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## 6355 Final Blog

It is strange for me to be "reflecting" on my project, because it is ongoing. I have signed up for this project to continue through next semester. There is so much more to do! I will have to do some "formative reflecting" as I continue on this project.

Most of my feedback for this project has been from the instructor, Dr. Lowanto. Some of his analysis makes sense, and with some of the other problems, I will need more input. For example, he said that he wanted the web page to look less like a PowerPoint and more like a website. I really don't know what he means by this, but I will make some examples and talk it through with him.

Dr. Lowanto had some suggestions for interface ideas, and many of these should be easy to implement soon. For example, the four units are currently labeled "Unit 1, Unit 2" etc. Dr. Lowanto said that a more descriptive name is needed, and I agree. I will be reviewing the unit structures to develop suggested titles.

The feedback I received from other students was mostly things like "wow, you've done a lot of work." I did manage to completely build the skeleton, and so it was nice to see kudos for that work. There was a great suggestion from one student though; Linda recommended re-labeling the labs page. The labs were given titles such as (Unit 1) and then a description, which meant several labs had the (Unit 1) beginning. The recommendation was to change them to 1.3, 1.4 etc. and do away with the more ambiguous titles.

This course is very challenging. Most of the other courses I have worked on were more... complete at the beginning. This course is definitely a work in progress. I have never before had to transpose the instructor's hand-written notes and create PowerPoints from those notes. Added to that is the challenge of formulas in PowerPoint. Oy. It is a big challenge. It will be interesting to see if it is what Dr. Lowanto is looking for when it's all done. My goal is to make it all adaptable for any changes he asks for.

Upcoming changes will include a creation of all the other necessary PowerPoints, including “animations” that appear when clicked. This will help Dr. Lowanto with his presentation.

I’m hoping that, now that I have the skeleton done, the next part will go smoothly. It still won’t be easy, as there is much to do, but smoothly would be nice. I will also be working on assessments for labs and homework assignments.

I look forward to completing this course. It is enormous, but it is also exciting.