ECT 270
Client-Side Web Application Development
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Sections 701
M 5:45 – 9:00 pm, Lewis 1108

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Prerequisites: CSC 211 and ECT 250 or CSC 200

Description
This course presents a comprehensive study of HTML, Cascading Style Sheets, JavaScript and dynamic HTML.

Readings

Note
The schedule and other information in the syllabus is subject to change. Consult the Course On-Line website and the course home page¹ for the most up-to-date information.

Resources
E-mail account for submitting homework. Each student at Depaul is assigned an email account on the students.depaul.edu server. You do not need to use this account for emails but we will use this server for publishing pages on the Web. therefore be sure to verify your password as soon as possible. You may get it at the ID Office (DePaul Center 9700 or SAC 182) if you don't know it.
Information such as lecture notes and assignments can be found on the course home page.¹ I will try to have slides available 24 hours in advance of class, but I cannot guarantee it.

Assessment
Student progress will be assessed through a combination of regular homework assignments, a midterm exam and a final project. At the beginning of each class session in which an assignment is due, there will be a short quiz relating to the assignment. The score on this quiz will be factored into the assignment grade. These components will be weighted as follows:

- Homework/Quizzes – 40%
- Midterm – 30%
- Final project – 30%

Tentative Schedule

9/15: Introduction
Introduction to the course. Introduction to the Internet and WWW. Access to web servers using FTP and Telnet. Introduction to HTML.
Reading: HTML, Tutorial 1
Assigned: Homework #1: Publishing to Shrike

¹ http://josquin.cti.depaul.edu/~rburke/courses/f03/ect582/
9/22: HTML I / Lab I
Reading: HTML, Tutorials 2 and 3
Due: Homework #1
Assigned: Homework #2: Course web page

9/29: HTML II / Lab II
Tables. Colors and HTML color codes. Table-based layout.
Reading: HTML, Tutorial 4
Due: Homework #2
Assigned: Homework #3: Images and tables

10/6: HTML III / Lab III
Reading: HTML, Tutorial 6
Due: Homework #3
Assigned: Homework #4: Forms

10/13: CSS I
Reading: HTML, Tutorial 7
Due: Homework #4
Assigned: Homework #5: CSS

10/20: Midterm / CSS II
Assigned: Final Project

10/27: JavaScript I
Introduction to JavaScript and dynamic HTML. JavaScript syntax: variables, functions, operators, conditionals, loops, arrays.
Reading: HTML, Tutorial 8
Due: Homework #5
Assigned: Homework #6

11/3: JavaScript II
Reading: DHTML, Tutorials 1 and 2
Due: Homework #6
Assigned: Homework #7

11/10: JavaScript III
Rollover effects. Image substitution. Pull-down menus. Pop-up windows.
Reading: DHTML, Tutorials 2 and 3
Due: Homework #7

11/17: JavaScript IV
Events and event handling. Netscape, IE and W3C event handling models. Drag and drop. Keyboard events.
Reading: DHTML, Tutorial 4

11/24: Final project presentations
Due: Final project

Policies
Students are expected to attend all classes and participate in in-class exercises. Class will start promptly at 5:45 pm. Students are individually responsible for material they may have missed due to absence or tardiness.

Exams can only be made up with a serious documented excuse (e.g. illness, death in the family). A make-up quiz or test must be arranged as soon as possible and always before the student attends the next class meeting. Arrangements involving other excuses require prior permission from the instructor.

In a team project, it is important to divide the project effort fairly among team members. Group participation will be evaluated. Student having difficulties within their project group should contact the instructor as soon as possible.

Assignments will be posted online on the Shrike server and should also be submitted in ZIP format to the Course On-Line site. Do not submit assignments by email. All assignments should be completed and submitted by class time on the due date. Late assignments will be accepted up to two days after the due date with a 10% penalty per day. The final project may not be submitted late.

Assignments must represent a student's individual effort. While students are permitted to discuss assignments at the conceptual level, under no circumstances should students share specific answers (electronically or otherwise). You may also not use JavaScript or HTML code within an assignment or project unless that code was developed by you, the only exception being when given specific permission by the instructor to do so.

In this course, you are NOT permitted to use any HTML editing application beyond a simple text editor. Applications such as FrontPage, Dreamweaver, etc are not permitted. The purpose of this course is to learn the HTML details that a sophisticated editing application hides from you.

School Policies

Online Instructor Evaluation
Course and instructor evaluations are critical for maintaining and improving course quality. To make evaluations as meaningful as possible, we need 100% student participation. Therefore, participation in the School's web-based academic administration initiative during the eighth and ninth week of this course is a requirement of this course. Failure to participate in this process will result in a grade of incomplete for the course. This incomplete will be automatically removed within seven weeks after the end of the course and replaced by the grade you would have received if you had fulfilled this requirement.

Email
Email is the primary means of communication between faculty and students enrolled in this course outside of class time. Students should be sure their email listed under "demographic information" at http://campusconnect.depaul.edu/ is correct.

Plagiarism:
The university and school policy on plagiarism can be summarized as follows: Students in this course, as well as all other courses in which independent research or writing play a vital part in the course requirements, should be aware of the strong sanctions that can be imposed against someone guilty of plagiarism. If proven, a charge of plagiarism could result in an automatic F in the course and possible expulsion. The strongest of sanctions will be imposed on anyone who submits as his/her own work a report, examination paper, computer file, lab report, or other assignment which has been prepared by someone else. If you have any questions or doubts about what plagiarism entails or how to properly acknowledge source materials be sure to consult the instructor.
**Incomplete:**
An incomplete grade is given only for an exceptional reason such as a death in the family, a serious illness, etc. Any such reason must be documented. Any incomplete request must be made at least two weeks before the final, and approved by the Dean of the School of Computer Science, Telecommunications and Information Systems. Any consequences resulting from a poor grade for the course will not be considered as valid reasons for such a request.