HTML and Dreamweaver Fall 2010 Midterm Project

Summary

- Proposal Due October 21st
- Midterm Project Due November 4th
- Proposal is worth 50 pts
- Midterm Project is worth 125 pts

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The goal of this project is to create the foundation for a small scale website in order to test your understanding of basic HTML structure and layout techniques. We will accomplish this through a design proposal and a midterm project as detailed below.

Midterm Project Overview

This project will require you to design and prototype a multi-paged website using HTML, Dreamweaver and the 960 framework. Creative freedom is encouraged as you design your project but the following requirements must be met.

The midterm project must contain the following:

- At least three pages, one of which must be a home page.
- An internal navigation to connect each page. No page should be orphaned.
- At least one outbound link, which opens in a new window.
- An ordered and/or unordered list.
- Properly titled pages.
- Each page should contain a header element.
- Design mockups, which adhere to the 960 framework guidelines (graphical only, these will be used for the final project).
- Designs must consist of a header component, a footer component at least two columns.
- Page layout prototypes constructed with the 960 grid system framework.

Deliverables

You will need to submit a folder with your HTML page layout prototypes, final design mockups (JPG or PDF) and any required resources for your project via email (jwmerlin@gmail.com) in an archived format such as a "zip" file.

Resources

960 Grid System and templates: http://www.960.gs/

W3 schools: http://www.w3schools.com/

World Wide Web Consortium: http://www.w3.org/

Proposal Overview

In order to establish a foundation for your project you must first create a proposal to be submitted and discussed in class. The format of your proposal is up to you but it must meet the following requirements.

The proposal should contain the following:

- A brief paragraph describing the nature of the proposed site.
- A list of pages that will be contained in the site and a brief description of each page.
 - Each page description should include functional requirements. For example, if you intend to have a next button that brings you to another page, describe it here.
- An attached sitemap containing all content pages and their relation to one another.
- At least one element inspired by one of your "liked" sites in Week 2. This can be a design or functional element. You need only describe what it is and how you plan to incorporate it into your design.

Some possible site ideas include a portfolio, a photo gallery or recipe book. Be creative and have fun!

Deliverables

Proposals should be submitted via email (jwmerlin@gmail.com) in a digital format. PDF is preferred.

Resources

http://webdesign.tutsplus.com/

http://www.thedesigncubicle.com/2009/06/motherload-collection-of-inspirational-website-collections/

http://www.noupe.com/design/personal-portfolio-websites.html

http://unmatchedstyle.com/

http://www.aialex.com/2007/07/09/top-50-inspirational-websites-for-designers/

http://www.webdesignish.com/top-10-best-and-free-web-design-ebooks.html

http://uxmovement.com/resources/4-best-design-pattern-libraries

http://patternry.com/

http://sixrevisions.com/web_design/250-quick-web-design-tips-part-1/

Assistance

If any additional assistance is required please send an email and be as detailed as possible with any problems you may be experiencing. If relevant, include problem files as zipped attachments.