

HTTP5121 HTML Assignment 1 (Blog Post Page)

For this assignment you'll be writing the HTML structure for a blog post page (**the page for one article**, **NOT** the blog home page) and **styling it**. Write a blog post with at least two images in the article (you may use Google Images or look for free stock images, but make a note or comment in your submission where you got your images from). Add a comment form below the article. **This webpage is a mock blog post page.** You may write about any subject matter, but have at least three paragraphs. It is easiest if you write about something you have an interest in (e.g. think about your hobbies).

Requirements:

- The page should have a **header** (for the blog site name), **main** content area, a multi-column layout somewhere (doesn't have to be a sidebar) and a **footer**.
 - A blog site still has a site header and name (blog name) apart from the article title (blog post title).
- A blog article with at least two images in the article. The article must have at least three paragraphs.
- Include a **menu** (even if the links lead nowhere, i.e. '#' as the href).
- In addition to menu links, sprinkle some of your page content with **links** as if it were a real webpage.
- Use **appropriate semantic tags** to markup your content.
- You may add more content (e.g. more sidebar content), but be sure that your content makes sense within the context of the page. **Do not copy content** from elsewhere. **If you want to add more text content, come up your own content.**
 - Examples of sidebar content include recommended articles (make up some article titles), a newsletter subscription form, etc.
- For the comment form, consider what fields should be present (have at least two fields, plus a button). If you are unsure, take a look at a blog **article** page and see which fields the comment form has.
- The styling is up to you but it should be presentable.
- Use **flexbox** to style some of your layout (it's recommended to use flexbox for side by side content—i.e. if you have a sidebar, use flexbox to create a row for main and sidebar). You don't have to use flexbox everywhere (it doesn't always make sense to use flexbox) but you should demonstrate some understanding of flexbox.
- **Cite your sources!** (You can list the exact URL of your images—not a Google search page—in a text file, in your submission text, or just put them in your HTML comments.)

Need to know info:

- You need to have links and use appropriate semantic HTML.
- An image logo is **not** necessary for this assignment. You can just use a text site name (as a link) but just use a nice font for it.
- Deductions will be made for requirements not met.

You will be marked on the following criteria (the mark has been scaled to be out of 12 on Blackboard):

- **Code Formatting/Style & Organization (5):** Is your HTML and CSS properly indented? Are non-HTML files put in subdirectories? Are id/class/name naming styles consistent (if applicable)?

- **Syntax (5):** Are your HTML and CSS properly formed and valid? Have you validated your HTML and CSS?
- **Semantics (5):** Are you using appropriate elements to mark up your content?
- **Design (5):** Are your page elements nicely spaced? Are they squished together or are they so far apart the page looks empty? If more than one font, do they go together? Are there too many fonts competing with each other? Are there too many colours? Do the colours go together harmoniously?

DO use the validators (HTML and CSS) to ensure you don't have major structural issues with your code. Many errors or issues are easily found using validators so don't lose marks needlessly because you didn't take the time to validate. (The validator won't catch some semantic issues but will at least catch the syntax errors.)

DO NOT use `
` or `<hr />`.

Zip all files together and name the ZIP file with the course number, assignment number, and your first and last name.

Expected format of file name: **HTML-Assignment1-JohnDoe.zip**

This assignment is **individual** and is worth 12% of your mark. Please submit this assignment via **Blackboard**.

Due Dates: **February 17, 2025 at 11:59pm**

Make sure to view the rubric on Blackboard.

Rubric

Criteria	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Somewhat Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Code Formatting/Style & Organization	5 - 5 points Very consistent and neat formatting/indenting. Consistent naming style. Non-HTML files organized in sub-directories. At most only one minor issue.	4 - 5 points Mostly consistent formatting/style, neat with only up to 3 minor inconsistencies.	3 - 4 points A good attempt but more than 3 issues.	2 - 3 points Many formatting issues.	0 - 2 points Little to no indenting, naming style not consistent, files not organized (if applicable).
Syntax	5 - 5 points HTML and CSS properly structured and valid with no errors or issues.	4 - 5 points HTML or CSS has 1 to 4 errors and/or warnings.	3 - 4 points HTML or CSS has 5 to 8 errors and/or warnings.	2 - 3 points HTML or CSS has 9 to 12 errors and/or warnings.	0 - 2 points HTML or CSS has more than 12 errors.
Semantics	5 - 5 points All elements used are appropriate for the content. Semantic layout tags used properly. Proper heading levels are observed.	4 - 5 points Most elements are appropriately chosen.	3 - 4 points Elements are chosen appropriately some of the time.	2 - 3 points Element choices have some major issues.	0 - 2 points Many inappropriate element choices
Design	5 - 5 points Good colour, font and spacing with a consistent look.	4 - 5 points Mostly good colour, font, layout.	3 - 4 points Okay colour, font, layout choices but a few issues.	2 - 3 points Some major issues regarding colour, font, layout choices.	0 - 2 points Little to no styling or many major issues.