I’m pleased to welcome you in advance to “20480 Programming in HTML5 with JavaScript and CSS3.” We have a very large class. This tends to make the initial startup eat into instruction time.

Please prepare for our start time as much as possible:

**Access to Your E-Courseware (electronic textbook)**

* You should have received an email from your New Horizons representative at the time of registration for the course with instructions on how to access your courseware from <https://skillpipe.courseware-marketplace.com> and provided you with a code for the courseware. Register with the username and password of your choice (the first time), and sign in to Skillpipe to read your courseware online. You may also download the courseware but you may only read it using the proprietary Skillpipe Reader. There is a version for Windows and one for Android.
* If you can’t find the email with the code, please email your New Horizons representative as soon as possible. You will not be able to complete your labs without it and I will not be covering every aspect of the course in class. The courseware is your electronic text and is required for the class.
* Printed copies of your courseware are NOT included. You may choose to print to PDF and append these files or send them electronically to an online print service. Printing is available from the online Skillpipe application only.
* Skillpipe Lab Answer Keys are provided after the last module in the courseware. The Key in the back has all of the code, as does the Companion courseware.

**Test Access to Classroom and Lab**

* If you are attending online class from a New Horizons Center, please arrive early enough to become familiar with the PC, test your headset, etc. If you are connecting from your home or place of work, please log in to ensure that there are no firewall problems and that the software needed is downloaded and working properly.
* I recommend that you have a gamer’s headset if you intend to use a microphone. Otherwise, text chat is provided. Open speakers are not recommended with a microphone due to feedback and cross-talk.
* To test your connection, there is a test link, however it requires up-to-date java and Windows Firewall may block it. Some corporate firewalls do not work with our lab provider and the test link is very effective for identifying connectivity problems of all types.
* The corporate help desk can be reached in the morning here: New Horizons OLL Help Desk (877) 850-9223. I recommend using the phone number rather than the email. Note the hours.
* Your classroom link will not be visible until ½ hour before class begins.

**Labs**

* Microsoft allows you to download the “starter” content and “completed” content for all of the labs here: <http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en-us/companion-moc.aspx> Companion Content for courses.
* We will be using Windows 8 in the lab environment. In addition, the Hyper-V controller we use must work through the browser, so the Win key does not work (the Win key is crucial for Windows 8 users). If you are not proficient with Win8, or the Win key is your crutch, load your brain up with one of these videos from Scott Hanselman, at least the short version:

Windows 8 Tutorials

<http://www.hanselman.com/blog/TheMissingWindows8InstructionalVideo.aspx> - 25 mins

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wi8NpwiEuzc> – 4 mins

**Feedback**

I’ll be asking you for some info about yourselves in the morning. Please have a short paragraph ready to post into the chat window when asked. Here’s what I’m looking for:

Experience with HTML, JavaScript and CSS (some experience is a prerequisite)

Experience with VS, Browsers, HTTP

Role or current position

Expectations for the course

I have \*lots\* more goodies for you, so I’ll see you all at 9 sharp!

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