

# <u>Assignments</u>

Title Major Assignment

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Instructions

# **CS1033 - Multimedia and Communications**

# Major Assignment (worth 16%)

## Overview:

You are to create a website about something that interests you BUT it must involve YOUR Home Town. So, if you are from Toronto, perhaps it could have the following pages: Home page, Best Restaurants, Best Parks, Best High School and References Page. Or maybe it could be about your favourite sports teams in Toronto and the pages would be: Home, Raptors, Jays, Leafs and References. Or, if you are from a smaller town like Goderich, maybe it could be: Home Page, History of Goderich, Sunset Pictures, Our Beaches and References. If you are from the country, just pick the town you would visit the most growing up to do your shopping. The topic for each page is up to you as long as it involves a town that you have a connection with. Each page should have at least 1 paragraph of text but you don't need much more than 1 paragraph.

#### Make sure that:

- it is a NEW site that you built for this course this year (i.e. it can NOT be a site you designed a year ago).
- all the pages fit well together (it makes sense how they relate).
- there is a CLEAR THEME related to your home town that connects all the pages so that visitors to your site can tell by looking at your home page what your site is all about.
- you designed the layout for the pages. You did not copy and paste the layout from a friend who took the course in a previous year or is currently taking the course. YOU must do the typing. You can use other sites for inspiration but all the typing MUST be done by you.

## **IMPORTANT:**

TIME CHANGE WITH PEER MARKING - Because we can't go into the exam period with the peer marking, you only get TWO days to do your PEER MARKING THIS TIME. Leave yourself at least 3 hours to complete the peer marking of your 5 peers (between Monday (Dec 7) night at 11:56pm AND Wednesday (Dec 9) night at 11:55pm. Then you get ONE day to read over your feedback and give the feedback on your feedback (from Wednesday, Dec 9 at 11:56pm TILL Thursday, Dec 10 at 11:55pm).

## **Design Criteria:**

NOTE: you may NOT use a professional or preexisting template/web builder to build your site, you must build it using html5-editor.net and css. Do NOT use predesigned templates or you will lose marks/have a penalty applied. You should be building this site from scratch!

#### The personal website website must include:

- Animation: Add a component of animation (must be created with PowerPoint as taught during the lab tutorials).
  - You should have a subfolder of the major folder called videoanim. You must use PowerPoint to create the original animation and you
    must export it to a .mp4 file. You must put your final exported .mp4 animation into the subfolder call videoanim.
  - The animation should loop so that the peers who are marking your assignment can find it easily.
  - Your animation should have your Western Userld visible in the bottom right corner (it can be a very small font but it must be visible) throughout the entire animation.
  - Your animation content should relate somehow to the topic of your website.
  - You should have a subfolder called originals. You must store the PowerPoint file (the .ppt or .pptx file) you created to make your animation in a subfolder of the major folder called originals.

• A Video Clip: (Created with Shotcut (PC), or iMovie (Mac))

The video clip should be related to the theme of your site. Also the video clip can NOT be a link to youtube.com, it MUST be contained within your site and should be an .mp4 file. Your .mp4 file MUST be placed in your *videoanim* folder. Some additional notes about the video:

- The video should be **NO LONGER** than 30 seconds (minimum of 15 seconds). (You will be docked marks since the longer the video, it takes more space on our servers).
- The video must contain transitions
- The final video (the .mp4 file) must be stored in the *videoanim* subfolder
- The video must contain at least 1 caption (hard captions that can't be turned off)
- The video must contain softsubs (closed captions) that are displayed from second 5 to second 10. So you will need a .vtt file inside your videoanin folder. Check out lab 9 again if you forget how to make softsubs. Remember they ONLY show up once you have uploaded/FTP'd your files. So you can only test if they work AFTER you have uploaded your site. You cannot test this feature in locally, you MUST upload in order to test your soft captions.
- Your video should have your Western Userld visible in the bottom right corner (it can be a very small font but it must be visible) throughout the entire video OR at least the first 3 seconds of the movie OR the last 3 seconds of the movie.
- The video may contain either images transitioning to other images or actual video that transitions to different actual video or a combination of images and video. It is up to you as long as there are transitions and captions in your final product.
- The video MUST be created for this course, it can NOT be a video you created before this course started. You may use video clips or images you created a while ago, BUT you must incorporate those clips/images into a new video made especially for this course.
- In your references page, you must include references ONLY for images used in your webpages but you do not have to include references for images used in your video (unless you want to but this is not required).
- Sound: You must have sound as part of your video clip. If you want to use sound in any other additional way, then go ahead and use it.

