Evaluation (6 Marks)

Evaluation of the product

Once the website was posted online I asked Andy to comment on whether he felt the success criteria agreed in Criterion A had been met.

Success criteria from Criterion A

- Develop a template so that there is consistency between pages. Met (on website, page 3 Criterion C)
- 2. Develop a database to Store tutorial & site content Met (Criterion C, page 5)
- 3. Develop at least one page that allows user interaction Met (Criterion C, page6)
- 4. Ensure that the layout of the website is **easy to read**. Met (on website)
- 5. Allow the user to change the size of font if they wish. Met (Criterion C, page 4)
- Ensure the website is viewable by those with colour blindness. Met (Criterion C, page 9)
- 7. Develop a website optimised for search engines Met (Criterion C, page 5)
- 8. Develop an attractive, intuitive, user friendly interface Met (on website)

Recommendations

Whilst in general I am very pleased with the website, there are a couple of improvements I feel it could really benefit with.

Comments

Allowing feedback, such as asking a question on the topic, or to suggest a topic for a new article could really improve the user experience. In particular, I feel a comments section at the end of each article would be very beneficial. It could be placed below the "Written by" section, before the page footer.



The user comments could be stored in a database, which would reference the article's ID number, and allow all user comments to be pulled in from the database when that particular article was loaded.

Search facilities

Although at present the website has few articles and tutorials, as this number expands it will become more difficult for users to find the desired content. As content is stored in a database, implementing such a facility also would be relatively easy. The search could be split into individual words and referenced against existing article titles and content.



From the interface side, a search box could be inserted into the template at the top of the page, perhaps just above the body content.

