

Final Write-Up: Personal Site Summary

Week One:

In week one, I set up my site on the FTP and linked it to the CSIT department server for grading. The main page had a link to a PDF assignment hosted in my source files. At this stage, the page had no color, but I did have links to an About page and a contact page. I played around with CSS background colors and linking to another page from with my index page. The page had a Heading text and simple headings outlining the web research and where the respective case studies would be listed in the coming weeks.

Week Two:

Week two, I established my About page with some text that introduced me in about 100 words and then below I posted external links to two of my photographs from my Flickr photography page. These photos linked right to my Flickr account and were classed as embed links. I changed background color and the font style to Helvetica. The background was light blue and text was red. The main class page had underlined headings with my case study work as hyperlinks as a list below with only left alignment. My contact page had another Flickr embedded page link and three <p> statements above that linked to three external web sites about me, my blog, photo blog and portfolio. Users could become acquainted with me and my background. The color was set to background orange and text green. I was just experimenting until I came across a scheme that worked.

Week Three:

In week three, I added a footer element to the main page with my name and a copyright symbol with year. The footer linked to my external portfolio page. This was done on all three pages. I also added an HR footer border line element to all pages to practice what we learned in the case studies. I added

a 'nav' bar on all three pages that linked to all internal pages and it was centered on the top of the page. More background and font colors were experimented with. I put a border around all three pages in the same color as the text.

Week Four:

Week four, all the links to my case study and web research were set up in a table which ran across the page and was based on the table from the Fish Creek case study. There were three tables and they ran in three sections or 'divs' across the page. It was easy to use and understand. I included CSS hover links in red on all the case study files and reports and removed text-decoration on links and clicked links. In my personal pages, the Flickr pages were removed and one uniform image was put in their place.

Week Five:

The HR footer was removed this week as it didn't look good and lacked function. I made the borders thinner and adjusted font and heading size as my site main page grew with the addition of more case study links. I added a simple comments box on my contact page where people could enter comments, but it didn't link to any server side processing.

Week Six:

The site was put through testing this week and the warnings were based on my color scheme lacking contrast, so I settled on a uniform all site green background and yellow font, which was bold, easy to read and had a retro look without lacking function. This is the scheme that remained until the end of the class. I was happy with this and the testing data gave me some good feedback on ways to make the site appear better and work better. The case study headings had the underline removed as the testing concluded that it confused the user about the possibility of a hyperlink. I concluded that this was a distraction and it was a good lesson on the differences between word processing and web design and not mixing the two so much.

Week Seven:

This week, I posted a resized screenshot image at 32x32px in Lightroom5, exported as an .ico and installed it in the head tag on all of my pages to have a uniform favicon for all of my three pages. It looks good on Chrome and makes the site seem more professional. I gave all three pages' personal meta tags in the head section also

Week Eight:

In the final week, I tidied up everything and cleaned up my code. I included a video of my dog, Bruce on the contact page floated to the right using the skills learned in the case studies on video. I placed an image file on the video and supplied the browser with four different types of video to aid accessibility. It worked on all browsers. The Javascript function for `date.lastModified` was added to all three pages under the footer.