



1360: PROJECT III

Personal Website Project

Date: 4896 M 3/19, 6888 T 3/20 Beginning of Period
via email (send me your plaza url)

This project will be worth 15% of your semester grade. Having a functional knowledge of the web and web design can serve everyone well, and particularly for musicians who are interested in promotional sites, distributing music online, and using the web for music education. The purpose of this assignment is to give you some experience with web authoring so you can add it to your set of skills.

Do not assume you can finish this assignment using only class workshop time.

Project Requirements

- Your site must contain 4 separate web pages, using the .html file extension (not .HTM). They should be:
 - A home page, containing information about you (as much as you're comfortable publishing)
 - A sizeable page of links that point to sites of interest to you. For example, if you play trombone, build a section of links about trombone history, musicians, etc. Your links page should be significant, do not make a page with 5 links on it. Think 20-30.
 - Two Other Pages of your choice. Some possible ideas are:
 - Blog
 - Photo Album
 - An online version of a research paper, one of your class essays, etc.
 - A page of your music if you are a songwriter/performer/etc.
 - Whatever – but it has to be both good and useful.
- Your site should also contain a navigation area, common to all the pages on your site, allowing the user to click between all your pages. Allow the user to jump between pages as they want to – don't lock them in! The same navigation should be present on ALL pages.
- Your site should be built around a **single** stylesheet file (.css) that is used to shape the design of everything. **Do not make separate stylesheet files for each page on your site**, and use as little style information in your HTML files as possible (no <style> tags).
- Your site must pass the W3C's XHTML 1.0 Transitional Validator. You can test the correctness of your syntax at <http://validator.w3.org/>. Preview and Validate your pages often!
- As with anything you write, make sure your site contains well-written and proofread content.
- Your site should not contain any copyrighted material. Since we're using the University's servers, putting up content that doesn't belong to you is simply asking for trouble. This goes for images too! If in doubt, ask me!

Grading

This is a creative project. Be creative, but make sure to obey the requirements as listed above. Quality sites will receive more grade consideration than ones that appear slapped-together or poorly written. Comb the web for design ideas, tips, tricks, do's and don'ts, etc... there is a wealth of information out there – USE IT!

- 4 pages, including required pages listed above – 30 points
- Navigation Area – 15 points
- Stylesheet File – 15 points
- Site passes Validator – 10 points
- Design – 15 points
- Content – 15 points