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- 1) **GitHub:** In your summary report, include a link to your private repo and allow instructor(s) access.

https://github.com/Zena/Zahran/Zahran_Zena_Portfolio-.git

- 2) **Week in Review:** In brief, summarize your progress for the week. Be sure to address the following:

- ✓ Reference your burn-up list from the previous week, research, and development.

Zena Zahran's: Burn Up List

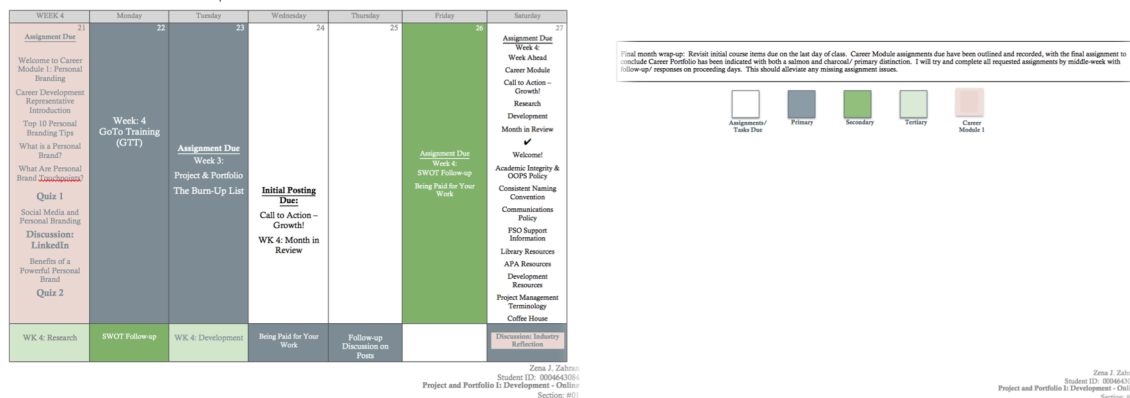


Figure 1

➤ Strength: Organizational skills

- The Burn Up List (Figure 1) I never knew what a "Burn-Up List" was until this class. I can see that this will be used more often than a simple calendar or task list. I found this to be one of the most effective ways of staying on task. I noticed in my research that there was also a tool called a burn-down list. It was an interactive countdown using a line graph, which indicated task completion. That would truly be an effective twist to the overall process.

- ✓ Call attention to any significant peer, instructor, or stakeholder interaction for the week.

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Good Morning Robin,

I was reviewing the assignment on the SWOT Follow-up.

The following are speaking of business, but can be applied to your personal SWOT. (You must be logged into Lynda.com to access these videos.)

This link does not navigate you to Lynda.com and it seems that all of the links above ultimately land you on the same page. Just a heads up.

Enjoy your day,

Zena

a day ago

Robin Groff Alarcon

INSTRUCTOR

Thank you Zena, I will look into it.

Robin



Sean Buchholz

This is a great quote to depict the nature of the design and development industry. The idea that something "can't be done" is more often than not the catalyst to find a solution to that thing. A few years ago, the idea of fully responsive website design was something that "couldn't be done" until Ethan Marcotte pushed the boundaries and came up with the responsive design philosophy, through research and experimentation. And how many video games (or any other technology, for that matter) wouldn't exist today if "it can't be done" had been taken as granted? Great choice.

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Chad Rutherford

Thomas,

I love this quote. I whole-heartedly believe that in our industry to stay relevant we have to always strive to push the issue and stay ahead of the curve of growing trends. This is a daunting task to accomplish with the tech scene changing almost daily and at an alarming rate. I agree that research and development is going to push our industry more and more forward every year. I look forward to what the future has in store for us and can't wait to be a part of that development process.

Chad

3 days ago




Zena Zahran

Chad, I can't agree with you more. I cannot wait to be part of this industry either and I have been kicking myself for not getting into it earlier on. Sean...It seems that if someone tells me that something can't be done I push even harder to complete the task. Tomas this is a quote that is near and dear to be. My father was an aviation mechanic and I spent much time on the tarmac watching the planes taxi in, though my vantage point was from the inside of a baggage car. But that is another story.

