CSCI 181 Web Programming

Assignment #1: Critical analysis of Web sites

Due: Monday, Sept. 17 @ 5pm

For your first homework assignment, you are to critically analyze websites based on concepts of design that we’ve discussed in class.

\*\* Graded on effort and descriptions

**Requirements**

Find a website that you think embodies *good design* based on concepts discussed thus far in class, and a different one that doesn't. Do not just select the first two websites you happen upon; look around, and pick the best example of each that you can. For each of the two websites you select, do the following:

1. (10 points) Briefly describe the website. This description should include what it is, what its purpose is, who the intended audience or user group is, etc.
2. (30 points) Give 5 reasons and accompanying examples to justify your reasoning as to why you think it represents good (or bad) design. The more specific you can be here the better.
3. (10 points) In your rationalization, use terminology and concepts discussed in class.
4. (20 points) Include annotated screen shots in your descriptions and examples.
5. (20 points) Discuss how you would change each website to become more usable. Include a few sketches of your re-design.
   1. Wire frame designs of ideas, either by hand or on the computer
6. (10 points) Your design report should be typed up in a Word document and sections clearly labeled. Make sure to include your name and the URLs of the websites you analyzed in your report.

Upload your report to Moodle by the due date and time.

Your grade for this assignment will largely depend on the overall effort you put into it. This includes the thoroughness of your descriptions, reasoning, and examples, as well as how polished your report is.