

ENGR 103: Introduction to Engineering III

Website Overview and Guidelines

General

For ENGR 103, your group is required to maintain a “blog style” website that tracks the development of your project over the course of the quarter. We are asking that each group uses the **Blogger™** interface. You must meet the general content requirements as set forth in this document. Your website must be live by ***no later than the start of week 2 lab!***

The purpose of this site is to provide a chronicle of work that you have done during Freshman Design. In reading your site, someone should be able to follow along and replicate your work.

Getting Started with Blogger

To start your group’s Blogger™ website, perform the following tasks.

1. Designate a single group member who is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the website.
2. Go to <http://www.blogger.com> and click on “Get Started”.
3. Follow the on screen instructions to create a Google™ account associated with the blog. You may use a preexisting Google™ account if you wish, however we recommend that you create one for the sole purpose of the project.
4. When you get to the “Name Your Blog Step”, set the options as per the following naming conventions:
 - a. **Blog Title** – Use the name **Group <ID#>: <PROJECT TITLE>**, where <ID#> is your assigned group ID from week 1 and <PROJECT TITLE> is the name of your group project.
EXAMPLE: *Group 036-02: Suspended Bridge Loading*
 - b. **Blog Address (URL)** – Use the address **du2013-grp<ID#>.blogspot.com**, where <ID#> is your assigned group ID from week 1.
EXAMPLE: *du2013-grp036-02.blogspot.com*
5. Choose whichever template you would like on the final page and click continue to finalize the setup.

Beginner Blogger™ Tutorials

There are many different Blogger™ tutorials available on the internet that you may use to help customize that way in which you display content. For a general introduction to the blogger interface, click [here](#).

Required Structure and Content

Described below are the necessary components that all groups must incorporate into their website. ***Your group is responsible for having all of these required elements and maintaining them as necessary throughout the quarter!***

Home Page

This should provide a compact overview of the project. A reader should be able to quickly view the Home page and understand the goals of your project. You may need to update this as progress is made and again at the end of the quarter.

Weekly Progress

This is a blog style page that has entries updated weekly. Pictures, videos, and other media should be used liberally. Your maintenance of this page will largely determine the *blog check* part of your grade.

Background/Tutorial/FAQ

Your site should have several pages that provide supplemental information that may be useful to someone wanting to replicate your project.. This may include pages with:

- background material on technical topics related to your project
- tutorials
- frequently asked questions (with answers)

Speak with your advisor throughout the quarter about what content may be appropriate for these pages

Biographies

A page with photos and brief bios of group members and advisor. The bios must include email addresses for each member depicted.