

Guidelines for Personal Website Design

In this course, you are required to follow the guidelines below to complete your personal website project. Violating the guidelines might result in negative influences on the assessment of your personal website project, or even worse, a request for redesigning the entire personal website. In the latter case, you are solely responsible for the delay and the resulted penalties. Make sure that you don't miss anything, and check with me if any part is unclear to you.

A. General Guidelines

1. You can update your personal website at GitHub until 23:59, Jan 9, 2023. After the deadline, you must stop updating your website. Note that your updates are always timestamped by GitHub, so it will be easy to trace the date of your updates.
2. Before the deadline, please also submit a zip file of the source codes of your personal website to eLearn, just for record.
3. Your Chinese/English bio and themed article must not plagiarize the contents from external sources. Your English writing will be checked using Turnitin, and 10% is the bottom line for your personal website project. You are encouraged to submit your writing to Turnitin to check if the number is OK before the deadline.

B. Design Guidelines

1. You must not use any existing website template to build your personal website. You must start from scratch to write every bit of HTML, CSS, and JS codes on your own. Of course you can still google "how to do A, B, C..." to borrow the codes people share on the internet, because in this process, you will still learn to incorporate these codes into your own codes.
2. Likewise, you are not allowed to use any plug-ins other than jQuery. If you want to have some fancy CSS styles or JS functions, try it on your own (or consult me). This is the way to learn more things and remember what you have learned.
3. Your personal website must adopt a design that is completely different from the essay analysis website. You must set a different layout, use a different style for your navigation pane, etc.
4. You must have images on each page of your personal website. That is, you must not have any single page that have only texts. Try to balance the position of images and texts for a vivid visual presentation.
5. There must be a navigation pane (i.e., menu) for your personal website, so users can switch between different sections freely. The navigation pane must thus include three items: a link to the front page, a link to your bio, and a link to the themed article. This also means you must have at least three pages in your personal website.
6. You must style your personal website with CSS. JS is not required but will be considered to be a plus.
7. Your CSS settings must be able to adapt your personal website to different viewport sizes. For example, the layout of your website and the relative position of each HTML element must look exactly the same (or have only negligible differences) in a viewport of 1920 x 1080px and in a viewport of 1920 x 1200px. I will assess your personal website using different viewport sizes.

8. Avoid overusing the CSS “position” settings to randomly move your HTML elements around. You should mostly follow the original HTML structure to style your webpage. Overusing CSS “position” settings could lead to violations of (B7) above.

9. Align your HTML elements properly to avoid a messy layout with visual inconsistencies.

10. Set your typesetting properly. You must use a reasonable combination of readable fonts imported from Google Fonts and set font sizes, line heights, margins, paddings, font styles, etc. in a proper way to increase the readability of your texts in your personal website.