

A SUPER HECTIC THREE WEEK STRETCH

These past three weeks have been absolutely action-packed and way different from the normal routine. The first week was primarily spent preparing for and conducting my first mentor meeting. My meeting with Dr. Kim went really well and was extremely successful. It was really thorough and he gave me a ton of information and advice as we talked through my fall semester project and what needs to be done and changed for the spring project. I also spent a good chunk of the week preparing for the Original Work Presentation, which previously was due on Monday of the second week. But, that deadline was pushed back due to the statewide storm that killed almost all of the power in Texas and caused lots of damage to many homes. Personally, I did not really benefit from the "rolling blackouts," since I would receive power for about 45 minutes to 1 hour and would be in the dark for 6 to 8 hour stretches. So that basically consumed the entire second week.

For the third week, we worked asynchronously and for ISM, I mainly focused on research and prepared for the Original Work presentation, so basically repeating the work done the first week of this stretch in order to refresh my memory on a lot of the information and what I was doing research-wise.

Regarding the Original Work presentation, I was able to complete that this week. There was a lot of preparation put into this presentation and I felt like it went really well. I had almost no filler words and I was able to prepare enough to elaborate a lot on each of the slides and to reflect my true understanding of my project and my in-depth research I conducted this past semester. My enunciation was solid and I maintained eye contact with my webcam. I am proud of myself for being well prepared and for doing one of the best presentations I have ever done.

My plan for this upcoming week is to meet with my mentor again after the stretch of losing power and recovering my memory of the research and work done in the first week of the date range of this report. I really look forward to this week and what it has in store for me.

Weekly Report

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