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Assignment 1016 Feedback

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- 3a Your code shows a decent understanding of user interface structure and layout. (+)
- 3c The monolithic and somewhat misordered structure of your code with regard to HTML, CSS, and JavaScript leave some question on your understanding of how they are separated. (/)
- 4a Your code is certainly functional; validation-wise, there are errors but not many. Structure-wise, JavaScript should go at the end of the HTML code for best [perceived] performance. Finally, there is a good deal of repetition in your CSS, which does not bode well for maintainability. Consolidate your duplicated properties into classes or other broader selectors so that certain sets of properties don't have to be repeated. (1)
- 4b As mentioned in 3c, all code is in a single file, which spoils the desired separation of concerns. Separate these into HTML, CSS, and JavaScript files to demonstrate your ability to do MVC (for web technologies). Plus, you have a stray style attribute in each websimile, which should have gone to CSS as well. (/)
- 4c Your code is not the most readable, for a number of reasons. First, it shows a mix of spaces and tabs. You should standardize on spaces; they are less prone to inconsistent displays. The indentation probably looks fine in your editor, but this is not guaranteed (look at your code in Chrome, for example). In addition your CSS spacing is tighter than optimal: I suggest you have deeper indents and separate distinct CSS blocks with one or more blank lines. (/)
- 4d The final products show that you have a good ability to find necessary information and supporting code. (+)
- 4e Excellent commit pacing and messages. (+)
- 4f Submitted on time. (+)

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(updated feedback based on 11/25 commits; only changed proficiencies or feedback are included)

- 3c Your revised code structure separates HTML, CSS, and JavaScript very cleanly now, showing that you have a better understanding of MVC than previously. (+)
- 4a Your moving of the script elements to the end is noted. Still considerable duplication in your CSS though, plus a handful of fixable validation errors remains. Thus, no change in proficiency. (|)
- 4b Source code separation is cleanly and correctly done now. (+)
- 4c Code readability has been significantly improved, with indentation and spacing now largely consistent and mostly correct throughout. I can't begin to tell you what a big difference this makes! A few hiccups here and there, plus I think you can also be more liberal with blank lines, to space out sections of your code, but these spacing changes plus the comments now make for very readable code. (+)