**Introduction:**

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I understand that there is a lot of information to go through, but I put a great deal of effort into this project and the accompanying process document. The document is divided by weeks, each detailing the steps I took during my creative process and explaining my decision making. I hope that this document provides you with insight into my approach and serves as a useful resource for those interested in creative projects.

**Weeks 1-2:**

In these initial weeks of the website project, I focused on learning and exploring HTML and CSS. As I gained a better understanding of these fundamental web development languages, I started to think about the purpose and content of my website. To guide my project, I asked myself several questions such as what topics am I interested in, what skills could I share, and what resources could I provide to a wider audience.

Using these questions as a starting point, I decided to focus on creating a website that would primarily serve as an information hub, similar to the first websites of the internet (Web 1.0). This would allow me to showcase my skills and interests while also providing valuable resources to others. I spent some time brainstorming and researching potential topics and themes for my website, and eventually settled on a few ideas that I felt would be both interesting and informative.

Overall, during Week 1-2, I spent most of my time familiarizing myself with the basics of web development, particularly HTML and CSS. While I had a general idea of the purpose of my website, I did not have a clear direction in terms of its content and design. However, I spent some time brainstorming and researching potential themes for the website, and ultimately came up with a few ideas that I felt would be interesting and informative. These included a guide to smoking, a tutorial on playing guitar, and resources for individuals dealing with depression.

1. Guide to smoking: As a smoker myself, I am deeply interested in exploring the topic of smoking and its effects on our health and well-being. Through my website, I would like to delve into the reasons why it can be so difficult to quit smoking, and provide valuable resources and support for individuals looking to quit. I would also examine the culture and social aspects of smoking, and the role it plays in our everyday lives.

2. Tutorial on playing guitar: Playing guitar is a passion of mine, and I have been playing for about five years now. I understand firsthand the joy and fulfillment that can come from mastering this beautiful instrument. Through my website, I would like to share my knowledge and experience with others who are interested in learning how to play. I would provide step-by-step instructions, tips, and tricks for players of all levels, and highlight some of my favorite songs and artists to help inspire and motivate beginners.

3. Resources for individuals dealing with depression: As an international student, I am acutely aware of the challenges and stresses that can come from being in an unfamiliar environment far from home. I understand the importance of mental health and well-being, and want to provide valuable resources and support for individuals dealing with depression. Through my website, I would offer a range of resources, including self-help techniques, therapy options, and medication resources, as well as personal stories and experiences from individuals who have successfully coped with depression. My goal is to provide a safe and supportive community for individuals struggling with this complex and challenging condition.

**Weeks 3-4:**

During weeks 3-4, I continued to refine my ideas for the website and started to develop the site's structure and layout. I researched different design styles and looked at other websites for inspiration. I also started to develop the content for the site, including writing articles and creating graphics.
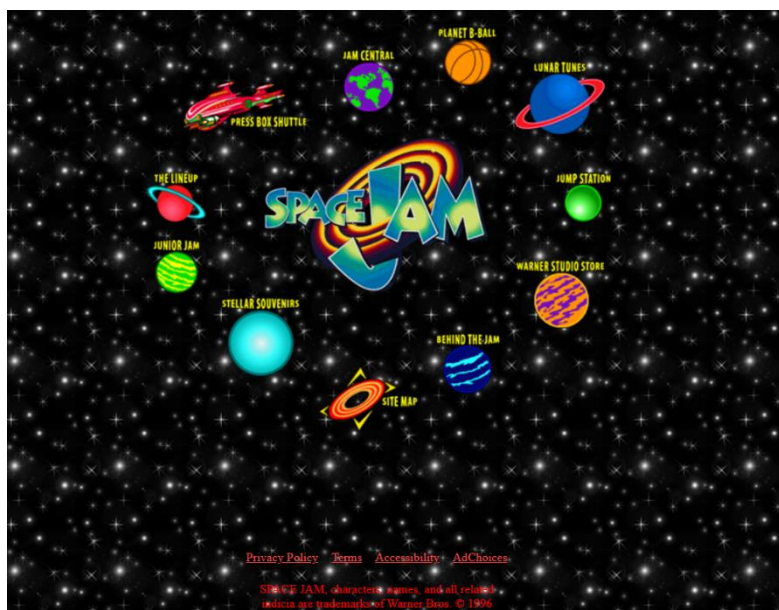
For the smoking guide, I researched the effects of smoking on health and the benefits of quitting. I also looked at different smoking cessation programs and products to provide a comprehensive resource for individuals looking to quit smoking. However, I struggled to delve into the topic of quitting smoking due to my positive attitude towards smoking. Although I understand the detrimental health effects, I found it challenging to create content that aligned with my personal beliefs.

For the depression resources, I researched different types of therapy and medication options, as well as self-help techniques for managing symptoms. I also reached out to mental health professionals to provide expert advice and recommendations for individuals seeking help. The problem was that I found the topic both motivating and interesting, but also emotionally challenging. It was difficult to balance the informative and helpful aspects of the content with the potentially depressing nature of the topic.

