Chapter 10 Case Study

Validation Test

For my personal website, I tested my homepage. I honestly haven't done a validation test on my website for quite some time, so I wasn't sure if there would be any problems. All my errors have to do with the table. The cellpadding and border attributes on my HTML are being marked as obsolete, and that I should use CSS instead. This is something I often struggle with or forget. Things would probably function better if I am utilizing CSS to its fullest. I also struggle with reading mistakes in my code, so it would just be a good way to keep my code cleaner and organized. I am going to add some styling to my table, so I will be sure to use CSS, and also perform a validation test afterwards.

Usability Test

To perform a usability test, I simply acted as a test participant that is new to my website. Upon entering my website, the background image loads slowly. So I will probably need to resample the image. My website is rather simple and easy to navigate, but I could probably do with an update to the colors and styling just so everything is easier on the eyes. The other huge thing is the radio button, the message text field, and the dropdown areas. They are kind of just thrown onto the pages, so they could definitely use some styling and more thought. The other thing is that they don't really function, other than just being able to click the buttons. I will need to work on this so that they actually have a purpose and the user feels like there is a point to these features.