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UWRT Reflection

Overall this I don’t believe this course gave me any new insight into writing. It helped to fill some holes and improve my writing overall, however no writing concept has been introduced that I haven’t seen before. For example, a discourse community, while not something ever formally defined for me, was something I was able to identify right away. Same with some of the ideas. Forwarding is something I’ve done for a long time. Overall, the course was still good for me as anything to improve my writing is good.

One thing all the projects listed share is that they have plenty of small mistakes. While I think they’re at least decently well written, they do have grammatical and spelling mistakes. I’m not a perfect writer, not even close. When I get a paper done, I’m happy to have it done and won’t read as deeply when looking it over, If I look it over. Honestly, in my field I don’t think any of these papers would mean much to a potential employer. Something more akin to what I’ll be doing in Professional Communications would be better suited for my actual website.

While none of the projects directly relate to my field, the skills developed on here are still very valuable. Just having good writing in general is something I believe to be undervalued by the prospective students in my field and I think something that can set me apart from the other candidates.

My portfolio was pretty easy to assemble as I just changed the code from my personal website I assembled earlier this year to accommodate the various things needed. It’s very simple and that’s the way I like things. It’s direct to the point. I don’t see the point in having a web page that does nothing more than say “Hi, welcome to my portfolio”. So why not just combine that with the about me section? When I only have a paragraph for each paper I posted why not just put the various papers in different sub sections of one page rather than having so much wasted space by having them on multiple? It’s very minimalistic and that’s how I like things. I don’t enjoy when things are “bloated” when they don’t need to be.