This is only my second class in this new field that I am entering. I find that there are more opportunities than I had believed possible. I am open to take it all in and embrace what comes next. I'm not sure that that was truly the case with any other field that I had entered before.

Tomas, will you be staying in China or are you looking for opportunities back in the states?

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Theresa, I agree with Brandy you have been through much! The best part of it all, your skin has gotten thicker and you can withstand so much flawlessly. Each time you have been knocked down, you rouse to the occasion. You children are so lucky to have you, and you like wise.

Part of Ms. Monroe's (Norma Jean) quote is quite sad, the part which refers to trust. Having been shuttled in and out of the foster care system, due to the fact that her mother was schizophrenic. She suffered from depression and loneliness, noting that her earliest marriage was around the age of sixteen. No matter how promising her career, she tragically died at the age of 36, which was determined an overdose and apparent suicide. Unlike Marilyn, you are surrounded by unconditional love; that of your children and your support system.

It is very difficult to trust when we fall. Even more so if you have to only rely on the belief of oneself. Once we can trust and believe in ourselves, the sky is the limit. But, it takes for us to be beating down to understand that there will be a moment in our lives that we will no longer need assistance to get up. That is when we are truly able to stand tall. Thank you...Theresa!

It is wonderful to see that you have the support of your children. Are any of them looking to follow in your footsteps...in any of your previous careers or will they be coders?

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 Theresa Romero

Zena,

My children want no part of law enforcement. They are gamers and will follow in my FSU footsteps. I have a 529 college fund set up for them already and will be there for them as they are here for me.


~Theresa

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 Zena Zahran

Good for you Theresa! Keep leading by example. You may want to start them out on some of the children's site. Khan Academy has a program called "[One Hour of Code](#)" you may want to look into. They are not the only organization on the web doing so. [Mindcraft](#), [Google](#) and several other companies have sites to jumpstart your children's careers.

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 Theresa Romero

Zena,

We are heavily into MineCraft, ROBLOX, and Khan Academy. I am very aware of what they can do & I am on it with them. Steam also has programs for them as well. I am very involved with them when it comes to gameplay and mods. Thank you for your feedback, it is greatly appreciated.

~Theresa

6 days ago

 Zena Zahran

You are welcome! I need to look into some additional programs for my high school students. I do believe that I am going to jump on your bandwagon! So glad that you are all enjoying these programs. Maybe some of my student may be interested as well.

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- Weakness: SWOT reminds me that I must use self-correction techniques. Allowing someone to proofread before items are submitted to FSO or submission to a client. That in business, I must look beyond what is, to find solutions. I must consider cause and effects of every situation, to perceive desired outcomes.

Personal Competencies Inventory Follow-up - DVP 1

Utilize SWOT to complete this inventory. You are NOT being graded on your responses. How much have you grown this month? This is for you!

* Required

Which section are you in? *

Section 1 ▼

Name *

Last, First

Zahran, Zena

- Writing competency: This encompasses all forms of written communication. I am quite comfortable writing at the college-level; but, know I there are a couple of things on which I could improve.
- Speaking competency: This encompasses all forms of verbal communication. I am completely comfortable speaking at the college-level.
- Math competency: I can use quantitative techniques to solve real world problems: I am quite comfortable using quantitative techniques to solve real world problems: but, know I there are a couple of things on which I could improve.
- Personal Improvement Reflection: I have set goals for 5 years from now. I have set goals for 10 years from now. Though life is not promised and plans often change when you least expect it. When I began my journey at Full Sail it was for the intention of becoming a graphic designer. It has somehow morphed into mobile development. I've learned in this lifetime that we must be willing to become flexible.
- Critical Thinking: Carefully and logically analyze information and ideas from

