

Hypermedia Assignment I: Laying the foundations for your web-site.

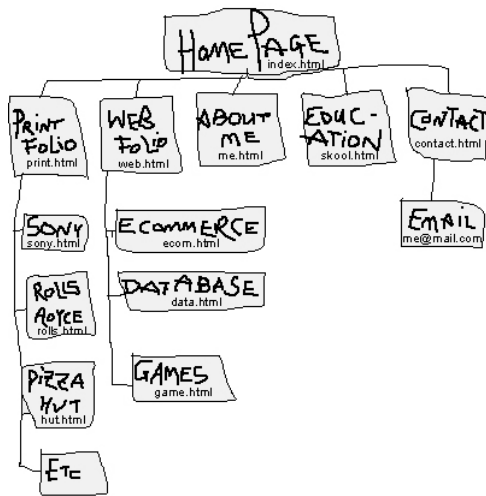
1a What is your website about?

The subject or theme for your website is up to you. Write a one sentence description of your proposed web-site.

1b What are the pages and sections within your site?

Prepare and draw up a flow-diagram showing the movement between sections in your proposed web-site. This site-map should have at least 5 sections being linked to after the index page, and should indicate any email addresses, and links to other sites. The illustration included below is a basic example of how the flow-diagram might look.

NB: The flow-diagram acts as a guide to show how your sections fit together - not how the site needs to look.



1c What will your pages look like?

Using whatever graphics program you feel most comfortable with, put together some layout templates for the pages within your site, clearly indicating the content areas and the navigation systems (i.e., links, buttons, menus). How will the layouts accommodate different types of content - image galleries, long texts etc? Include dummy content in these layouts

2a One of the most important ways of learning about web-design is to look at other sites, and to work out what you like and don't like about their structure, how you find the experience of using the site, and how you can apply these strategies to suit your own web-site. **Find at least three web-sites that you would like to use as models for your site development.**

Include the addresses (URLs) for these websites and **write a few brief paragraphs about why these sites are a useful reference point for your work, what you like and don't like about it's design / structure - how it could be improved and why it is successful.**

2b Choose **one** of these model web-sites and **put together a basic flow-diagram to show how they have divided their site** - if the site is quite large, don't worry about mapping out the entire site, but at least give an indication about how the site is divided and structured.

2c **Include some basic layout examples from this chosen website**, showing how they have put together a navigational system and whether it changes depending upon what section you are in.

This first section will lay the foundations of your web-site, and the focus in this exercise is to put together a site-plan that is clear and concise enough to start building your site, as well as leaving you enough flexibility to expand your site as and when you need to.

The second section is to test your critical approach to other web-sites - as a historical and technical resource - analyzing how you can draw influences from existing examples of design without just stealing their ideas / techniques.

Due: Friday 26 September, 9:30am