

Module 1 - Web Technologies (INF 201)

Module runs for 2 weeks (Monday - Sunday)

Sample Discussion:

Good and bad websites

- Browse the internet with the mindset of an evaluator
- Collectively find 3 good and 3 bad websites
- Using the criteria provided by Cornell (<http://olinuris.library.cornell.edu/ref/research/webcrit.html>) and University at Maryland (<http://www.lib.umd.edu/ues/guides/evaluating-web#design>) describe what makes them good or bad

Example student posts of good websites

"1. www.doodlekisses.com is a website that I would consider a good website for a few reasons. The first topic mentioned on Cornell University's criteria for evaluating websites is the easily obtained access to the author's name. In this case, the authors name is Adina P, which is located at the bottom of the page. You have the ability to click on her name, and get redirected to a blog about Adina. This website is one for labradoodle and goldendoodle dog owners can unite. Another reason it is a good website is because the links and updates were updated within 11 minutes of me being on the website. It was easy to access and not confusing at all to look at.

2. www.google.com is actually a website that I could also consider a good website. As I was looking for websites for this assignment, Google is my homepage and I skipped over it multiple times before noticing how simple and convenient it was, and looked into it more. Google could be considered a good website because you can easily find the owners of the websites, Larry Page and Sergey Brin. Google is also a good website because the advertising on Google is very low and the chances of getting interrupted by an ad is slim to none.

3. www.easybib.com is a website used to cite students work. It is an example of a good website because the authors are on the page, although it is difficult to find. Another reason the website is good is because it is organized in a good fashion, and simple to use. The website is completely free and helps students easily cite their work."

"1. <http://www.google.com> Google is a good website because it has a functional design, you can easily find the authors and because it has a usable navigation. Google does a good job making it easy to find that their founders are Larry Page and Sergey Brin. The design is functional with just the intended search bar and the other tabs such as google+, and images to name two.

2. <http://www.nhl.com> Is a good website because of its accuracy, authority, and design. The websites accuracy is well known because it is the official site of the league, they have postings of breaking news, injuries and even during the offseason. The authority of the site is valid because like I stated it is the official website but they only post the facts instead of hearsay like other websites. The website does have ads but these ads are for another part of the site. NHL.com has it's own store and that's where these ads lead to, another part of the website.

3. <http://www.albany.edu> This is considered a good website because it is updated, this is evident by the different headlines that are posted on the homepage. The website states its purpose on its homepage along with who created it. The navigation is easy to use and the site has no ads on it. Bad Websites."