

IT111 Week 6 Podcast

Hello and welcome to the Week 6 Podcast for IT 111.

In this podcast I'll to make some announcements, give an overview of Part 2 of the final project, and offer some tips on Chapter 6.

First the announcements, I'm going to be traveling again this week but I'll have Internet access and check my email and the Angel Learning discussion board frequently. I am planning to hold a real time virtual session on Wednesday at 7pm but if that changes, I'll use Twitter, the course home page, and email to let you know.

Part 2 of the final project is due on Sunday, May 17. In Part 2, you'll be refining some of the responses you submitted in Part 1 and providing me with more details about your site. For example, I've asked you to give me the working title and content for each page in your web site. Let's say you're creating a web site for a co-ed softball team. You might have a players page with the names of the players and a short bio about each of them. You might have a schedule page with a list of the games, their dates, and the teams you'll be playing. Of course you'd have a home page that might give basic info about the team and your league. Maybe you'd include some history and mention any awards you've won. A fourth page might be a contact page for those who'd like more information about joining your team. Does this example help with your understanding of what you need to do? I hope so!

I also want you to start thinking about where you'll get your content from. If you use photos or graphics or text from other web sites, you'll need to get permission and give credit to those whose work you've included in your site. This is extremely important and I want you to start looking for content now so you've got plenty of time to get permission.

Finally, I want you to start thinking about the colors you'll use. I recommend going back to the Chapter 3 page from the textbook website where there is a great list of links for web sites that help you pick colors.

Chapter 6 covers CSS for positioning and page layout. This is the new way to design web sites and it takes some getting used to. I hope you're starting to feel somewhat comfortable with CSS syntax - the way the rules are set up and the punctuation used to separate properties and values. In Chapter 6, you'll be adding many new properties and commonly used values to the ones you've already been using for formatting.

CSS for positioning is based on the box model and you'll need to memorize each part of the box model (content, padding, border, and margin) and the default values before you learn how to position elements. Don't get too

frustrated if the coding doesn't seem obvious at first. With practice, it will make more sense.

Before you begin working on Chapter 6, go to the textbook web site and get the updates for the chapter. There are a couple errors in the book that you'll want to fix before you begin typing the code.

Another thing you might want to do is look at some of the CSS for positioning resources listed in the Class Links page from the course web site and the Chapter 6 links from the textbook web site.

Finally, I hope everyone is watching the narrated PowerPoint presentations for each chapter. The one for Chapter 6 is about 10 minutes long and should help you get started with the box model and the many new properties and values used for positioning.

Well, I guess that's it for this podcast. Thanks for listening and tune in next week for another IT 111 podcast.