**BUA 235 – Spring 2019**

**Assignment #1: Personal Website**

For this assignment you are going to create a personal website. You’ll be writing HTML code and including a nifty style sheet so you can personalize your website to your own taste. If you have never written code before – don’t worry, I’ll show you how!

The goal, for full credit, is:

* A website about yourself (or a topic of your choice);
* coded in HTML and CSS by you;
* with at least four pages or screens;
* with meaningful content (text and images, not just “coming soon” text);
* that has a stylesheet to set fonts, colors, and/or layout;
* live on the Internet at a URL anyone can visit.

**IF your website is not live and hosted on a website, you will receive a zero for the assignment.** Everyone in the class will be able to accomplish this assignment if they devote some time to it. Waiting until the last minute could be disastrous! If you run into problems at the last minute, there may not be time to fix it.

While I will show you the basics – you will need to do much of the research on your own. Coding is very exacting where one missing “<” can throw your whole website off. My best advice – code a little, test a little, code a little, test a little…

Here are some great resources to use:

* **Codecademy** (see “Learn HTML” and “Make a Website” courses). This is an interactive learning site; as part of the lesson you type code right on the screen and see what it does. Very popular.
* Other **MOOC platforms**: CodeSchool.com, Coursera, Udacity, Udemy, Lynda.com
* **Youtube** and other video platforms: There are lots of videos on how to code. Search for “HTML” or “web development”.
* **Online tutorials**: W3Schools (<https://www.w3schools.com/>) is usually the top search result, but there are many other tutorials online.
* **Books**: There are many books for learning HTML and CSS (some include Javascript, too). Check the library or your favorite bookstore.

*A note about privacy: You may be uncomfortable sharing personal information about yourself on a website. I don’t blame you! If you don’t want to make the website about yourself, you can make it about a fictional character, an organization, or about any other topic that you’re interested in.*

**Grading**: You will submit the URL of your working website through Blackboard. *Do not send me code!* I will surf to the URL and check that it meets the criteria above, particularly that it has four pages, a stylesheet, and is your own work. If you don’t have a URL, you didn’t do the last step, so I won’t be able to grade it and you’ll get a zero.

Here is your specific checklist:

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|  | Checklist |
|  | Website with 4 – 5 pages that you have personally coded |
|  | The website uses a style sheet (.css) for styling |
|  | The home page links to all pages |
|  | All pages link back to the home page |
|  | The website contains at least one image |
|  | The website contains a link to an external website |
|  | Background colors, fonts, text sizes are used to make your website look great! |
|  | The website has an appropriate title that displays as the name of the tab (use <title> tag in the <head> section. |