Project 1 Peer Review Workshop

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| Person you are reviewing: Sam McPeek | Website you are reviewing: http://people.tamu.edu/~smcpeek/index.html |

# Purpose:

This peer feedback activity has two main purposes for your learning:

1. To **provide your peer with constructive feedback** to improve their work from your perspective
2. To **refine your evaluation skills** so you can recognize areas to improve your own work

# Directions:

1. **The First Read** - Look through the entire website. Do not take notes on suggestions or make comments yet. The goal of the first read is to give you a complete picture of what the website and everything it contains.
2. **The Second Read** - Look through the entire website a second time, focusing on the overall impression and professional presence. As you look, complete the Website Inventory table below, focusing only on these areas:
   1. *Overall impression and style* - Do all the pages have a consistent look and feel? Does the website give a positive, professional impression? Does the website represent someone you would want to hire or work with? If not to any of these, what would you suggest for improvement?
   2. *Landing page* - Is the landing page engaging and memorable? If not, how could they improve it? Does the landing page contain any content that should be placed elsewhere?
   3. *Ease of navigation* - Does the website provide an intuitive way to navigate between pages (without using the back button)? Is the navigation scheme consistent throughout?
3. **The Third Read** - Look through the entire website one last time, focusing on the individual pages. As you look, complete the Website Inventory table below, focusing only these last areas:
   1. *Website pages (about me, portfolio, qualifications, service)* - Are the pages engaging? Do they contain any content that should be not included or placed elsewhere? Is there content that is missing?
   2. *Written text* - What page did you identify that contains 300 or more words of written text (not including a resume)? Is the text clear, relevant, and engaging? What would you suggest for improvement?
   3. *External links* - Are there at least 10 working external links? Are all links relevant and appropriately placed? If not, what could be adjusted? What other links would you suggest to add?
4. **Discuss** - Take turns sharing feedback using the Website Inventory table to walk through each of the areas. In which areas were they most successful? In which areas is the most improvement needed?
5. **Reflect -** Individually reflect on the feedback you just received. What specific actions will you take to revise your website?
6. **Submit to Canvas** - Upload your completed worksheet to Canvas.

# Tips for giving feedback:

* **Be constructive!** Put yourself in their shoes. Consider your tone. How would you feel if you read your feedback? Don't skip over the things that could be improved, but be mindful of how you present it. Don't forget to point out the things they did well too.
* **Be specific!** Vague comments, either for things that are done well or things that need improvement, are not very helpful. The more specific you can be, the more helpful your feedback is. Even better feedback describes impact: what results from what was something done well or why something would benefit from improvement.
* **Stay on task!** Use the final rubric to focus your comments and help you know what to look for.

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# Website inventory:

Complete the table below as you review their website.

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| **Area** | **Feedback Notes** |
| Second Read | |
| Overall impression and style | I like the color scheme, I think using maroon was a good choice. The style was consistent throughout, and the text was very legible. It might be worth looking into a framework like Bootstrap in order to get a more polished site, with a lot of the bells and whistles of modern looking sites. Otherwise though, I think with a little more work it could look very good. |
| Landing page | I wish there was a little more to look at on the landing page, although there wasn’t really much guidance on what we should actually put there. It might be worth looking at other personal websites to see if there is something else you can put on the landing page to make it more memorable. |
| Ease of navigation | Navigation is very easy, as the links were easy to find in the top right corner. The pages were well titled and I never had any doubts as to where I should click to go to a different page. |
| Third Read | |
| Website pages (about me, portfolio, qualifications, service) | About me: You might want to break up your about me into a couple of paragraphs to make it a little more polished and easier for the reader to get through. It would also be pretty cool if you were able to include a link to one of the video edits you’ve made, or something you’ve written about film or animation.  Portfolio: Make sure to correct the spelling errors here. I like the way you’ve broken up the projects and made it easy to look at, but as you know, it could use a little more flourish (once again, I would recommend using bootstrap).  Qualification: There are a couple of spelling errors in here too. You might also want to break this page up into a couple categories as well. It can also be easy to miss the resume button because of the dark background, so you might want to move it around or use a white button.  Service: Make sure to look over the wording of the text to make sure it flows like you want it to. Otherwise it was pretty good, it might be cool if you were able to include pictures from your Eagle Project. |
| Written text | There were a couple of spelling mistakes, and I think some of the wording could use some work, but otherwise this was pretty good. The content itself was professional and applicable. |
| External links | I counted a little less than 10 links, so make sure to include a little more. This might just be a personal preference, but you might want to give some context on where the links actually go to. Otherwise pretty good. |

# Make an action plan:

Reflect on the feedback you received as well as the process of giving feedback to someone else. What specific things will you revise about your website before the final submission?

1. Make links open in new tab
2. Revise wording in service page