On Producing the Course Website

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The author used Adobe Creative Suite CS3 to create this website. The design process included the use of both Dreamweaver for all of the site layout and webpage creation, as well as Photoshop to design all of the original graphics, the navigation bar graphics, and the banners. The site has been tested on a wide range of web browsers and operating systems (Macintosh OSX, iPhone, Linux, Windows XP and Vista) and has been found by the author to be satisfactory in its presentation on each, if a bit different in appearance due to non-standard implementation of CCS in a particular browser owned by a certain uncaring mega-corporation. The author also used ConceptDraw Pro to lay out the flowchart for the site, and Curio to create some of the content in the Instructional Design section. All original photos and video were shot using a Casio Exilim EX-S880 digital camera. This website was made on a Macintosh computer. No significant challenges were encountered with the mechanical aspects of the design process while creating this website. Webpage creation and upload went smoothly, without a hitch. The primary challenge the author faced was in correlating the requirements of the assignment which were written more for the perspective of K-12 classroom teacher to content that would be relevant to his own position as a multimedia designer for a university medical school. Relevant content was identified, gathered and tabulated into appropriate page divisions. The use of a website flowchart assisted the author in assuring that 'all the bases were covered' when it came time to produce the actual webpages, with this in mind the flowchart was followed fairly strictly. A secondary challenge came from a lack of time to concentrate on producing the Web 2.0 section of the website. As stated in the video posted there, the author wishes to "do this page
justice” and feels that a significant amount of reflection on this page is still necessary before he begins to flesh it out.