Weblog Project
CS 101 Fall 2009

Points: 115, including presentation
Type of Assignment: Project
Due: 24-Nov-2009

The Weblog Development project is intended to provide students with the hands-on experience of developing an informational blog using one of the free, Web-based blog development software tools. In this project, you will:

1. Choose an informational subject that is of particular interest to you (subject to Instructor approval)
2. Select a blog development platform on which to construct their blog
3. Design a professional-looking blog
4. Develop informational content that includes written posts, feeds, links, graphics, and multi-media
5. Maintain their blogs over the course of the semester
6. Share their blogs with other members of the class
7. Provide a final presentation to the class relating to their blog concept and design.

Final grading of the blog project will be based on the appearance of the blog, the timeliness of updates to the blog, and the inclusion of information and multi-media relevant to the blog’s particular subject matter.

Blog Subject Matter
The blog should be based on a subject that is of personal, academic, or professional significance to the student. Care should be taken in choosing a subject matter that reflects well on the student and does not reflect negatively on SVSU.

Minimum Requirements
- 9 posts, consisting of 1-2 paragraphs of written text. Two of the posts should contain instances of multi-media usage (embedded graphics, audio, video, or links to other multi-media). There must be at least one post each week, with a total of 9 posts.
- An “About” section that provides your profile (as the author) and information about the purpose of the blog. Personal information should be carefully considered before posting it on your blog to protect your privacy. Do not share information that could put your identity at risk.
- An extra section that adds dynamic feeds to your blog (newsreels, rss feeds, and/or video feeds).

Project Timeline

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<td>Email the weblog subject and software proposal to instructor</td>
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<td>Instructor approves or disapproves through email</td>
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<td>Email weblog URL to instructor</td>
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<td>Publish content weekly and meet requirements</td>
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