

**Introduction to Digital Media
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Project Type - Imaging
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Hardware Used:

Macbook 13" OS X version 10.9.5
Memory: 4GB 1600 MHz DDR3

Software Used:

Adobe Photoshop CC 2015.5

Project links:

This is the Project link before peer evaluation:

http://adltgb.neocities.org/Lee_Project1before.html

This is the Project link after peer evaluation:

http://adltgb.neocities.org/Lee_Project1after.html

Project Description:

In this project we were required to create a banner and an icon using three images from the image project files of Canvas online. The banner and icon would be designed for a specific purpose for a client who would be building a website for parenting and the influence they have on their children. One image would be for a background and the two other would be overlapping foreground images. The rubric we followed required resizing the background image to 1000 x 400px. Using Photoshop students were to create layers to manipulate the images. We used masking and the gradient tool to blend from 0 transparency to 100 percent opacity. We were to include text using a title for the website. We saved the image in .JPG After creating the banner and taking a screenshot of the layers in Photoshop we made a URL for our banner and icon we created before having any peer reviews. After our project was complete we posted our URL and waited for peer reviews as well as review at least two other peers. After peer reviews we

took our peers advice and applied their suggestions. Next, we created URLs for after peer reviews in our papers to note the differences. The following includes the procedure I used in creating Project 1.

First, I chose a background image from the Canvas webspace. I right clicked on the image and selected Open With and then chose Adobe Photoshop CC 2015.5 I immediately resized the image to 1000 x 400 pixels. Next, I chose two pictures from the file I though would go best with the parenting theme of the proposed website. I opened these images with Photoshop as well and resized them to 100 x 100 and saved them as .jpg I created a layer in Photoshop and clicked the T icon in the upper left hand corner. Then I dragged across the top of the image. The first time I added text I didn't spend much time there. However, after my peer review I went back and made my text larger with color and much more bold. I also used two different fonts to complete my title, "The Journey of Parenting." After that I created another layer and added the picture of the girl on her father's shoulders. Originally I chose to make that photo more transparent. However, after a peer review suggest that the other baby looked scary, I decided to make the other photo from opaque to transparent. Before I used the gradient tool I used the magnetic lasso tool to cut out the babies and mask their backgrounds. The foregrounds overlapped just as the rubric suggest. After using the lasso tool I selected edit and cut. Then I selected edit and paste onto the background and the foreground appeared. I saved the banner project after checking all of the rubric scoring guide. I sized my icon image to 100 x 100. I am still not really pleased with the icon due to the fact you can only have 3 colors, (4 counting transparency.) I then created a URL to share my before and after banner and icon projects. I awaited my peer reviews and now I have completed my paper part of this project. Below is more detail of peer reviews and links to my before and after banner and icon projects.

Peer Evaluation Feedback:

I reviewed three peers. For the most part all three peers had every part of their rubric covered in their projects. I went ahead and reviewed the first three peers to post. I really wanted to get a head start on my assignment. One certain peer review was to Nicholas. His work and advice is found throughout our forums. He actually corrected my wording to another peer. Throughout the review I just decided to name the things that he did in the scoring rubric correctly. However, in his correction I learned how to check the image size in right clicking and opening the image in a tab without having to be in Photoshop. So in my review to him, he taught me.

The second review was to Rachel. Each part of her rubric was correct so I simply typed in yes for what was correct. I did bring it to her attention that her foreground images were not overlapping as the rubric suggested. She returned to her work to correct her mistake.

I also reviewed Debra's project. The only part of her project that I noticed was that her icon was so pretty. After manipulating my icon numerous times I knew she had to be using too many colors. I simply brought it to her attention and she was thankful. I actually felt ridiculous reviewing other work when they probably know much more than myself about the software. However, after finding two mistakes I was feeling more knowledgeable than in the beginning.

Peer 1:

Peer 1 review was given by Nicholas. He used the rubric to check over my banner and icon in project 1.