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- multiple perspectives in order to develop reasoned solutions to problems. I am completely comfortable analyzing information and ideas from multiple perspectives in order to develop reasoned solutions to problems.
- Critical Thinking: I apply scientific inquiry or research to solving problems. I am completely comfortable applying scientific inquiry or research to solving problems.
 - Critical Thinking: I defend ideas with appropriate support. I am completely comfortable defending ideas with appropriate support.
 - Effective interpersonal interactions: This includes written, verbal and non-verbal interactions. I understand and can explain how culture can impact individual perception, action, and actions. I understand and can explain how social structure can impact individual perception, action, and actions. I understand and can explain how diversity can impact individual perception, action, and actions. I understand and can explain how key elements of historical context can impact individual perception, action, and actions.
 - Digital Literacy Technologies: I know which digital tool to present information. I am completely comfortable choosing the correct digit tool to present information. Currently using skills acquired at FSU in my long-term Substitute Social Studies Teacher. With the aid of a SmartBoard, I find that I am exposing my students to research and Web 2.0 technologies.
 - Digital Literacy Technologies: I know which technologies to use for researching and locating information. I am completely comfortable choosing the correct digit tool to use for researching and locating information.
 - TEM: Concept Mapping -- I am completely comfortable with when and how to use a concept map.
 - Time Management -- I have a pretty good handle on my time management. Though there are may be some days where balance does not conceive a cohesive flow.
 - When issues arise, with broken assignment links or other viable content, I immediately sent work to Course Instructor. Her response has been quite prompt. If there had been an omission of any sort, we worked together to address the issue.
 - Art History: Formal Elements of Art Vocabulary -- I am completely comfortable with the formal elements of art vocabulary.
 - Art History: Universal Principles of Design Vocabulary -- I am completely comfortable with the formal elements of art vocabulary.
 - Psychology of Play: RISE Model for Self Evaluation -- I am completely comfortable with the fRISE Model for Self Evaluation.
- ✓ Be sure to describe your reaction to input and feedback for the week and

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projected next steps.


- When answering discussion post, I must make sure that I revisit prompts and the assignment rubrics when responding to every discussion post each week. (see Figure 2)

Figure 2

 Brandy Novak

I love Robin Williams! I grew up watching him and I do miss his very unique brand of comedy. This quote is one of my favorites! So many people will tell you that your ideas or thoughts don't matter and try to discount what you do, but they shouldn't! Every idea and thought is important no matter how small or insignificant it may appear.

7 days ago


 Zena Zahran

I was a huge fan of "Mork & Mindy," which ran from about 1978 until around 1982. Definitely well before your time. It was a crushing blow to lose such an icon to suicide. Diseases of the mind are so difficult to discern. But, how we think or speak or do can have a lasting effect on what you might otherwise consider mundane.

If we rely on the chaos theory as it pertains to the butterfly effect, the outcome will state that everything matters, even the flutter of the wings on this beautiful little creature. It is said that people didn't follow Dr. King because of what he said. It was that the people wanted to believe as he did. That is also the case with the "Black Lives Matters" movement. It is not to say they're the only lives that mattered. It was asking, in a matter of fashion, why black lives seemed to matter less. There are many who do not understand why this movement is gaining traction. However, many of the reasons are coming out in the rhetoric of many politicians.

As for your statement *"Also if I look back on words that I have said to others, I can honestly say that words have changed who I talk to."* I do hope that is not the case. Sometimes words make us hypersensitive. For whatever its worth, do not let the words of others destroy your light.


6 days ago

 Kathryn Agnew

Zena,

Thanks for the advice. I know that people didn't follow Dr. King because of his speeches, but now when we read about his speeches we are amazed by what they mean. Throughout my school career, I always had to look at the speech "I had a dream"; actually in my senior year we had to do a paper on the speech. The topic was "what does the speech mean to you? How can words have such a powerful meaning?" This is why I had mentioned the speech, words in the dictionary are just words. But when they are compiled into sentences and phrase, they can change how we feel and think.

