

It's All Up To You

Making the Most of Your Senior Project

Welcome to your Senior Project. You might be asking yourself, “What’s the big deal about this senior project thing?” In many ways, the senior project isn’t a big deal. You’ve written papers before. You’ve done projects before. You’ve presented in front of people before. You’ve probably even done combinations of those tasks before. So no, the senior project isn’t a big deal. Except for one thing. It’s all up to you.

What makes the senior project important is the fact that you get to design it. Throughout your high school career teachers have told you what to do. Write a paper about this. Create that product. Tell us about this topic. As you work on your senior project you’ll still have teachers tell you that you have to do certain things. But they won’t tell you what your senior project is – that’s all up to you.

Designing your own senior project involves making a lot of choices. You have to choose a topic, design a product, and find a mentor. Your choices will affect how your senior project turns out. Good choices could lead to a senior project everyone is talking about. Bad choices may lead to a senior project everyone is whispering about. It’s all up to you. Hopefully you listened to your Frameworks teacher last year and chose a topic which you’re truly excited about. If you weren’t listening and chose a topic which just leaves you saying, “I suppose this will work,” your senior project will be difficult, boring, and stressful. If you chose a topic that makes you think, “Finally, a chance to do this,” your senior project will be challenging, exciting, and probably even fun. It’s all up to you. The following pages are designed to help you as you work your way through the senior project. This website is meant to be used. You might not use every single page, but you probably will use quite a few. Hopefully, by the time you finish your senior project some pages have been torn out, and others are full of notes. It’s all up to you.

Well, it’s time to let you go and get started on your senior project. We’re looking forward to seeing what you come up with. Just remember – **it’s all up to you.**