

Q370

Intermediate Web Development

Reflection

There is quite a bit to reflect on with this course as we covered allot of ground. I must admit when I first reviewed all of the projects I was disappointed that we did not get into any WYSIWYG programs and that it would be all HTML scripting from scratch. Well that was then and this is now. Now I am glad we went so deeply into coding for web pages. Many mysteries and subsequent misapplications on my part have been overcome. As a matter of fact I can safely say that I am finally comfortable with HTML. Even some java scripting makes sense! That's really saying something for my second semester ever even attempting coding of any kind.

I am thankful that we covered such a variety of the elements of presentation and page setup. I am a very visual person so starting right away into tables and image maps was very interesting. Not only were these new skills intriguing, I saw instant value in them for development in certain web pages.

Not being very analytically minded, understanding forms is something I thought would never happen for me. But, if someone is going to have a web page where information is required from the viewer, then you need a form. The lessons presented about forms were easy to follow and easy to see value in. I can safely say that the next web site I create will make use of forms.

Java. What can you say about java? There's a real love/hate relationship for me. I hate all the little glitches that can appear, but I love the results it can produce. It most definitely adds wonderful dynamic that I used in my final project and will continue to use in my web pages. However, with all the free java script out there I seriously doubt I will be doing any creative java scripting in my near future.

Style sheets rule! What absolute headaches to get rolling with, but once you've got it the result is fantastic. Style sheets add all the structure in the world to a web page and I am very glad we went into such detail with them in this class. I am sure that I will never make a quality page without them again.

The final project, although it kind of snuck up on me, was something I had needed to get done for a long time. I am very excited about the result and look forward to expanding and upgrading my site whenever possible.

The instruction was always presented well with clear directions and deadlines and the other students were fun to work with. Although I had a small group, the two others in my group were great! They interacted well and were very helpful, courteous and kind. You couldn't ask for better. The overall layout of the course and facilitation was top notch. Thanks for a great class!

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