

SGET 700: Tools for the Development of Instruction

Buddy Check #1: The Template

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1. Comment on the site documentation. Can you quickly find the email link, author's name, when this page was last updated, and the disclaimer? Is the disclaimer appropriate for the site (mset vs msn)? If you added a page from this site to your favorites, would the page title include the site identifier?

The email link, name and last updated are all readily accessible on the front page. The disclaimer is not on the front page.

2. Comment on the overall readability of the site including choice of font, font color, font size, positioning, spacing, and use of background images or color. What effect do these choices have? Is the information well "chunked" to make information more accessible?

Overall, the font, colors, size and positioning/spacing, while not my favorite choice of color scheme, are appropriate and the use of a background image is visually appealing. The information on the site is well chunked and very accessible and self-explanatory.

3. Comment on the overall aesthetics and visual appeal of the site. What emotional impact does it create? Does this seem appropriate to the overall site design and purpose? Is it appropriate for the intended audience? Do the graphics add to this effect or detract from it? Is there something that would improve the design?

The overall aesthetics and visual appeal, again while not my favorite choice of colors in terms of aesthetics, they do create an emotional impact of nature and calm. This is very appropriate for a site mainly showing science related projects. I believe it is appropriate for the intended audience, and the graphics, while large, do not detract from the overall design. I would perhaps make the header image smaller, but that is really specific to my preferences and not a design flaw.

4. Does the site exhibit consistency in design within the page? Are the sizes, locations, and appearance of similar elements consistent? Are page sections, headings, or other elements obvious? Are variations in design purposeful?

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The site is consistent throughout. Sizes, locations and appearance of all elements are similar and consistent as well. All variations are obviously purposeful.

5. Comment on the main navigation structure of the site. Is the main navigation clearly evident? Are the links obvious? Can they be seen when the page loads? Are links contained in the main body clearly identifiable as links?

Navigating the site is easy and consistent throughout. All links are obvious, easily identifiable and a different color (blue) from the rest of the design.

6. Comment on the specifics on the Navigation and Flow of the site. Take each of the main links and describe what you would expect to find by following each link. Is the link verbiage clear or are you unsure what you will find. If you were searching for something specific, would you have a good idea of which link to use?

Navigation of the sight flows nicely. It is obvious by the setup and design the direction in which to follow links. The main menu is clear and across the top of the main site, with Home, About Me, and Favorite Links. Each goes to exactly what you expect- Favorite Links is a list of links, About Me is a short biographical essay and Home returns you to the main page. The project links throughout the site are descriptive and fall under appropriate headings so it is easy to determine which class and project you will view when clicking. This would ensure that if you were looking for something specific, you could find it easily.