

CSCI 101: Problem Solving with Computers

Lab 8: Creating a Professional Blog

Due Dates **Sec A: 10/26/10 by 11:59 pm; Sec B, C: 10/27/10 by 11:59 pm**

Email to: csci101fall2010lab8@gmail.com

Important: you must hand in your lab on the due date in the correct manner. Please ensure that you manage your time and ask questions during lab and ahead of the submission time. As per the syllabus, unless there is a documented medical emergency, late work is not accepted – this is primarily out of respect to the majority of students who make the effort to have their work completed on time.

Goals

1. to continue the process of creating a professional online presence using a blog
2. to incorporate your research and work from Lab 6 and Lab 7 into the development of your professional presence online
3. to build awareness of an online presence in both a professional and a personal realm

Submission and Grading Guidelines

Email your blog address to csci101fall2010lab8@gmail.com

- Your blog will be graded on you having completed at least the instructions below (10 points)
 - Overall navigability of your blog i.e. relevant and working links, visible texts, etc. (5 points)
 - Overall professional/ interesting appearance of the blog (5 points)
1. Start your labs on the day it is assigned to you to avoid last minute emergencies – you have 7 days in which to complete the lab.
 2. Please do not email labs to my email account.
 3. In one email please send me the link to your blog
 4. The heading of your email must include Last Name, First Name, and the Lab #
 5. If you have successfully submitted your lab, you should received the following autoreply:
From: CSCI101 Fall [csci101fall2010lab8@gmail.com]
Sent: Date of Receipt
To: you
Subject: Receipt of Lab 8

Dear Student,

Your lab has been received.

Thank you,
Dr. Hardy

Note, if you send more than one email to the email address, you will probably not receive the autoreply more than once. In addition, if you submit later than the deadline, you will not receive the autoreply.

Creating your Blog

- look through other well-rated blogs to take careful note as to what makes them easy to navigate, interesting, useful, attractive and what they have in common. For example:
<http://www.time.com/time/specials/packages/completelist/0,29569,1999770,00.html>
<http://www.ebizmba.com/articles/blogs>
- now log onto blogger.com and create your own blog – use your gmail email address that you had created in Lab 6
- your blog name should be appropriate to your major/career/name
- the initial instructions are covered generally in class
- note the “design” tab at the top of the page is very useful
- add a list of at least 5 useful sites and other links you found in lab 6 that are relevant to your major or career interest

These links can be placed on the side bar on your blog or they can be placed in a page (possibly called useful links). The sites can and should include relevant streaming videos, if appropriate.

- link to our class blog: <http://csci101fall2010.blogspot.com/>
- create a twitter account and link to it from your blog - under “additional links”
- log into your glogster account and link your glog to your blog – also at this point, feel free to link your blog/ glog to your Facebook and other social media pages
- create a slideshow on your blog by using your picassa account
- work on your blog profile – professional and interesting. you can include an appropriate picture of yourself
- link to your relevant video
- make note of the URL of your blog
- create an additional page and place your resume (lab 4) there
- there should be at least 2 entries by the time I look through them next week
- keep building on your blog – this is a lab that cannot and should not be completed in 2 hours – instead you should continue to work and build on it all week. You have already visited blogs that are popular and useful and value d - strive to make yours one of those
- experiment with the layout, background and heading picture of your blog template
- this is your online presence over which you have control – take it seriously but have fun with it
- do come and see me with any questions
- remember that the substance and relevance to your audience is critical and your blog profile should be professional and easy to locate on your blog