**-Statement of Purpose – Portfolio, Manisha Gupta**

My objective in making this portfolio website was to project myself as a potential employee or freelance for small projects. This was my intention beyond the completion of a class project.

Step 1 was to understand what is required in a portfolio website. This led me to do a lot of online research, and I was amazed to see the beautiful websites that are out there. With this came the sad realization that my skills are still too infant for these beautiful works of art.

I came up with the basics I needed to put up, home page, about, contact and project examples. The design part took a long time too, the layout and style guide etc.

What worked was step-by-step process. First create code and then apply concepts.

I understand well the concepts that are covered in class, but then putting everything together in a cohesive project was not easy. I redid a lot of work and came up against a lot of roadblocks too. The fact that my knowledge is still limited did not help either, as I had to keep reverting to notes. All I could remember was Emily reminding to Code every day.

I am not satisfied with what I have created, I know I can do so much better. I would like to add more animation effects on my page.

I was able to use some JQuery via plugins. Also, I added hide/show content and handled click events, and menu collapse. I used some CSS transitions but would like to use more.

Against a site optimizer, my website did not rank very high at 51/100 at <https://www.ionos.com/tools/website-checker>

I got a lot of recommendations like:

* Adding a favicon and touch icon.
* Creating a page description and site map,
* Enhancing page title
* Creating more page content
* Setting up SSL certificate and twitter profile.

It did say that It was compact and quick to load, which was a positive.

In conclusion, I would say I need to code a lot more to apply the concepts. I can learn by way of creating content.