## Build a website with the following criteria:

- 1. Web pages:
  - **Home page plus at least FOUR** additional web pages, one of which must be your references page. So you must have a home page + three more pages + a reference page. (i.e. each page should have 5 links/buttons on the page)
  - All five pages must be contained in a folder called *major*. The file name *major* must be in lowercase.
  - Your home page/start page must be called index.html. The file name index.html must be in lowercase, thus you should have a file called index.html.
  - Use your creativity to layout your website with unique link categories. For example you might have links such as "Ottawa's Best Restaurants", "Ottawa's Best Buildings...", , etc.
  - You don't have to have a lot of text on your pages but have at least 1 paragraph of text (3-5 sentences) on each page except for the
    references page.
  - You may decide on content organization and you must create the links you feel are appropriate but make sure you link to at least one outside site in one page that is NOT your references page.
  - You must create the banners and buttons (if you choose to design your own buttons) and design the layout. YOU MUST PROVIDE US
     WITH THE NATIVE FILES (the .afphoto files) for the banner but you do NOT need to provide use with the native files you used to create the buttons.
- 2. Table structure: Your web pages MUST use a table set up (not using DIVs instead of tables to create the overall structure of your webpage we did not cover divs in labs) with a fixed width of about 1000 pixels wide. You may use more than one table to help you lay out your web pages as shown in the lectures.
- 3. **Navigational structure (i.e. links and link layout):** Remember to be consistent on each page and make sure your links are easy to navigate through your entire website not just the home page. YOU MAY NOT USE A BUTTON BUILDING PROGRAM to make any buttons you need, you must make all your buttons in Affinity Photo if you choose to make your own buttons.
- 4. References Webpage: In the References page, place the following
  - The VERY first line (under your heading) of the references page must be:
    - "This website was created by your userid"

For example: "This website was created by jsmit72"

Also, you should:

- keep your references page well organize and neat.
- o include URLs for any typed content you obtained from another site
- include ALL images used on your site with URLs, if some of your images have NO url, e.g. pictures you took yourself or your friends took, reference them similar to this:
  - Image of brown dog: Taken by me
- include a short description with the name of the the composer or a link to the clip of any sound/movie clips you used that were not written/created by you
- If you took text directly from other websites, include a reference for that text, for example:
  - Second Paragraph on the home page was taken from the following site: www.uwo.ca
- · YOU MUST ALSO INCLUDE:
  - REFERENCES TO YOUR ORIGINAL NATIVE FILES (your banner.afphoto file and animation .ppt file. NOTE: you do not need to
    include a reference to the .afphoto file(s) you used to create your buttons (if you created buttons)

FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW TO GIVE US ACCESS TO YOUR NATIVE FILES:

- 1. Create a sub folder within the folder called *major*. This folder must be called *originals* (all lowercase). Thus you will now have a link called *http://cs1033.gaul.csd.uwo.ca/~userid/major/originals*
- 2. Move **both** of your Affinity Photo native file and PowerPoint native file (the banner .afphoto file and the animation .ppt file), into the folder called *originals*. NOTE: Remember that the webserver is case sensitive, so name your .afphoto and .ppt files with lowercase file names AND with NO SPACES in the filename, For example, a **good** file name would be *homepagebanner.afphoto* and a **bad** file name would be *HomePage Banner Copy.afphoto*
- 3. Now, double check that you did the copy correctly by seeing if the links work to your .afphoto files and .ppt file. You check your links by opening Internet Explorer or Firefox (not Safari since sometimes it does some weird things to a webpage) and typing in the following address: http://cs1033.gaul.csd.uwo.ca/~userid/major/originals/filename.afphoto.
  - Thus, using the above example, for user jsmith34, the valid address would be:
  - http://cs1033.gaul.csd.uwo.ca/~jsmith34/major/originals/homepagebanner.afphoto.
  - MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS A WORKING LINK FOR EACH AFPHOTO AND PPT FILE!
  - NOTE: if you try clicking on a .afphoto or .ppt link, it will likely try to download the files, this correct and what should happen, HOWEVER, if you click on a link to your .afphoto or .ppt file and the machine says "The web page cannot be found", then your link is incorrect and you need to fix it.
- 4. Copy the working address that you tested in step 3 above for each .afphoto file INTO YOUR REFERENCES WEBPAGE. There MUST be a link in your references page for the .afphoto file used to create your banner, and the .ppt file used to create your animation
- 5. NOTE: you do **NOT** need to supply us with links to the native file for your movie OR with the native file for your sound (the Audacity .aud file) if you used Audacity (you might not have even used Audacity for this assignment) or the native files you used to create your buttons. Nor do you need to upload these files to the originals folder, we do not need to have access to them.

