



Rationale for Module 4

In Module 4 we created both a sitemap and a navigation scheme for our portfolios. This is the explanation behind the choices made to produce those deliverables.

Sitemap

In my sitemap I have a total of 17 separate pages or works that I wish to display. The first thing is the home/about page. I want this to be the landing page of the site, and give some background of myself—my educational and professional experience. After the home/about page, I want to feature my resume. Being a site for potential employers to look at, a resume is very important to showcase, and it is therefore the first thing listed after the landing page.

Then the content is broken down in a large portfolio page. The portfolio page will exhibit all three categories of my work, and then direct viewers to each of the 3 categories' pages where individual works will be displayed. I did this to create division—I want to make sure my viewers understand the variety and diversity of things I can do, and putting things on different pages contrasts those differences.

After the portfolio pages is a contact page—a resting place after a viewer has successfully navigating through my site. Having taken in all the information I had to offer, the viewer can now plainly see my contact information, and directly email me through the site through a form.

Navigation

Much like my sitemap, my navigation scheme is broken down into several main categories, in the order that I think my viewers will find most important. First the home/about page, to introduce myself and let the viewer know what exactly they are on, how to get around and what they can expect to find. The next category is my resume, which is the most important artifact when doing a job search, so it is shown first. After my professional history it is time for my professional works. These are in my portfolio. Rather than confusing the viewer with the multiple subcategories of my portfolio, the navigation category is broad enough to let the viewer know what this will take them to, but not overwhelm them. Finally the contact page is also a general, well-known page that will be easy for viewers to understand and end the site on.