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Project 8 Portal

Project 8 Reflection

Project 8 was the most simplistic project we have yet to complete this far. I hope to expand on the work done in sufficient detail, however I am anticipating it to be difficult to submit three pages worth of content that explains my process of completing this assignment.

Our third project, inadptly labeled Project 8, was to design a portal for the projects we will be completing in this class. Initially, we were given a bare html file to serve as a temporary portal for our work. The main task of this project was to expand upon the idea of the skeleton site, creating a visually pleasing and functional gateway to explore the remaining assignments published. I chose, for this assignment, to leave some information pending future information. Only a handful of assignments have been uploaded and restriced the amount of information I could provide for the site. I plan on updating the site in real-time as I complete and upload future projects.

After completing Project 2 and experimenting with a multitude of IDE's and tools, I landed back home and completed the project using Atom. Atom's simplistic structure, along with Emmet, has created what I find the most efficient code editor for web design. For the purposes of this assignment and utilizing a templated Bootstrap theme to create the site, I did not use Adobe XD to design an initial visual idea base from which to achieve. Utilizing the Bootstrap template has proven incredibly resourceful. The many hours spent typing skeleton structures for a site

have been reduced to minutes, allotting more time and focus to the smaller details and to experiment with more elements of the Bootstrap language.

I personally believe that there were no major insightful discoveries that were meant to be made throughout the duration of this project. Compared to previous completed assignments, the scope of the end product was much smaller than that asked of us from Projects 1 and 2. Utilizing the skills and knowledge obtained from previous assignments allowed for drastically reduced completion time, even taking into perspective the varying ranges of the assignments. Where other sites have taken days or weeks, the portal seemingly completed itself in a matter of hours.

When checking the correctness of the HTML code, verified by the W3C, I used an online verification site that scans and reports any possible errors included in my HTML code. I was pleasantly surprised to find that the errors I had were minimal and easy to fix. I found ways to correct the errors without having to recode any major blocks.

Overall, this project was a quick breath from the accelerated learning from earlier weeks. Completing my portal took the collective of a couple hours and a few resources. As an individual, I am aesthetically drawn to simplicity. I sought to create a simple portal that elegantly provided a means for exploring the assignments I complete throughout the duration of the class. In the end, I believe I achieved my goal.