The Project Interview

Each student will have around 10-15 minutes for the interview, but based on your answers, your interview could stretch up to 60 minutes.

The interview will determine the whole mark of the project regardless of what you submitted before.

Your instructor will assign you a time slot for your interview. All interviews will be on campus and each student must come to his/her interview only, this means you don't have to attend interviews of other students scheduled on other dates/times.

In the interview, you are expected to **demo**, **explain**, and **defend** your work of the project. The interview will examine your work from different aspects including its correctness, but more importantly, your ability to explain, justify, and defend your work based on what you have learned. Thus, your grade could be heavily impacted even if you submitted a completely correct and fully functional project, but you were unable to **explain/defend** your work.

The sequence of the interview will usually be as follows:

1. The student will have only 5 minutes to present his/her project. This is a very short time and you have to make sure that you **focus on the requirements and how you met these requirements in your project**. Practice your presentation before the interview date to avoid wasting the time on irrelevant points. The instructor is not interested in hearing a story about the company, the products, or the like. Instead, you should for example start by showing the home page with its main parts such as the header, navigational links, the featured products section, etc., then demonstrate that your styling conforms to mixed layout, then show the grid of products in the products page and how you are displaying all the required information, then demonstrate your form and its validation including how your page prevents submission with invalid entries, the error messages, etc.
2. The instructor may then ask you to perform additional test cases and/or show specific parts of a page in your project and explain how you created these parts.
3. Finally, the instructor will ask you to show specific parts of your code and explain them. You could also be assigned a small task which you have to write some code to complete. This is where you earn your grade. Failing to explain your code or complete the task may greatly lower your grade (it could go down to zero even if you presented a wonderful and fully functional web app).

To avoid unnecessary hassle, pay attention to the following:

- Make sure to upload your files to the drop box of **Project Part 4** on D2L before coming to the interview. Test to make sure everything works as expected.
- In addition, you must **have your files ready at interview time** so that you can open them in an editor to show your code when asked, failure to do so will turn the interview meaningless and no grade will be assigned.
- The interview schedule is very tight, please make sure to arrive at least 10 minutes before your scheduled time. If you don't show up on your allocated time, you are at risk of losing the whole project mark since it may not be feasible to reschedule the interview.

Good Luck ☺