

IT111 Week 3 Podcast

Hello and welcome to the Week 3 Podcast for IT 111.

In this podcast I'd like to make some announcements and offer some tips on the Ch 3 Assignment that's due on Sunday, April 26.

First the announcements. I've scheduled another real time, virtual meeting for Wednesday, April 22 at 7pm. Six students participated in the first session last week and I also recorded it for those who couldn't attend. The recording is about 54 minutes long and you can find a link to it in the Angel Learning Course Resources Tab.

In the session this week I plan to discuss the CSS validator and show a few examples of the common error messages beginners often receive. I'll also showcase some of the resources I've included in the class links page. And, I'll answer your questions, too.

I hope you'll watch the "Getting Started with CSS" presentation included in the podcast show notes as I think it will help you avoid some easy to make coding problems. In addition, I've created a short YouTube video with tips on approaching the Chapter 3 assignment which I encourage you to watch before you begin.

Chapter 3 introduces you to web safe colors and Cascading Style Sheets for formatting text and colors. CSS is such an important topic in web development now and I'm very happy we will start covering it so early in the quarter.

In Chapter 3 you'll be practicing with the three commonly used types of CSS - inline, embedded, and external or linked. This is a rather long assignment so don't wait till the last minute to start working on it.

Don't forget to watch the PowerPoint slides that cover Chapter 3. The presentation is almost 14 minutes long and you might have to wait a few seconds before it starts playing on your computer.

You'll be using two validators for most of the tasks in this assignment - one for your XHTML code and one for your CSS code. Your XHTML code must validate, before you can validate your CSS code. This is yet another reason to start working on the assignment early.

Don't forget to take the Chapter 3 Quiz which is also due on Sunday.

I've received some positive feedback on my use of Twitter this quarter. Most students are reading the tweets from the course home page rather than following me through their own Twitter accounts and that's perfectly OK. I'm

enjoying making short updates and sharing information that I think might be of interest.

Finally, I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and sunshine. It feels like spring has finally arrived at least for a few days.

Well, that it for this podcast. Thanks for listening and stay tuned for another IT 111 podcast next week.