**IS314 - ASPX Program**

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**COMMENT ON EXPERIENCES AND DIFFICULTIES**

**Experiences**

This program was more enjoyable that the previous likely because much of the “difficult” programming was already completed. Additionally, it was fun to learn about how the login system for a real web site works. I focused much of my efforts in making the page look nice and getting the sessions to work correctly. I noticed that the email verification web service would hang sometimes so I put in some try/catches to handle the hangs if it broke the program. What was best about this assignment was the ability to see how the program had evolved from where I started months ago. I believe that I have come a long way in a single semester and am happy that I could be challenged with an interesting program.

**Difficulties**

Some of the hardest portions of the assignment included CSS, managing sessions, using the web service, and the overall conversation of the forms application to a web page.

The CSS was a lot to try to take in since it seems like a pretty broad subject and it’s one of those things that I believe I need to learn more about.

Sessions were interesting. It was strange not to have to setup my own class to “stored” session values in. Overall, it was a quick setup and fun to test.

The web service was cool. I didn’t really understand what these were but I have heard the term thrown out in causal tech conversations. It was great to actually utilize a web service for the email address.

**Tech tip**

My tech tip is to include **target=“\_blank”** code in the URL’s for the article links because it would be more user friendly to people using the site. What target=“\_blank” does is open the new URL in a new tab instead of the current window. In most of the website that I visit, when I click on an external link it normally will open the link in a new tab so I don’t leave the page. I believe this code would be useful to anyone not that familiar with HTML coding.