Internet Assignment 2: Evaluating Web Pages

Part A: Evaluating a website related to an occupation

For this part of the assignment, you will be viewing a website on occupations. You will then select a website on your own and evaluate that site.


Using the Occupational Outlook Handbook, search for an occupation. Try to select an occupation that you are interested in pursuing following college graduation.

After your search, a screen will appear that contains results. Select the result that corresponds most closely to your career.

Here is an example of how to answer the following questions for Step 1:

What occupation did you choose? registered nurse

According to the results, what is the work environment for your occupation?
Registered nurses work in hospitals, physician’s offices, home healthcare services, and nursing care facilities. They also work in correctional facilities, schools, summer camps and with the military.

According to the results, what is the job outlook for your occupation?
The employment is expected to grow 26% from 2010 to 2020.

Please answer the following questions:

What occupation did you choose? ____________________________

According to the results, what is the work environment for your occupation? ____________________________________________

According to the results, what is the job outlook for your occupation? ____________________________________________
Step 2: Return to a web browser, such as Google or Yahoo! Find another website related to your chosen occupation.

What is the name of the website? _________________________________

What is the web address (the URL): _________________________________

What is one piece of information or a fact that you found on this website?
____________________________________________________________________
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Evaluate the web site you chose in step 2 using the following criteria.

1. Currency.
   When was the information published? (if there is not a date listed, put ‘no date’ as your answer) ____________________________
   Are the links to web sites on the site functional? ________________________________

2. Relevance.
   Who is the intended audience? ________________________________
   Does the information relate to your topic? ________________________________

3. Authority.
   Who published the site? (i.e., the author, sponsor, publisher). ________________________________
   Is the author qualified to write on the topic? ________________________________
   Is there contact information? (i.e., an email address, phone number, etc.). __________

4. Accuracy.
   Are there spelling, grammar, or typographical errors? ________________________________
   Can you verify any of the information in another source or from personal knowledge? __________

5. Purpose.
   What is the purpose of the information? Is it to inform, teach, sell, entertain, or persuade? __________
   Does the point of view appear objective and impartial? ________________________________
   Is the author qualified to write on the topic? ________________________________
Part B: Hoax/Spoof Websites

Please view the following websites and answer the following questions:

1. **View the Dihydrogen Monoxide Research Division website.** [http://dhmo.org/](http://dhmo.org/)

   - What is the purpose of this website? ______________
   - Who is the intended audience for this website (general public, scholarly, children, or totally inappropriate)? ______________
   - Is the Dihydrogen Monoxide Division website a hoax/spoof? ______________

2. **View the Leopon website.** [http://www.macroevolution.net/leopon.html](http://www.macroevolution.net/leopon.html)

   - What is an objective of the website? ______________
   - Who is the intended audience for this website (general public, scholarly, children, or totally inappropriate)? ______________
   - Is the Leopon website a spoof? ______________

3. **View the Driver’s License Search website.** [http://www.license.shorturl.com/](http://www.license.shorturl.com/)

   - What is an objective of the website? ______________
   - Who is the intended audience for this website (general public, scholarly, children, or totally inappropriate)? ______________
   - Is the Driver’s License Search website a spoof? ______________