Suggestions for Creating a Website

Homepage (index.html) should be simple and straightforward. Keep the page fast loading, as a few seconds of delay on the web seems like an eternity. The index.html page should always let visitors know the purpose of the website. (Think book index)

Homepage should be no more in length than 1 screen (unless you are creating a blog)

Divide subsequent pages into manageable pages. Long scrolling pages with large graphics are to be avoided

Frequently check links on your page to ensure they still work

Focus on content!

Text should be legible against the background color or background image

Consider a consistent color scheme throughout your site. Better use of colors means a better Web page or site. If you can carry a color scheme from the home page to your last page, you'll automatically create a cohesive look and feel for your site. Color scheme helps define the mood, identity, and tells the user what is clickable.

Use tables to anchor web components

Name all of your pages (page title box)

Create a link back to the homepage on subsequent pages

Keep the number of graphics down and make sure the graphics you do use communicate something

A twinkling image or continuously running animation will get all the attention but becomes irritating very quickly

Each form component must be given a name to identify the questions asked in the form

Providing contact information increases the credibility of a site. This can be accomplished by providing email information

Check your site on both IE and Netscape