

Module 7

The usability processes made me really assess my abilities with Photoshop and technology in general because I was able to create a more logical idea of what I should include in my design. I imagined creating things I typically see in well-made websites, like search boxes, movable graphics and cool designs but after talking in our groups, I was able to understand how that would be incredibly difficult to tackle in my current state of capability. My classmates gave me positive feedback on my designs, but when I discussed other ideas I had they assured me that it would be better to stick with a clean, simple design because the most important thing about my site is to make it reflect me and exhibit my work and skills. They agreed that arranging my information in simple boxes and columns would be the best way to make it easy to read and navigate.

I tried to utilize the feedback they gave me about keeping my layout simple and not trying to challenge myself too much with Photoshop, and to make my site give viewers a better impression of who I am. My revisions weren't very drastic because most of my plans that needed revision were ones I hadn't included in my first draft, they were ideas I was planning on including in these design docs so I saved a lot of time by just sticking to simple layout structures. I wasn't sure how I was going to display certain things like photography or my examples of projects and skills but after talking in groups, I think I've decided to use thumbnails as links to my work.

I think usability and review time was very helpful because discussing all of my questions and uncertainties with other classmates helped me make a lot of decisions that would have been very stressful to make on my own. The things I learned in my group influenced me to think about the most important part of sites; content. In the future I will make decisions based on what is going to make my sites content resonate with viewers. Reviewing the designs of classmates was extremely helpful because I got many ideas for my own site from other classmates. Looking at other people's ideas is a good way to figure out what exactly you want and don't want your site to look like, and helps you answer a lot of questions you have about your design plans.