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Composing Digital Media

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Course Reflection

The web portfolio was an interesting challenge for me personally for a few reasons. Unlike the visual argument and the soundscape narrative, areas where I did not have much experience. The web portfolio was mostly coding which is a skill that I have a lot of experience in. In some respects this was a huge help because I was able to use a code editor that I have used for different coding classes. This helped me debug and format very easily, but HTML and CSS are conceptually very different from other programming languages. This forced me to “rewire” my coding process, which was frustrating at times. All in all I am happy with my final product for my website, I was able to incorporate all the information that I believed was necessary, and I was able to immensely improve my HTML and CSS skills which was my biggest reason why I enrolled in this course.

Additionally, during this course I was able to gain many invaluable skills in image editing ,sound editing, and most importantly for me HTML/CSS/ and some basic JavaScript skills. I am thrilled that coming away from this course I am able to build websites that I can show future employers. Since I already know how to code in Java, using these HTML/CSS skills I have the potential to make full functional applications. Besides these newfound coding skills, a big part of this course for me personally was being able to do peer reviews. I found this to be especially helpful because it allowed me to improve my professional communication skills, something that I struggled with in the past.

In conclusion, this composing digital media course gave me the great opportunity to construct my own professional websites and acquire some front end development skills on the

way. This course really fit my needs and interests perfectly by challenging me with projects outside my comfort zone, while also staying within my interests and majors.