Try to keep your site creative and professional!

# **Marking Scheme:**

Based on what you have learned from your labs, use your creativity to create a professional/fun/lovely looking website.

Below is the list of criteria to be used for marking purposes:

#### Criteria:

- · Layout and Some Basic Instructions:
  - The top level folder MUST be called major (all lower case). All your web pages and folders MUST be inside this folder
  - Your first page MUST be called index.html (all lower case).
  - ALL of your images and additional web pages must be UNDER/INSIDE the folder *major*, i.e. must be contained in the folder *major* or in sub folders of the folder *major*. Think about good organization.
  - Outer table size must be about 1000 pixels wide on the home page. Use as many rows as you need to set up your layout and as many tables required to achieve the look. (Follow the same schematic as you were taught for the Web assignment).
  - The site must have at least five web pages, one of which must be the home page and one of which must be the references page plus three additional pages.
  - Each page in the site must be laid out nicely, i.e. clean, not crowded, not cluttered
  - All web page file names must be lowercase with NO spaces in them.
- Colour creativity: As with every other assignment in CS1033, you must use the colours in your assignment in a creative, clean, professional manner. The colours must be consistent within each web page and within the site, flow nicely and complement the overall

look of your website.

#### · Images:

- · Use images effectively throughout your website to enhance the theme and visual appeal of your website.
- Use professional, crisp images only
- Add Alt and title/hover tags for any images you add to your home page AND for your banner (you do not need to add the hover/title
  tags for the button images).
- To save you time, you do NOT NEED TO add Hover/Title tags to every image on your site except for the images on the home page.

## · You must show instances of the following items used in an appropriate manner:

- Navigational Links
- Banner (1000 width)
- Links: You must have one of each type as listed: email links, link(s) pointing to your files within your site (your navigational links/buttons would be acceptable for this), link(s) to a website on the Internet, bookmark/anchor links
- Structured List (ordered or unordered )

#### · Text formatting:

- · Appropriate use of headings, font size, font type
- · Appropriate text emphasis
- Balance of the text size with respect to the overall website
- · Appropriate use of centering vs. left alignment

#### · Animation:

- Must be viewable
- · Must be smooth, not jerky
- The .mp4 file for the animation must be stored in your videoanim subfolder
- The .ppt or .pptx file used to create the animation must be stored in your originals subfolder.
- Must be used in an appropriate and creative manner (i.e. it must fit in with your website, and add some sort of visual appeal to your website)
- Must have the original PowerPoint file (.ppt or .pptx) that you used to create the animation included in your originals folder. We will be
  looking at this file.
- Must have a clickable link to the PowerPoint animation file in your references page.
- o Must be saved as an .mp4 file

#### · Video Clip:

- Must be professional and appropriate
- Must use effective transitions
- Must contain music to set the mood.
- Must have appropriate/effective hard AND soft captions (see instructions above)
- Must be located in the videoanim subfolder
- Must be under 30 seconds but at least 15 seconds
- Must be an .mp4 format
- Must be a file size of 15 MegaBytes or less. It puts a lot of stress on our servers if everyone has big files. Try changing the
  frame size (640 by 480 is big enough) and lowering the bitrate to get the video file size down. Remember we have 800
  students doing this assignment!

### • Sound:

- · Must have sound as part of your video clip
- When marking the assignment, the peer marker must be able to hear the sound, either by clicking on a play button (for example on the video) or the sound could start automatically when the user comes to the appropriate page
- There should be a way to pause/stop the sound/video
- You should include a reference to the sound in your references page. This does not have to be a link but just a note about the piece of sound you are using. For example, your references page might include the following:
  - Music on Video: Hello by Adele, 2015
- o Or if you wrote the music yourself
  - Music on Video: Original Piece written by me, 2019

#### · Technical:

- Files must work properly and be viewable from the Internet (try viewing it from a friend's machine!)
- Files must be well organized within the site
- References to extra material that you included in your website must be cited (provide website address of extra material) and there
  must be working links
- See rules regarding your References page.

