IT Portfolio Redoux

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How to create a compelling IT portfolio

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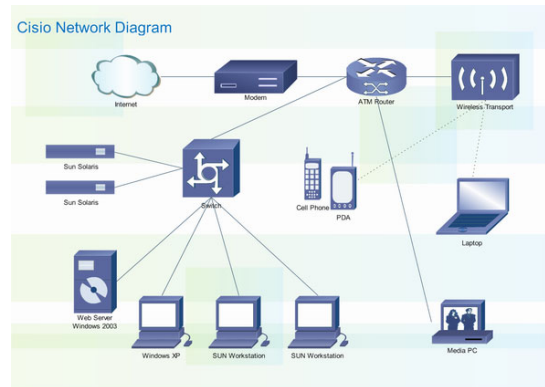collin.edu

Back in the day…

What are we talking about?

A professional portfolio is an organized collection of relevant documents and artifacts that showcases your…

- Talent
- Relevant skills
- Professional growth

What's important to employers?

- Oral and Written Communication
- Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
- Teamwork/Collaboration
- Digital Technology
- Leadership
- Professionalism/Work Ethic
- Career Management
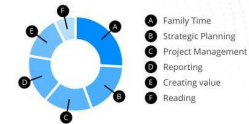- Global/Intercultural Fluency

Today and going forward...

Where do I make one?

WiX

Web developers and html users will love this customizable portfolio builder.

WordPress.com

Created as a blogging site, it is user-friendly and does not require programming skills/knowledge.

Sway

Multiple components – including portfolios – in Office 365

flipsnack

Combine PDFs in an online flipbook – nothing fancy but oh so easy

GitHub

This is where programmers strut their stuff

LinkedIn

Upload videos, reports and resumes to your LinkedIn page (Projects)

How do I make one?

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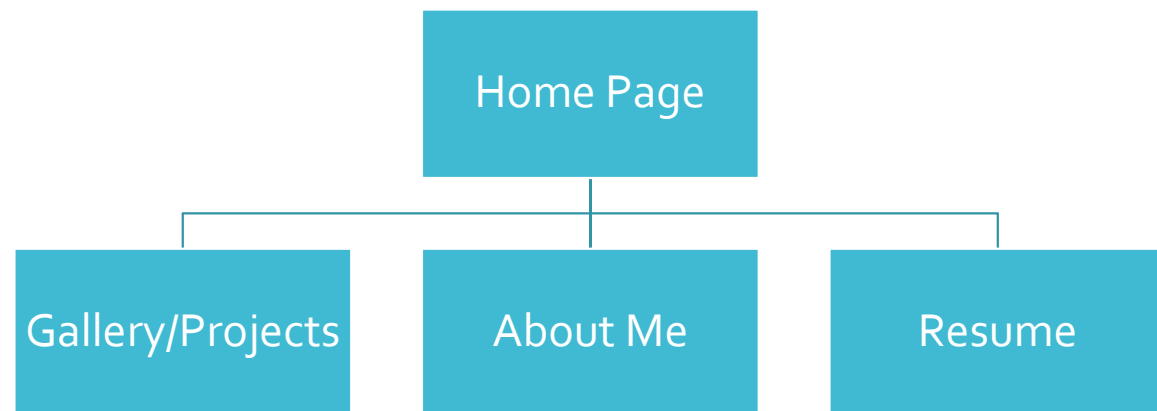
Plan it out!

Portfolio Dos

Start with a goal for your portfolio because designing without goals is like going to the grocery store hungry.

Shelby White   @ShelbyWhite   Designspiration

Rules of engagement

- Make it easy to find
- Easy to navigate
- Simple in design
- Showcase your best work

What do I want to show off?

Project Work → Consistent Results

Resume
Social Media → Is it professional? Has it been reviewed?
How are you connecting?

Collaborative
Projects → Class projects, outside projects,
professional projects

Your process → How do you want to show this?
On what projects?

#StayRelevant

What's in a name?

Domain name

 Finding a domain - https://www.name.com/

 Free vs. paying

  Are you okay with ads?

  What site builder are you using?

  How much do you consider reasonable to pay

Is it searchable? Easy to remember?

Consistent and/or professional across platforms

How to build a site map

- 1. Identify all the pages involved
- 2. Identify sub pages
- 3. Content for each page

Put your best foot forward

- Show work directed toward the job you want.

Demonstrate your process

- What problem are you solving?
- What story are you telling?
- Give them a glimpse
  - Show it visually
  - Provide notes on the process that are free of grammar and typos

Be able to answer "why?"

Teamwork makes the dream work

- Give credit
  - What were you responsible for?
  - What software/hardware did you use?

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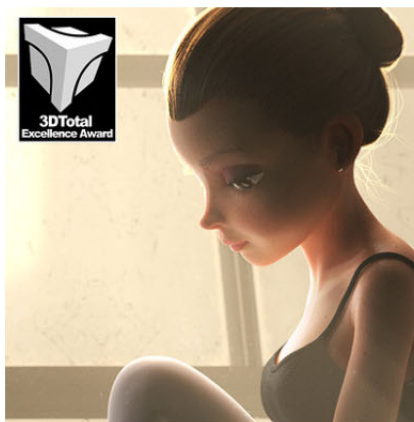3D ARTIST

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Trouble-shooting

- Have a PDF version to show, if you do not have WiFi
- Good design to capture attention, great work to keep it.
- Add your portfolio link and some examples of your work to LinkedIn

Resources and next steps

- Set Up Your Portfolio Website in Less Than 10 Minutes with Github Pages - https://tinyurl.com/y9xwmhgx

- Creating an Online Portfolio
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j8eCJ4bofdw&feature=youtu.be

- Use LinkedIn Learning to take a course
  - Building an Online Portfolio – Design based, UX Design
  - Designing a Portfolio Website with Muse
  - Planning a Web Design Portfolio: Getting a Job
  - Etc.

Learn ALL the things!

Questions?