

Science and the Media COMM3321

Student Worksheet

This worksheet is to assist you locate the tutorial material that you need to view and or copy for the tutorial session and your web site assignment.

What example files are available and where are they located?

An html file (de_Vos.html) and associated image file (bush_fire_dsc05738.jpg) are located in

[STUDENTSHARES/MMC/ScienceCommunications/Everybody/Web_Site_Tutorial/example](#)

An example image file (fruit_FP0016601F05.jpg) from Wellcome Images is also provided for practise during the tutorial session.

Hint You may wish to copy the example directory to your own workspace. This directory also includes a recording (de_Vos.mp3 that you may use to practise linking to a file.

Where is there a manual for Nvu?

An online version of the 'Nvu User Guide' is available from the author's web site (<http://www.charlescooke.me.uk/nvu/>).

A Portable Document Format (PDF) version of the 'Nvu User Guide' is located in [STUDENTSHARES/MMC/ScienceCommunications/Everybody/Web_Site_Tutorial/](#)

The filename of the guide is [nvuug10r1.pdf](#).

Note At the time of writing, the author of the guide and Nvu were reorganising their web sites. There may be a slight mismatch between the online and PDF versions.

Where is my workspace in which I'll work?

While in the Mac Studio you will work in your own directory or folder.

Hint Create a new folder and copy the material you need from

[STUDENTSHARES/MMC/ScienceCommunications/Everybody/Web_Site_Tutorial/](#)

Name of your web site folder _____

Location of my web site assignment when I work outside the Mac Studio

What shall I do when I complete my web site?

Create a new folder and copy all your web site files (maintaining any hierarchy of sub-folders that you may have created). View your web site in the new folder and especially test any links. When satisfied that your web site appears as it should and all the links work, use this folder to burn to your CD to submit your assignment.

What sample web pages or templates are available?

Web site templates (Minimalistic and Textual) have been provided for use during the tutorial session and for you to modify to suit the purposes of your web site. They are located in

STUDENTSHARES/MMC/ScienceCommunications/Everybody/Web_Site_Tutorial/

The 'Minimalistic' design uses one stylesheet and 'Textual' uses four stylesheets.

Hint Choose a design to modify to your needs, but ensure that you use most of your available time on the content of your web site. Real estate agents are known to advocate that “location, location, location” is important for property, but CONTENT, CONTENT, CONTENT is the refrain attributed to an effective web site.

Other designs and templates are available from Open Source Web Design (<http://www.oswd.org/>), Open Designs (<http://www.opendesigns.org/>), and Open Web Design (<http://www.openwebdesign.org/>).

Hint Copy the Minimalistic and or Textual folders in their entirety to your workspace.

Troubleshooting

Web page does not display in browser

Need to start web browser before Nvu. Quit Nvu, start browser (Firefox), then start Nvu.

Note Nvu works with Firefox on Windows, Mac, and Linux. Safari is known not to work in the Mac Studio, and Internet Explorer does not appear to work.

Stylesheets and relative directories or folders

When you create a new page using Save As, Nvu does not retain the relative links to the CSS files.

If you use other templates, you will need to manually correct the links to the stylesheets (CSS files) if they use relative links.

The sample templates have been modified from the original to ensure that the CSS files are in the same folder as the HTML files. This is called an absolute link.

Note KompoZer (web authoring software based on Nvu) provides bug fixes so that relative links are maintained. KompoZer is OSS and also available for Mac, Windows, and Linux. It is available for download (see *References*), or it may be available from the tutor. Nvu is installed in the Mac Studio and is available from The Open CD.

Notes
