

Module 4: Sitemap and Navigation Choices

I found inspiration for my sitemap and navigation by viewing the work of Professional Writing alumni. By doing this, I learned what structures and information are necessary for a portfolio website. Consistent throughout most alumni sites were landing, portfolio, resume, and contact pages.

From my research, I decided to include landing, bio, portfolio, resume, and contact pages on my website. A bio page is needed to sell not just your skills, but also your personality and overall character. A portfolio page is necessary to display work and skills for future employers to view. A resume page is also important as employers need to see work, volunteer, education, and leadership experiences of a job candidate. A contact page is important as employers need a way to reach the creator of the site. A contact page is also necessary as employers can further understand a potential employee when viewing their social media accounts.

For navigation, I plan to make the header clickable so that users can easily return to the homepage. I find this to be effective as users will interact with the interesting design on my header and also save space on the navigation bar below the header by not placing a “home” icon. I plan on having links to bio, portfolio, resume, and contact pages on a horizontal navigation bar just below the header so users can move through each of the pages seamlessly. By having the navigation at the top of each page, users will know how to move around the site as the navigation will stay consistent throughout each page.