

Module 2 Fail Log

BACKGROUND:

- <http://www.bytown.net> was so fascinating to me! I love looking at old pictures and records, it gives a great snapshot of what life was like back then
- <https://ianmilligan.ca/2012/03/26/illusionary-order-cautionary-notes-for-online-newspapers/> I've used online newspapers for a previous history course. I analyzed advertisements that were targeted at males vs. females during World War II. I definitely resonate with the difficulties that can be experienced using these sources as it's difficult to ensure that your search word(s) match with what you want to come up (using OCR). Filters help, but only so much, there is still a lot more digging that you have to do personally to get to what you want. The other issue with using online newspapers is that the wording is different. There are a lot of words that we use now that were not used back then, and if you tried to type those words in, you'd obviously get nothing, but people would think there was absolutely no information. I spent a lot of time speaking to my professor about the language used in WWII and potential other search words, and that gave me a *lot* more results.
- I use my iPad + pencil for notetaking, and the OCR is incredibly accurate despite my messy, loopy writing. However, my notes are only so long. Scanning in massive amounts of information is bound to lead to errors, and it's a lot of work to have people sift through all this information to ensure 100% accuracy (is there such a thing??)

EXERCISE 1:

- I had a bit of difficulty using the Epigraphic Database as I know absolutely no Latin. I played around it for a bit before figuring it out, and I decided to search the term 'magister' (teacher) to see what came up and I got 210 hits.
- I found an inscription from 211 AD which is wild! Ancient history right at our fingertips!
- I also found something from "17. February 17 BC" not sure how that works? Did they have months then?? Is 17 the year??
- I was really interested in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. I've always been focused on WWI and WWII history and find it one of the most interesting themes of history to study because there are so many different perspectives to consider. It was such a big event, and yet so many things were happening in the world simultaneously, and a lot of research focuses on what happened in North America and/or Europe.

- I searched my last name, and it gave me 6 results which seems reasonable given that my last name is not that common
- I paid more attention to the ones who were buried in the Hong Kong Memorial as that's where my family is from
- I'm not sure if my family has any knowledge of someone fighting in a war, but it's made me curious to find out
- I was confused at first about their country of service (all of them were the United Kingdom) before I remembered that they were under UK monarchy during these times
- I was saddened seeing one of the entries: every other entry had the person's job, and the day they died, but one just said "boy" under job and that made me very sad to imagine such a young person fighting in this war
- Using the DH Box:
 - o Don't remember how to do some steps to create a nano file so I've had to go back to Module 1's exercises to remember
 - o I've made quite a mess with exercise 1. I seem to be unable to get past creating a nano file. Everything after that is in all the wrong places, I think I'm in the wrong branch? Or it's being committed to another branch. Whenever I type `cd hist3814o` (my repository name) it's telling me that it doesn't exist but it's on my GitHub so I'm very confused.
 - o I don't think I did Module 1 correctly ...
 - o Currently communicating with Monica on Zulip – we're both confused about saving files etc. but she's showing me how to push my nano file onto GitHub
 - o DH Box keeps saying that the repository doesn't exist
- I was able to download my file from the File Manager and uploaded the file to GitHub

Exercise 2:

- Taking a break between exercises (to work on other work)
- Forgot to type `mkdr` in my command so it kept telling me that the file was wrong or that it did not exist! Fixed that by going back to exercise 1 and rereading how we set up pandoc.
- All the files are downloading, it is taking quite a while but I followed the code exactly
- Is it supposed to be downloading this long? I keep seeing files still popping up
- It's been about 10 minutes, it's still downloading and now I'm unsure.
- I may have done this wrong.
- I am an agent of uncontrollable chaos.

- Should it be downloading this long? I followed the code exactly.
- IT'S DONE!
- Was able to make a nano file, and create a .docx and .html file for it
- Working on the Libraries and Archives Canada files now
- I'm going through the instructions + Applied Archival Downloading tutorial to fill in some of the blanks (where to put the integers)
- I'm not entirely sure what my parent directory is? I entered `cd hist3814o`
- I typed in `wget -i urls.txt -r --no-parent -nd -w 2 -limit-rate=100k` however I keep receiving the message `wget: illegal option - 'na'`
- I'm able to examine the urls.txt file, and I see the .jpg files inside, however I can't do the command following that with wget
- I forgot the dash between `no-parent` but I fixed that and now it works!
- I've just been downloading my files from the File Manager and uploading it to my GitHub as I'm still very confused about `commit`

EXERCISE 3:

- Able to locate Negro Slavery file, able to download Sublime Text
- When it tells me to pick a page number and enter it, am I doing it based off the page of the scanned text or off of the recoveredhistories.org page number? I would think the recoveredhistory.org one
- Transcribed text, how do you highlight/colour the words?
- It's difficult trying to make sure that you have the right person, particularly when they are referred to by their last name only.
- I quite enjoyed doing separate research to find out information about the people and places mentioned in the text I transcribed
- I made sure my text was accurate and everything made sense, however all I got was a white blank screen when I dragged the .xml file into my Safari browser. I don't have Firefox or Internet Explorer.
- My text is showing up entirely in black and white with no paragraph formatting etc. Going back to see where I may have made a mistake
- This is where I got stumped at, I've gone back and made sure everything had a `<p>` and `</p>` and made sure all my tags were enclosed properly with open and close tags
- The `""` were properly used and spaced
- No space after the `=`
- I've made sure everything adds up and I followed the instructions so I'm not sure where I'm going wrong here.