Digital Media Programming

Midterm Project

The midterm project must be professional in nature. Many students like to make hobby pages rather than professional pages. Some hobbies involve professional topics while others are nothing more than hobbies. How you approach a topic could mark the difference between your hobby and professional subject matter. Putting a hobby into a professional context would qualify it as professional.

Here's a suggestion: Make your topic one that you would enjoy working with for the semester. That way, you can use the midterm project as a foundation for developing your final project. Your final product needs to be one that you can present in your professional portfolio. As you know, your portfolio is an important tool in securing employment. Bear in mind that you will acquire additional skills after midterm that you will apply to your final project. Because of this, your midterm effort may not be as advanced as you would like. Be patient. Your skills will improve and you can apply them to your final project.

Your midterm assignment is to build a two-page Web site that includes JavaScript functionality. You may not use Dreamweaver or any other WYSIWYG editor to write your scripts. You must use a simple text editor only. You must link these pages to each other, and the site must include the features noted on the project evaluation form that is packaged with this instruction. It is suggested that you use it as a checklist in completing your midterm project.

The topic is up to you as long as it meets the guidelines set forth in your agreement when you apply for server space. If you use the same topic for both midterm and final projects, you must add the specified number of pages to the Web site for the final project. You may not use the same pages twice. Further, you must develop your JavaScript in a simple text editor. You may not use any other Web authoring tools.

A word about earning an A grade: If you complete only the above requirements, your grade will be a B. It is essential that all of the requirements are met. In order for the grade to go to an A, you must include an aesthetically pleasing project. This is where your artistic design and portfolio quality will receive credit. If you have any questions regarding this, it is your responsibility to ask the instructor.

The midterm project must be loaded to your server when submitted. Also, zip all project files (and *only* project files with nothing extra) and attach the zipped folder to the message notifying the instructor that you have completed the work. The notification shall include a professionally written and courteous email message to the instructor with your name, project designation, due date and the last four digits of your student ID number. Following is the email address for submitting assignments:

roberts.hccs@yahoo.com

Give the exact URL, including the complete file name. If you do not submit notification that the assignment is ready along with the zipped folder, the instructor will assign a zero grade. You must submit a notice in order to receive credit for your work. This will be strictly enforced. No exceptions.

No late submissions will be accepted without exception.

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