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The final reflective essay

Progressive Research and Writing
Final Assignment: Eportfolio

Due Date: The link for your eportfolio must be uploaded to Moodle before the beginning of our final class: Nov. 27 for section B/Nov. 29 for section C.

The final reflective essay:

Write a **750-word essay** where you reflect on how the assignments and course work that you have completed in our course have contributed to your growth as a writer and researcher. Be sure to explain your rationale for the artefacts that you have chosen to include in your portfolio.

In your reflective essay be sure to answer the following questions:

* How have the documents that you have chosen provide support for your strengths as a communicator, writer and researcher?
* What have you done to make your eportfolio appealing to your audience?
* How has your participation in WRIT2201 contributed to your growth as a writer and researcher? Provide specific examples in your explanation.
* What have you learned about various genres that will be necessary to your future role as a student in the ITEC program and as a professional in the IT industry when you graduate?
* What strengths have you developed in the process of writing and researching in this course?
* What areas of development have you identified that you will need to keep working on after this course?
* How has this eportfolio helped you in terms of your future career goals?
* How will this eportfolio help you as you graduate? What will you be doing to ensure that it stays up to date?
* Finally, what is the overall story that you are trying to send to your intended audience? How does this eportfolio capture and communicate this story?

As always, pay close attention to how you organize your information in this essay. Consider the following:

    o Should your paper be organized chronologically, in order of the submission of the assignments and following the course syllabus?

o   Should you address points in terms of their importance?

As you write this final essay, be sure to focus on your learning outcomes, rather than what you liked or disliked about the course.

Answer:

Currently, one of the biggest strengths of my portfolio is the Writing Samples section of it. I was cautious to choose the documents most reflective of my writing and research abilities. I had a wide range of documents to choose from as in WRIT2201 we engaged in progressive research and writing by narrowing down a topic and then writing instructions on that topic for our fellow classmates, wrote a proposal for our E-Portfolio project evaluating different portfolios and hosting platforms to implement the best practices on our own portfolio, and wrote a technical writing in two parts: problem description and research (in which we practiced design and presentation of our materials so that it is clear and easy for our readers to understand) and documenting solutions in the form of a recommendation or feasibility report. Moreover, we did three peer reviews in which we practiced giving constructive feedback and using feedbacks from others for our own improvements.

After analyzing all of my past assignments, I decided to choose the Project Proposal for E-Portfolio, Technical Writing Assignment: Problem Description and Research and Technical Writing Assignment: Documenting solutions assignments to showcase on my portfolio. These assignments all demonstrate my writing, research and communication skills but go about it in different ways. The Project Proposal assignment shows my analytical thinking and reading abilities as I had to find credible information amongst misinformation and advertisements to find the best hosting platform for my eportfolio and had to critically evaluate other eportfolios. The problem description assignment shows my attention to detail and my presentation skills as I explained why the problem I chose is worth considering and I explained why each one of my sources where credible.Finally, the Documenting Solutions assignment demonstrates my familiarity with recommendation reports and my proficiency in suggesting effective solutions to abstract and complex problems in a concise and clear manner.

In designing my eportfolio, I used my findings from my Project Proposal assignment and implemented best practices in design, colour theory and typography. For instance, I designed my portfolio to be fully responsive (can be navigated using all devices with different sizes such as cell phones, tablets, etc.) and accessible (by using contrast in fonts and backgrounds appropriately and by using development techniques that support older devices and browsers).I also used a combination of visually pleasing light and dark colours to make my portfolio visually appealing.

By taking WRIT2201, I became a more clear writer. With each class activity and assignment, I was reminded of the importance of writing in business and personal lives. As a result, I became more conscious of my online activities to protect my brand, learned the great value of peer revies and became a more effective team member. I realized I have to spend some time to improve my grammar writer to write sentences free of mechanical errors.

Now that designed and developed my eportfolio from scratch, future employees and clients will be impressed by my technical coding and design abilities and will appreciate my knowledge of best practices such as accessible design. Moreover, now I have a personalized living document that I can share with the world which will give me a competitive edge when searching for a job and will

open many opportunities in the future.

With this document, I can easily showcase my university projects. I will add each relevant project I do in my courses to my portfolio as soon as I finish them and place them in the right place in my story narrative.

The overall story I want to send to my audience is that I am a passionate developer with strong communication skills who wants to help make others' lives easier by using his potentials to the fullest. The portfolio design itself showcases my technical abilities and my community involvement demonstrates my interest in creating a better world.