Peer Review discussion:

The peer review was most definitely a positive. Nicholas pointed out the weakness with the text used in the first banner. I took his advice and changed the text. I also used two different fonts and added some color. It definitely looks much more appealing than the first text layer. I went back into Photoshop to check my progression from opaque to transparent due to Peer 1 bringing it to my attention to check it.

I disagreed with his opinion of the baby in layer 1. He made the comment that the child was a bit frightening. However, I kept the picture and just used the child he was referring to more transparent than the second foreground picture of the child on the father's shoulders.

My reaction to the feedback overall was that I felt appreciative. When I look at the differences in the before and after images I can see the difference after applying the changes suggested. I feel like through the peer review process I learned more about Photoshop than I ever could have on my own. Collaboration can be uncomfortable, but it can also be an effective way of learning. The hands-on approach to the class is powerful.

Learning for me was through the entire process. In the beginning, I was trying to familiarize myself with Photoshop through websites posted in discussion, through the tutorials posted by our professor, as well as the exploration on my own. Learning

continued after peer reviews as well as peer reviews given to my peers. As a matter of fact I gave a review and was corrected from a different peer on terms I used in my review. Reading through the other peer reviews continues to deepen my knowledge of the software.

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Screen shot:

<http://adltgb.neocities.org/banner/Screen%20Shot%202016-09-01%20at%207.28.20%20PM.png>

Part 2 URL is included with techniques explained for the original image.

BEFORE

http://adltgb.neocities.org/Lee_part2Project1before.html

(Links to an external site.)

The photo was taken on my Iphone 6. It was backed up to the online cloud and I then downloaded it from the cloud to my Macbook Air, Version 10.9.5.

- First I right clicked on my photo found on the Desktop.
 - Next, I selected Open With.. and I opened with Adobe Photoshop CC 2015.5
- I didn't change the original photo, however I saved it as .jpg.

AFTER

http://adltgb.neocities.org/Lee_part2Project1after.html

(Links to an external site.)

Below is the process I used to edit my original family photo taken at the Grand Canyon and pasted it onto the photo taken at Horseshoe Bend in the same trip. It was the only family picture we took the time to make and I was upset to not have one made in front of Horseshoe Bend. It was such a memorable vacation and a check off of my Bucket list. So thanks to Photoshop I was able to make it somewhat happen. Below is the process.

First, I right clicked the original photo and selected open with. I opened with Adobe Photoshop CC 2015.5 I resized my picture to 1000 x 400. After that, I chose to use the magnetic tool to cut out my family and I just as I learned to do in Part One of the assignment. After selecting the

magnetic tool I began clicking in small sections around the family until all were selected. I then chose Edit and selected cut. I made certain that the lock icon was not selected so that I could work on the Layer/Background. Next I chose another photo taken at Horseshoe Bend, near the Grand Canyon. I wanted to place our photo in that picture because it was so crowded there the day we visited we didn't get to get a picture of us there. So I opened the photo again with Photoshop. Then I clicked on Edit and paste. The picture of my family appeared in the photo of Horseshoe Bend. The following three techniques were explored after watching tutorials of Photoshop online. They are as follows: I decided to use Text but a different technique in using the 3D approach so I added another layer at bottom right hand corner with page corner lifting icon. It was a bit complicated, but I went for it. I clicked on the T in the left column. Next, I selected the area of the photo where I chose to add Text. I typed in "Ain't Life Grand" as a title of my photo. I chose two different fonts. After I clicked the 3D option in the left hand corner I chose the cubed looking icon that scaled the text and dragged it making "Ain't Life" larger. I wrote "Grand" in another layer and chose a different font. All of the options can be found in 3D mode. There are so many options to try. I used the Eraser from the left hand column to erase my left arm. The person taking my picture cut off part of my arm in the picture. I thought it looked better after using the tool. This is the only picture we took time to make of our entire family on our Bucket List vacation and part of my arm was cut. Lastly I used the blur tool in the left hand column to blur the cuts from the magnetic lasso tool.