**Project 3 - Phase 1**

**E-portfolio**

Create a site that will highlight your resume and professional accomplishments on the MIS community (<http://community.mis.temple.edu>). The new site will have a permanent URL and you will be able to include that URL in your paper resume. The goal of this site is twofold. 1. Create a presence online so that people interested in your particular set of skills can easily find you. 2. To serve as a professional “portfolio”. Think of this site as being more formal than your Facebook page but more creative and open than your printed resume or LinkedIn page. For non-MIS majors, the main goal is to create a site where you can drive traffic to and in turn learn about Googl Analytics and it’s features.

To get started, you will create a personal “blog” on community.mis.temple.edu. Use the available student e-portfolio themes for this blog. You are required to use these themes. However, you can add any kind of content or available widget to your site.

At a **minimum**, you must include the following items in your e-portfolio:

* a good photo of yourself
* your academic information
* Your career interests & aspirations
* Your personal interests, service work, favorite links
* Your current resume (if you don’t have one, it is time you created one)

Please see the “SAMPLES AND RESOURCES” tab under (<http://community.mis.temple.edu/eportfolios/>) for tips and informative videos to help you thought this project.

Here are some other suggestions for items you can include in your site and that leverage the online medium.

* Include sample assignments. This is the “portfolio” concept. If you are very proud of some work you did in a class or some other forum – then make it available. For example, the final presentation of a class project.
* If you did an internship at a firm – then include a hyperlink to that firm’s “about” page – so that prospective employers can easily learn more about the firm. Also include information about what you did during your internship.
* If you participated in or contributed to an activity for a student organization – then include a hyperlink to that activity. This will provide more contextual information to prospective employers and allow them to judge the depth of your contribution.
* If a famous professor or corporate executive has agreed to serve as your reference then include a link to their home page (on their professional site or on Linkedin). You may know how important and famous the professor or executive is, but your prospective employer may not. This allows the prospective employer to judge the value of your references.

The above list is a series of suggestions. You have to decide which suggestions work for you and come up with your own ideas. The only requirement is that you create a site as described above. What you put on that site is your decision.

If you are an **MIS major** or considering majoring in MIS, you are **strongly encouraged** to submit your e-Portfolio for registration with the main MIS Community site page.  This will be important as employers often access the database to find potential employees and sort the e-portfolios by major, resumes, interests and skills.  Make sure your e-portfolio is registered with the Temple MIS community site.  You will find the link on the main page when you log in.

**Specific Instructions**

1. Create a blog on the MIS Community site – click “My Sites” on the top of the screen after you login and then click on “Create a Site”.
2. Use the following convention to name your site so that it is easy for people to find you. Do not put in any punctuation such as dashes or underline characters:

* First initial followed by last name (e.g., jmis for Joe Mis)
* If that does not work, then full first name followed by last name (e.g., JoeMis)
* If that does not work, then full first name, middle initial and last name (e.g., JoeLMIS).

1. After the Blog has been created, go to the “Dashboard” of that blog and scroll down and click on “Appearance” then ”Themes” on the left hand side.
2. Select and “activate” one of the e-portfolio themes (click each link to see a sample of each design):

* [eportfolio simple](http://community.mis.temple.edu/studentsimple/)
* [eportfolio metro](http://community.mis.temple.edu/studentmetro/)
* [eportfolio sky](http://community.mis.temple.edu/studentsky/)
* [eportfolio beach](http://community.mis.temple.edu/studentbeach/)

1. Complete the eportfolio by following the instructions on the above sample sites.
2. If you are an **MIS major** you are **strongly encouraged** to list the eportfolio on the MIS eportfolio site at <http://community.mis.temple.edu/eportfolios>. Listing the eportfolio will allow employers to find you. Your e-portfolio will only be listed on the site if it meets our criteria (please see below for common mistakes)

**Common Mistakes**

The main purpose of an e-portfolio is to create a professional looking digital resume that will help you stand out from the typical stack of resumes when competing for industry internships and a job after graduation. Many of the largest employers use our database to identify and select students for internships and jobs.

But almost 50% of the e-portfolios never get entered into the database, as they are rejected because of a number of major issues or problems. The following is a list of the major reasons e-portfolios get rejected, and can give you a guide on how to build a professional, positive e-portfolio that will generate benefits and job leads for you.

1. Bad or inappropriate photos. Students should make an effort to create a professional headshot, in proper business attire. (These can be taken against a white wall by your roommate.)
2. No actual resume or link to a resume posted to the site. In many cases the link doesn’t work, and/or the resume is poorly written and formatted. It is a good idea to have your resume critiqued by CSPD before posting it to a site. Also, resumes should be in PDF format, not word (which is true for any other documents posted to the site.)
3. Believe it or not, many e-portfolios are submitted with no name on the site. Some students didn’t even bother to put their name on the main page of their site, much less provide any background info, year, major etc.
4. Inappropriate content. This is not Facebook. Every semester we get e-portfolio’s filled with pages with you tube videos of the greatest song ever…the gang skateboarding last weekend, the latest kegger, and things of that nature. Your e-portfolio needs to be professional.
5. The e-portfolio site link was bad or didn’t work. Sometimes students make them password protected (which defeats the purpose). Other times the link takes us to another page on their site (not the main page). It is up to you to send the right link, and make sure the reader gets to the correct landing page. Readers won’t spend the time to figure out what the main page URL should be.
6. The site was not formatted correctly. Make sure you set up pages for the main assignment criteria (About Me, Resume, Career Interests, Photo/Bio, etc.) Don’t just use posts for all of your material. Also, messy formatting, typos, and bad grammar will cause your e-portfolio to be rejected.

As stated above, nearly 50% of e-portfolios are rejected and not entered into the database for one reason or another. If your e-portfolio is rejected by the department, you will be notified.