Deliverables - Individual Project

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Deliverables – Individual Project
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You will choose one option: 1 or 2:

1. Open-ended. You will select a topic and develop an individual project that will help you learn the basics of Ruby on Rails and demonstrate your understanding of how to create an (eventually) interactive website. This project will incorporate HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and Ruby on Rails to create a multi-page website that showcases your technical skills.

2. Exploratory. You will work through Hartl’s Chapters 3-6 and customize the Rails project. In addition to the customization, you will explain your choices and what you learned along this path.
Project Requirements

1. At least 3 web pages;

2. Your color scheme must not be the default dark grey and white from the Hartl tutorial;

3. One or more images that are stored in the app/assets/images directory. Note that images must have some connection to the content on your page;

4. Must be posted on Heroku (or other deployment site);

5. Must be available on GitHub (you may leave it private and invite your instructor to view the repo);

6. Must cite all sources. Note that it is an **Academic Honesty violation** if you use content that you are not authorized to use and don’t cite correctly. This is especially true of images you use in your site.
Resource: Lorem Ipsum Alternatives

1. 10 of the Best Lorem Ipsum Alternatives
2. 10 Awesome Lorem Ipsum Alternatives
Individual Project, Phase I
You will submit a pdf file. There, you will present your choice: open-ended or exploratory. Then, answer 4 questions:

1. What Rails project do you plan to build? Why?
2. Reflect and explain how a method can help you accomplish the project.
3. Create a diagram to explain the whole process of building this project: from its conception to the end.
4. Search for inspiration (it can be a website, a book, music, anything) and list it according to the table below:

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<th>Inspiration source</th>
<th>Why is it inspiring?</th>
<th>How do you plan to use it?</th>
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Individual Project, Phase II
You will submit a pdf file. You will choose *open-ended* or *exploratory*. Did you change your mind? It is okay if you changed your mind.

You will re-do questions 1-4 from Phase I.

Question 5: What have you learned so far that can be useful in this project?

Question 6: Suppose you are at a job interview, and you are asked to describe your accomplishments during this project. What would you say?
Individual Project, Phase III
Showcase

- You will submit a pdf file.
- There, you will provide a link to your Rails project. In addition, you will:
If Exploratory

• You will list and explain:

1. All the customization choices and why;
2. Where did you get inspiration for each customization? (references and inspiration sources.)
3. How do you feel about the project and customizations? Does it look the way you expected?
4. What are the next steps?
If Open-ended

• You will list and explain:

1. What is your major goal? Did you manage to accomplish it? Why?
2. Provide the references and inspiration sources.
3. How do you feel about the project? Does it look the way you expected?
4. What are the next steps?
Individual Project, Phase IV
Showcase - Final

- You will submit a pdf file.
There, you will provide a link to your Rails project. In addition, you will:
Answer the questions

1. How do you feel about the project? Does it look the way you expected? Why? What does it do?

2. Revisit your previous submissions. What have you learned so far?

3. Do you envision these learning experiences being useful in your future? How?

4. Suppose you are chatting with a recruiter about this project. How would you describe your progress and technical accomplishments?

5. Time to think critically about your Rails project. Put yourself in the position of a user. What could be improved?