• This is like a bibliography for any work you reference. You will receive an automatic 0 if the references page is not included or the references for your native files are missing.

## **READY TO START BUILDING A WEBSITE**

In order to work on this assignment, perform the following steps BEFORE you are build the website. You need to set up the folder name that will contain all your web pages and images. The steps to get the website started are here:

### Creating the site:

### 1. BEFORE YOU BEGIN YOUR ASSIGNMENT - IMPORTANT! PERFORM THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

- 2. First create a folder called "*major*" on the machine where you intend to work on the assignment (or on the memory stick you plan to use, but be careful --> losing the memory stick is not a ground for an extension.)
- 3. Create a subfolder inside the major folder called *images*.
- 4. Create a subfolder inside the major folder called videoanim
- 5. Create a subfolder inside the major folder called originals
- 6. Move the images you want to include in your website into the major/images folder
- 7. Move the your animation file (the .mp4 files) into your *major/videoanim* folder
- 8. Move the video file (the .mp4) file into your major/videoanim folder
- 9. Move your .afphoto files for your banner and animation PowerPoint .ppt to the subfolder *major/originals*

#### HANDING IN YOUR ASSIGNMENT

There are 2 steps to hand in this assignment, make sure you complete BOTH steps (<u>Step 1 is to sftp your major up to publish.gaul.csd.uwo.ca</u> and <u>Step 2 is to enter your URL address in kritik.io for the Major Assignment</u>)

NOTE: The web server will be VERY busy right before the assignment is due. Thus, try to have your assignment done and handed in at least 1 or 2 days before it is due, otherwise you might find that your site doesn't get uploaded BEFORE the due time.

# STEP 1: Uploading your "major" folder to the Gaul webserver (cs1033.gaul.csd.uwo.ca) by using an SFTP program:

You will use an SFTP program (such as WinSCP for PC users or Fugu or Filezilla for Mac users) to move your *major* folder from your lab or laptop machine to the Gaul webserver. When connecting use the following information:

- 1. Host name: cs1033.gaul.csd.uwo.ca (if you are using Filezilla you must put sftp:// at the beginning sftp://cs1033.gaul.csd.uwo.ca )
- 2. Username: Your Western userid
- 3. Password: Your Western password
- 4. Port Number(IMPORTANT): The port number should be 1033

#### NOTE:

**WinSCP users:** make sure that the File Protocol is SFTP (this is the default so you shouldn't have to do anything, just do NOT change the File Protocol to anything other than SFTP). <u>Step by step help is here.</u>

**Filezilla users:** if you have problems connecting with a Host Name of *cs1033.gaul.csd.uwo.ca* then try using *sftp://cs1033.gaul.csd.uwo.ca* for the Host Name: <u>Step by step help is here.</u>

Once you are authenticated:

- Copy the major folder up to webserver (either drag it from the left side to the right side or copy it up)
- After you have uploaded your **major** folder YOU MUST CHECK to see if your sftp worked. To do this you will open a browser(IE, Chrome, Firefox) and check ALL your links in your site called: http://cs1033.gaul.csd.uwo.ca/~youruwouserid/major

## MAKE SURE YOU TEST TO SEE IF YOUR WEBSITE IS VIEWABLE FROM THE INTERNET

WARNING: If you want to check if your site is working (all the links are correct and none of the images are broken), you MUST check it from an account/machine that was NOT used to make assignment. Thus, if you made your assignment on a home machine/laptop machine, then find another machine on campus to test the ALL the links OR have a friend test the links for you on their machine. If you created your site on the machines in the lab rooms (MC230 or MC235 or NCB 105), then you should test your links from a home machine, or you can even test it from a machine in MC230/235/NC105 AS LONG AS YOU ARE TESTING IT ON A MACHINE THAT IS **NOT** LOGGED ON WITH YOUR USERID. DO NOT TEST IT ON THE MACHINE YOU BUILT IT ON, it may appear that everything is correct but when the peers marking your assignment go to look at your site, the links may be broken or the images may not appear!

