

Collection

Web Design 1 Assignment Orientation

Overview

Assignment #5

Collection

Due November 30, 2017

Brief

From the earliest webrings of the 1990s to Tumblr, the logic of the Web is one of collection. And as we observed in our first Platform project, whenever we put a collection of content onto a platform, it changes the content itself. In this project, you will create your own mini platform by designing a website to organize and showcase a collection of your choice/creation.

Instructions

Find or curate a collection of objects, images, drawings, texts, quotations, sounds, videos, or anything that interests you. Research the collection (even if it is your own) to answer the following questions:

- What makes the objects a collection?
- Who began the collection? Why? How?
- What makes this collection interesting?
- What is an attribute(s) of the collection you could organize it by?

Use all the skills we have developed in our previous projects, such as considerate use of links, visual form, and typography to design and code a website for your collection. Consider the following as you design it:

- What aspects of the collection will your site emphasize?
- How will the collection be visually organized?
- Will the site structure reinforce or subvert the collection's unity?
- How will visitors interact with the collection: in a prescribed linear manner, or will they make their own way through?
- Is the collection pre-set, or could it grow over time?
- Who might (hypothetically) manage the collection: you, an institution, the public?

The answers to all of the above questions should guide your design as you make the site.

Note: Do not make a portfolio site

Deliverables

Properly coded web pages showcasing your collection
Site map diagram

Timeline and Milestones

Nov 13 Brief (5 min) presentation to class introducing two collection ideas and answering the questions above
Nov 16 Site map plan and 2 initial sketches of design
Nov 20 Collection assets (images, audio, text, etc) fully assembled
One working web page template
Nov 23 Website 25% coded
Nov 27 Website 75% coded
Nov 30 Deliverables due for final critique

Grading Criteria

10% Fulfilled each milestone leading up to the final critique with new progress each time
20 Collection is logical and thoughtfully organized
35 Site design, including typography, is visually resolved and appropriate to collection
35 Site interaction thoughtfully responds to collection