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In the last lab we saw websites that were visually very unappealing and a failure according to HCI rules.

Today we will see what good websites look like:

Link 1: http://alumni.princeton.edu/main/index.xml

Link 2: http://www.dotnetnuke.com/

Link 3: http://www.ox.ac.uk/

All these websites are NOT in HTML only. These include various kinds of scripts as javascript or vbscript. Scripts embedded in HTML allow dynamic content to be added to the webpage. By dynamic content we mean that what is to be displayed, what to be hidden, in what format will things be displayed can be changed at runtime by user choice or any event occurrence.

Task 1:

In all of these websites, notice the structural details. List down the elements you would use to make a website like this. Justify the use of each element. Also explain if the website design is appropriate considering its theme and content.

Task 2:

In these websites, notice how the menus are designed. They slide out horizontally OR are displayed as static links OR are dropdowns. Some of these change color on selection/mouse hover.

Your task is to submit a report on the available types of menus in WebPages. The report must include

- a. Name of menu
- b. Description based on functionality
- c. Correct and incorrect usage scenario
- d. Implementation details
- e. Example websites