Module ④

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Design Explanation for Navigation and Sitemap

For my website, I chose to have four main pages. The landing page will be the same as the "Home" page. I did this because, with my lack of experience, I do not have a lot of information to share that I think would be valuable from a professional standpoint. Thus, I limited down the areas where I would talk about myself to one page, keeping it short and simple.

For my other three pages I chose "Work", "Contact", and "Resume". I wanted one page to display all of my art and writing pieces. On my work page I will show snippets of my designs that viewers can click on the get more information. I felt this would be an effective way to show and explain how involved I am in different organizations and my diverse design abilities. With my "resume page, I decided to use a picture of my resume, and a downloadable PDF, so that viewers can easily read my accomplishments instead of reading paragraphs about me. I found that many PW alums used this on their websites too. Finally, I have my contact page which will contain a brief description of me, and ways to contact me.

For inspiration I visited many PW alums websites and talked with many former WRA 210 students. I developed my sitemap based of many of the alums. Most had a "Home", "Work", "Contact", and "About Me" page. Again, with my limited experience, I modified this slightly to fit my needs. After talking with students currently still attending MSU, I found that keeping it simple your first time coding a website was a wise move. Many went on after to add, adjust, or completely redesign their websites, but because they started with a base, it was much easier than trying to add on more difficult concepts all at once.