I was very impressed with myself with what I did with my title page. I added a slide show of a few images that I used in my blogs as well as pictures of a few of the things that I created using the different programs we learned about throughout the semester. For this page, I tried my best to grasp the attention of viewers and attempted to make it interesting enough for viewers of my website to want to further explore the work I completed throughout this course.
For my bio I added a wonderful picture of myself as well as some background information about me. After reading my bio, viewers can get a general idea of who I am and where I come from. I also added a picture of the state of Georgia with Oconee County outlined and blown up, since most people have no idea where Oconee County is and it is nice for people to generally know where I am from.
For the text analysis blog I used the Voyant 2 text analytics tool to compare the speech given by President Franklin Roosevelt given after the Pearl Harbor attack to the speech given by President Bush after the 9/11 attacks. It was an interesting assignment and I found a very cool way to analyze different types of texts like, in this case, speeches. I was easily able to show the main idea of both speeches and then compare the two speeches by copying each speech into the Voyant 2 program. It was very cool to have a simplified visual analysis of the speeches and it allowed me to see texts in a unique way.
The mapping blog was one of my favorites. Using the Google Fusion Tables mapping tool I was able to create a map that visually displayed data regarding the places I have been to in the Caribbean Sea while on vacation. This blog was a very cool learning experience and I discovered a new way to visually display information in the form of a graph. At the beginning of the semester I would have never thought that I could create anything like the map I created during this blog.
This blog was very interesting to me because I learned a very cool and different way to display data. Before this blog I really did not fully understand how these types of diagrams and data visualizations work. Now, I realize that these sorts of visualizations are efficient, effective, and interesting ways to communicate information. Not only that, but I now feel confident that I could create one of these types of visualizations on my own. Also, I may very well be creating a data visualization sometime soon for my major (which is business management), similar to the ones I described in my blog. This could be a useful skill considering business management requires you to present large amounts of data in concise, effective ways and these data visualizations do just that.
The 3D modeling blog was definitely my favorite assignment in the course. I learned a lot of new things that I had no idea how to do before and I really ended up enjoying completing the assignment. I spent the most time on this blog but it was really interesting to figure out how to use the 3D modeling program Tinkercad. I spent most of my time messing around with the program and trying to really figure it out before I actually began to work on building the model I created which ended up being a model of a random concept of a house that I thought of. I really learned a lot from this assignment and enjoyed it and I think the skills I learned will be useful at some point.
Group Projects

Phones Today vs. Phones Tomorrow

iPhone 1

The first iPhone was not the first “Phone.” Cisco Systems company actually obtained a patent for a product called “Phone.”

History of Phones:

The First Practical Cell Phone (1973)

The first practical cell phone was the first time people were able to communicate wirelessly. It was basically a phone with a small antenna on the top.

First Touchscreen Phone (1990)

The IBM Simon was the first phone to have a touchscreen. It had a calendar, email, and even an online browser. It was considered a true mobile communication device.

iPhone 1 (2007)

Most people today probably remember the iPhone coming out on the market. It was the first phone that had an app store.
The group projects were definitely learning experiences. For the first one I was in charge of creating the website and adding information pertaining to the history and future of phones and for the second I was in charge of the summary and map comparisons. I actually enjoyed figuring out how to create the website and how to make it appealing as well as conducting research on various phones. I learned many interesting things and skills while completing this project and I really didn’t begin to mess around with the abilities of the Libguides website until this project and I now feel comfortable using Libguides to create a decent, professional website. I also found it interesting determining what we did better with the creation of our map compared to other maps and figuring out what we should do to our map and making those changes.
Final Review/Thoughts

At the beginning of the semester I was very skeptical about this class and even got pretty lazy towards the midway stretch of the semester. However, I probably learned more in class than I have learned in any other college course so far. When I really got into it at the end of the semester I realized that I was actually enjoying learning how to use the different programs to create various maps, models, visualizations, etc. I learned many skills that could potentially help me in the future for my major and later for my career, whatever it may be. Much like everything else, when the effort is put into this course, a lot can be learned and taken away from it.