

WEB PROGRAMMING/DESIGN

LAB 3: WEBSITE DESIGN DOCUMENT

NAME:	

1. Overview

- 1.1. For this assignment you will begin the design process for a new website.
 - 1.1.1. You will need to answer questions about your design plan.
 - 1.1.2. You will want to pick a design theme (colors and fonts for your website)
 - 1.1.3. You will want to gather any files (images, documents, applets, etc.) that you will want to include in your website.

NOTE: If you are going to complete the "standard" unit project, you should READ the project assignment first. It will help you answer most of the early questions. For example:

Question 1: What is the goal of the website? Answer: To get an A on the project.

2. Before you begin

- 2.1. Create a new folder on your USB drive called "designmaterials"
- 2.2. Have a physical copy of this document OR some blank paper that you can use to answer the questions you are asked below.

3. Getting started (questions)

Question 1: What is the goal (or goals) of your website?

- What do you want to accomplish with your website?
- Do you want to make friends?
- Do you want to make money?
- Do you want to organize a group or cause?
- Please provide your answer in the box below

Question 1:		



Question 2: Who is your target audience?

- Friends, classmates, the general public
- Old people, young people,
- People with specific interests/problems
- Please provide your answer in the box below

Question 2:		

<u>Question 3:</u> What content (text, images, movies, music, etc.) will help you reach your goals AND interest your audience?

- Provide a short description of the content in the box below AND
- Find/create some content and save it to your "designmaterials" folder.

1	Question 3:			



Question 4: How are you going to divide the content up on your website; specifically, what pages are you going to have?

AND

Question 5: How are your pages going to link together?

In the box below draw a chart showing the pages and links among your pages that your final website will have.

Questions 4 and 5:	



4. Color Theme

4.1. Tools to help you:

4.1.1. Simple Web Safe Color Tools

http://www.visibone.com/colorlab/big.html

(Click on colors on the opposite ends of wheel, to see how they look together)

http://www.easyrgb.com/index.php?X=HARM

(Create color harmonies from 256 RGB values)

4.1.2. More Powerful Color Choosing Tools (not necessarily web safe)

http://www.pagetutor.com/colorpicker/index.html

(Very simple, won't help pick complimenting colors but you can see test page) http://colorschemedesigner.com/

(POWERFUL tool, not "web safe", and a little complex.)

http://jrm.cc/color-palette-generator/

(Will generate colors based on an image you supply)

- 4.2. What is going to be your primary (background) color(s)?
 - 4.2.1. You do not have to pick a "web safe" color for this exercise
 - 4.2.2. Write down the values for your primary color(s)

Primary (background) Colors:		

- 4.3. What is going to be your secondary (complementary) color(s)?
 - 4.3.1. You do not have to pick a "web safe" color for this exercise
 - 4.3.2. Write down the values for your secondary color(s)

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Secondary (complementary) Colors:			

5. Font Theme

- 5.1. Sadly, not all fonts are supported on all machines, so picking specific fonts for a webpage is often not a worthy use of time.
 - If you need a piece of text to appear with a specific font, consider making that piece of text into a picture.
- 5.2. You should consider using "serif" fonts for titles and "sans-serif" fonts for text (sans-serif fonts are easier to read when there is a lot of text.
- 5.3. You should also consider the size that you are going to make your text elements.

6. Images

- 6.1. What images are you going to use on your site?
- 6.2. What about "background" images (a.k.a. wallpaper)?
 - Find and download those images to your "designmaterials" folder.