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 Zena Zahran

Absolutely, Kathryn! Each morning when I send my youngest son on the bus to school I make sure that he always leaves with these words. "Bye, Baby...I love you! Don't let anyone steal your...." and his response...""Joy!" I never realized how important this was to him. Until I read sometime that he wrote that once referenced our banter in a class assignment. Explaining to his peers what these words meant to him. He is sixteen years old now; not always willing to play mommies baby unless on his own terms. I'm okay with that!

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- ✓ Show professionalism by capturing what occurred this past week in your log files and describe how you managed your time during Project and Portfolio by answering the Anchor Point questions.

3) **Anchor Points:**

- ✓ What have you done?
 - LinkedIn and Career Module: Review and complete class assignments. Making sure that my LinkedIn Profile is reflective of my presence as a future mobile developer. My content in that realm is substantial meager. But, I began to make industry and group connections so that I may begin to maintain a dialogue in what is to be my field of expertise.
 - Continue creating an ePortfolio and collecting archives items from previous coursework. Not forgetting to push ongoing assignments to GitHub through SourceTree.
 - Worked on Time Estimation and Management Phase 3&4 to organize my workflow, this document has been created in an excel spreadsheet and will be edited weekly.
- ✓ What are you doing?
 - Reviewing assignment with pending due dates.
 - Organizing content to be pushed to GitHub
 - Create and submit The Burn Up List Assignment (see Figure 1)
 - Respond to FSO comments and emails
 - Review The CODE2040 Fellows Program and similar programs
- ✓ What's Next?
 - Adjust documentation in GitHub if necessary
 - Edit actual time to complete Project & Portfolio Assignment
 - Begin research process for WK 4: Call to Action - Growth! and WK 4: Month in Review.
 - Go back into Career Module and complete Discussion: Industry Reflection and complete assignment.
 - WK 4: Being Paid for Your Work
 - View discussion boards and begin giving constructive feedback
 - Revisit SDI videos to increase proficiency in C# -- unable to review last week.
 - Continue to read industry specific magazine and blogs
 - Self-Critic

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✓ How will you accomplish this?

- Taking care not to be overwhelmed through hectic scheduling.
- Continue to seek instructor aid when difficulties arise, in addition to the use of Coffee House discussion board, email and iChat to seek advice from classmates (ie team members)
- Pay close attention to final week Burn-up List (Figure 1) complete pending assignments.

4) **Reflect and Connect:** Describe how your time and effort this past week relates to your goals and experience in the degree.

How did you add value to this? How did you perform?

- In this week especially, I discovered that the more specific I focus my Burn-up list, the easier it would be to focus on time management and efficiently complete assignments with my peers. This would be most effective working with clients as well.
- WK 4: Being Paid for Your Work will help in formulating not only coursework, but billable hours if I decide to freelance or keep personal accounting for assignments. I was at a lost on how I would have succeeded in this endeavor. This was my gem of the week.

Have you improved upon work, skill or knowledge this week? If so, how?

- Yes, SWOT has helped to evaluate my skills sets, and I will continue to work on areas that I have fallen short.
- I had been a bit lax in working in Excel. This course has reacquainted me with the importance of this program. I find that I am now using it almost daily, especially at work.

What results can we expect to see from you next?

- I continue looking for new ways to define my personal brand. This will be ongoing. I will maintain my LinkedIn site and become more active in adding content. As I work on the creation of my ePortfolio, I will continue to draw on prior experiences to allow my personality to come through to breathe life into this creation that is to be an extension of me.
- Become more proficient in C# as I prepare for Database Structures.

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How does what you learned relate to your past learning and future development.

- There is always a more efficient way of working. Some of my techniques may have been a bit dated, but it was easy for me to understand, because I had done it for so long. As I move forward, I have to remember to remain open. I found that I collect so much data, which often goes unused. I need to be much more selective. Bookmark what may be of value and create specified folders for future review.
- I am a visual learner, which is wonderful for mobile development. SDI has given an enormous amount of video content, and so have many of my other classes. For archival sake, I need to place some in the Cloud and consider using an external drive. Not just allowing them to sit; continue to be an active participant, and active learner in my journey.