To double check, open a browser such as Internet Explorer or Firefox and type the following web address:

http://cs1033.gaul.csd.uwo.ca/~youruserid/major. For example: if your username was Ireid, you would type:

http://cs1033.gaul.csd.uwo.ca/~lreid/major/ This should bring up your home page called index.html. If it doesn't, you have done something wrong, try again or visit a TA during the posted zoom consulting times or email your professor. If your links or images are not working, this means you are referencing them incorrectly in your web page and should try the following troubleshooting tips:

- 1. You should look at where you stored the page/image and how you linked it to figure out what went wrong.
- 2. Sometimes deleting an image or a link and reinserting it will fix it.
- 3. Check the case of the filename. If you called the image "Cat.jpg" yet somehow it is looking for cat.jpg, then they will not match. This may happen because you inserted the image as Cat.jpg and then renamed it to cat.jpg
- 4. Make sure that all your images and web pages are within the site, i.e. within the folder *major*.

# STEP 2: Entering the URL to your website in kritik for the Major Assignment

- 1. You ALSO MUST submit a link to your website via http://owl.uwo.ca/. See below for the details of how to do this.
  - Go to <u>Kritik.io</u> and paste in the link to your website. This is the ONLY thing you have to put into the kritik.io text box. It should look like this: cs1033.gaul.csd.uwo.ca/~userid/webassign
- 2. After the late period for submitting finishes, you will get TWO (NOTICE THAT IT IS TWO DAYS THIS TIME, we cant
  - go into the exam period!)days to mark 5 of your peers. 10% of your mark will be based on how well you mark your five peers. You will get a better mark the more carefully you mark, so do not be too easy and do not be too hard, just be fair and careful and correct when marking. 10% of your mark will be based on the written comments you leave. Try to explain GENTLY why you removed marks and any issues you had with the student's website AND try to find something to be positive about the submission since people hopefully have worked hard on the website so your comments should be respectful.
- 3. The last stage, the feedback on feedback stage, is worth 5%, after the peer marking evaluation stage is done. You only get ONE day to complete this stage. Read over the comments and rank them as motivational AND as helpful. Remember that students will be graded on the rankings you give this time so please be thoughtful when doing the rankings and leaving comments about the written feedback you received. For each of the 5 markers that you rank, you get 1 mark up to a total of 5.

## **Late Policy**

- Any assignments received after 11:55pm on Friday, but before 11:55pm on Saturday, will lose 15%.
  - Any assignments received after 11:55pm on Saturday, but before 11:55pm on Sunday, will lose 30%.
  - Any assignments received after 11:55pm on Sunday, but before 11:55pm on Monday, will lose 45%.
  - NO assignments submitted after 11:55pm on Monday, will be accepted. Assignments after this date will receive a grade of ZERO.
  - NO extensions will be given for computer technical problems or owl connectivity issues. If your machine is having problems, you MUST complete the assignment in one of the labs on campus.

#### Website Essentials:

TECHNICAL		CREATIVE	

Homepage	Represented as "index.html"  Clean alignment on left and right edges of home page.	Colour	Colour balance     Pleasing colours to match company profile     Page background colour	
Banner (top)	Approximate size 1000px x 150px     Can be taller as long as all your side links or top links fit within the window (no scrolling)	Web page Balance	Web page boundaries     Should have clean alignment     Sections: easily identified, easy to read     Effective use of padding in cells	
Images	<ul> <li>Clear, no noise</li> <li>Must have the alt tag for every image in your site.</li> <li>Must have the title/hover tag for each image on the home page</li> </ul>	Image Links	Balance: size     Buttons: suitable size     Colour: are links readable over background	
Text Colour and Size	Easy to read     Appropriate size, font type relative to overall web page	Navigation	Easy to navigate through your website and placement	
Navigational Links	<ul> <li>Easy to read</li> <li>Size appropriate with rest of web page</li> <li>Should not have to scroll</li> <li>Target field: a new window or not?</li> </ul>	Images	Fits with rest of colour scheme     Fits with the content	
Property Titles	Set a property title for each webpage in your website. Follow instructions given out in lecture and labs.	WEBSITE FILE ORGANIZATION		
Bottom of web page	Longer pages should have back to top links.	Files	Have an images folder Use folders to further organize your web pages File names should be lower case and no spaces	
Spelling/Grammar	use Spell Checker	Upload	Server needs: file names and case sensitivity     Always use lower case	
Paragraphs	Most of the times use left alignment for paragraphs. Reserve centering for small things you want to emphasize			
Crowdedness	Avoid putting text in web pages that runs into table grid lines or image edges. You can add padding to the cell or to the image to spread the text away from the table cell or image edges.			

# A lot of the following concepts have been presented in the video lectures and used in your lab tutorials, remember to think about them when designing your website!

## **Submission**

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