

Pg. 19 Reflection:

Typically, most websites will utilize a variety of tabs, menus, or other dividers to neatly sort content that the user would be interested in, so that they can quickly and efficiently reach only the parts they care about. Many academic sites will also have side tabs for chapters or sections and a page finder for finding specific pieces of information. Although many sites will ask for five different signups, a dedicated password, all of your web cookies, and a couple email verifications before you can reach the actual content, once you can access the rest of the site, most of the information is usually easy to access, and any associated sites are usually hyperlinked into the site as well. Most menu items are named vague umbrella terms and then any further organizers or dividers are named more specifically until it reaches the most granularity, though navigating twelve different dividers to get to your information is not ideal. The sites are usually organized so that the menu items are listed at the top, chapters or sections at either the left or right sides, and additional information like page numbers, bookmarks, or progress at the bottom, and almost always they are in standard, formal fonts and drab colors if there are any at all. Many times, the colors that are shown will be relevant to the site or associated group's logo or a specific design. For example, the Mac Millan website's e-reader will have the table of contents set to the left side, the writing in the center/right, your progress and page number at the bottom, and then some help items at the top. This arrangement allows the reader to quickly jump to or analyze any information they need and gives information on how to use the website in case the reader gets confused. Another example would be Git, which is primarily used by developers. It's arranged in such a way that you can find update entries and view the code for each of these updates. Additionally, most of the data will also be arranged in folders (based on the relevant software) with relevant names for their contents, so you can granularly see everything the author has written for the software. Relating to my portfolio subject of scripting, a mix of these designs would probably be helpful for organizing the code and created a readable view of my research. It would also give me options on how I can explain specific details of the software to readers who wouldn't otherwise know what was going on.

(I was absent last class, and I frankly don't know what prompt or questions you want me to answer for the second part of this assignment, the only questions I see are "What do you do well when faced with a new project?" and "What do you need to do better to improve your working process?")

I am usually very adaptable to the information I need to present and can effectively come up with a solid plan of action to reach the end I need in a project. On the other hand, sometimes I may struggle to effectively explain relevant information to the project and leave readers uncertain of what I'm talking about.