

## Week 07 (10/09) Midterm Presentation - Physical Prototype

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Your physical prototype is expected to be a playable version of your game concept, demonstrating its core mechanic, rules, procedures, objective, conflict, challenge, and other elements.

While work should have been put forth to make the game balanced and compelling by this point, it is by no means expected to be complete - it is, after all, a prototype.

The exercise of developing this prototype is intended to help you think through the game's structural, dramatic, and dynamic elements, and to offer the chance for rapidly iterating through different takes on rules, mechanics, and other elements, finding what works and what doesn't. Everything you learn from this process will greatly aid you in developing your Digital Prototype in the second half of the semester.

The grading criteria for the Physical Prototype as your Midterm Presentation are as follows:

[25] Total Points Available (Overall % of grade: 25%)

[10] Game is playable. This means there is a clear objective, with rules and mechanics defined to allow players to work toward that objective through play.

[05] Prototype communicates the player experience goals.

[05] A core mechanic is clearly defined.

[05] A rulesheet clarifies the game's objective, procedures, and essential rules, lists the materials required to play, details any necessary setup instructions, defines key concepts, and explains how conflict is resolved in certain scenarios.

Evaluation will be performed through playing each team's game. During this time, teams are welcome to present their game and explain how to play, as well as provide any additional clarification, but rulesheets should be present and sufficiently detail the game's objective, procedures, and rules. Please turn in a copy of your rulesheet either electronically or in person.

As this is a group project with each group member expected to contribute equally, each member of the group will receive the same grade. If anyone feels their grade is unfair, or that individual effort put forth by a particular member was not equivalent to that of the others, please feel free to bring up the issue with me, and we will discuss it.