

Python DeCal Homework 9

Personal Websites:

Last week we had a homework assignment designed specifically for you to create your own CV. A CV is absolutely vital if you want to land any research positions or opportunities. Something that is less common but tends to stand out, is a research website. Typically advanced undergrads and graduate students have their own website to display themselves in a more full light. A CV is great for the bare necessities and all, but if you want to show a more in depth look at what you've done then a personal website is fantastic for that. It is also really great for REU applications because you can fit substantially more info on your application with a simple url to your website.

Your assignment for this week is to make your own personal website. This can take as little as 10 minutes or as long as weeks depending on how in depth you want to go. There is a huge number of platforms to do this with. If you want to really go wild with it you can teach yourself CSS, HTML, and Javascript to write your own site from scratch with code.... That's pretty hardcore and would not recommend doing mid semester. I recommend using a click and drag website maker like [WIX.com](#), [SquareSpace](#), or [Google Sites](#). Now the big downside about these site makers is that they don't let you pick a nice URL without paying... which may or may not bother you. If you want a nice pretty URL typically you can purchase a domain to have a custom URL or do their premium service but we would never ask that of you so please don't feel like that is necessary. Lastly, a great resource is making a github website which is completely free and the url is not atrociously ugly either! It takes a bit more work but you can really make a spectacular website with [Github Pages](#)!

Refer to the examples on the lecture slides for inspiration! It doesn't have to be drop dead gorgeous, but it should have some information about you. Typically a good site has:

- **Welcome Section/Page** (your name, a short bio about you and what you do, social media links, and a picture of yourself ← this makes a huge difference I promise)
- **About Me Section/Page** (talk about yourself! Hobbies, interests, things you are passionate about or enjoy)
- **Research Section/Page** (this is going to have the highest traffic, make this page the best if you can. As you do more research discuss it here. Name all the projects you're doing, what you are interested in, link your CV or have it embedded in the site itself)
- **Contact Section/Page** (How does someone contact you?)

You must turn in a URL to your personal website and it should have all 4 of the bulleted sections for full credit on this assignment. The more effort you put into this homework assignment the more you will feel comfortable having others look at it, and that is the whole point! So please, do your best with this assignment and don't shrug it off. Please make it your own, a pretty website speaks huge volumes for an applicant.