Ultimately, I found the idea of creating a guitar guide to be the most appealing. As a guitar player with five years of experience, I researched popular songs to cover and began developing lessons and exercises to provide comprehensive guidance for beginners.

It was difficult to determine the appropriate layout without a clear understanding of the website's theme and content. This was the case during weeks 3-4 when I was exploring different website themes, including a smoking guide, a guitar guide, and depression resources. Without a specific topic in mind, I found it challenging to envision the layout and structure of the website.
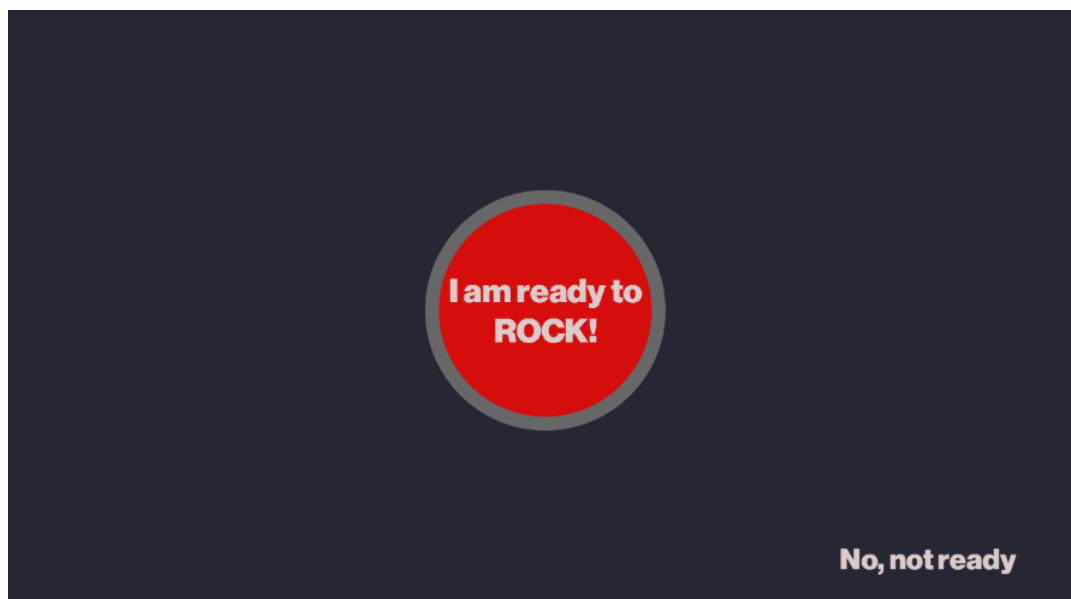
However, during this time, I researched different design styles and examined other websites for inspiration. I was considering creating a layout similar to the Space Jam website, which was a popular website in the late 1990s and early 2000s, or an old website from the Bauman university from 1997.

Coincidentally, an acquaintance of mine who is studying at Bauman University suggested that I take inspiration from their website, which was a valuable suggestion that helped me better structure and organize my website's content.



My website layouts:



At that time it was interesting to implement a 'starting button' (???) into the website. This was when I came up with the idea of combining an GAME and Guitar guide. This was what I later decided to do.

I was not happy with this layout, where I combined both Bauman and Space Jam layouts (Centralized layout, side by side and at the same time confusing links).

**Final week(s):**

During the final week of my website project, I was able to fully develop my idea into a unique and exciting concept. After considering a variety of themes, I ultimately landed on the idea of a guitar guide in the style of 90s adventure games. The appeal of this concept came from its originality and potential to engage visitors through a playful and interactive format. As I continued to refine my idea, I realized that the narrative-based structure of 90s games was the perfect fit for an informative website that would guide aspiring guitarists into the world of metal.

What made this idea stand out was the fact that it wasn't just another run-of-the-mill guitar guide. By incorporating the adventurous and immersive style of classic games, I was able to create an experience that would be both informative and engaging. Rather than simply presenting information, the website would guide visitors through a journey of discovery, providing them with the tools and resources they need to become successful metal guitarists.

The evolution of this idea was a result of several factors, including my own experimentation with different website layouts and designs. By trying out different styles and formats, I was able to land on a layout that perfectly captured the essence of what I was trying to achieve. And by combining this layout with the exciting and unique concept of a 90s adventure game-style guitar guide, I was confident that I had created something truly special.

Vital paragraph:

To create an engaging and immersive experience for visitors to my website, I decided to approach it in the form of a narrative plot, using a mocking and daring tone of speech to create a combined atmosphere of a Metal Guitarists' band and an adventure game. This way, the website is speaking directly to the visitor, as if they are a part of the story. The narration serves as a guide to the various resources and tips that are included throughout the website. Additionally, I included multiple links to the sources I use myself to advance as a guitarist, such as guitar lesson websites and tabs, as well as resources that inspire me and might inspire the visitors, such as biographies of famous metal guitarists and articles about the history of heavy metal music. By combining a unique and engaging narrative style with practical and informative resources, I aimed to create a website that not only educates, but also entertains and inspires.