you are currently doing and have done previously. The aim is to show how vibrant solving computer science problems can be. It aims to validate the popular notion that good learning happens through informal conversations and discussing ideas while spending time proving or disproving things or experimenting with the unknown.

ART 11.0

ART 11.0 will be held online, from 11th February to 13th February 2021. The talks will be hosted on Airmeeet and live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook. ART 11.0 will not be on-campus due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but we have taken every effort to maintain the same enthusiasm and zeal this year as well.

About the audience

The audience comprises undergraduate students (95%), graduate students (4%) and professors (1%). Out of the undergraduate students, most of them are first years (50%), many second years (25%) and some third (15%) and fourth years (10%).

Details about the talk

Talks during ART, in general, last from 45 minutes to 1 hour, followed by a Q&A session of 15 to 20 minutes. Speakers can send their presentations (if any) for the talk, before the day of their talk, to CSA, for a review keeping in mind the audience dynamics.

Resources from Speakers (optional)

To make most of the interaction between students and speakers, two components are immensely useful:

1. Pre-ART material:

If you wish to, then you can pass on some material for students to go through before your talk. This can be articles from tech magazines, news items talking about the field and how the advances in it are being used in industry, research papers or toolboxes/datasets to play with for extremely enthusiastic students.

2. Post-ART direction:

It has been found that students follow up on the content in the talks if they are given a nudge in the current direction. The last few minutes in your talk can give this nudge if you so choose. You can also pass on more resources to students as well.

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About CSA:

The Computer Science Association is the disciplinary association for the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems at BITS Pilani, Pilani campus. We are a student body responsible for acting as an interface between the students and the department. We perform various administrative and representative duties, curate talks, hold competitions and other events during the academic year.