Journal Entry

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This week I began working on the sidebar measurements for the Openlab website. My supervisor informed me that their leading Graphic Designer has decided to scrap the old code and use Bootstrap. Knowing that there could be different styles for certain sidebars; we took screenshots of each and brought them into Photoshop.

While in Photoshop I used the rectangle tool to measure the spaces between links, lines of text and images located within the sidebars. With different color boxes located within each space, we were able to measure the height or width of the shape to determine what the right measurement could be. There were approximately ten different sidebar menus to measure. Some measurements stayed the same and others changed by one or two pixels.

Once I finished measuring each sidebar; I took each image and brought them into InDesign to create one full document. Next, was locating where each sidebar was located based on the sitemap of the Openlab website. After listing each location, I dropped my files off into Dropbox for my supervisor to review.

I then began working on the spreadsheet. I had to add another section for the sidebar measurements and list the name, description, location and link to the page of the site. I had to repeat this step for each sidebar. As a double check, I looked at the sites CSS styling just to see how close my measurements were to the styles on the site.

Next week, I’ll be starting the measurements for the group listings pages, which includes the Courses, Projects, Clubs, People, and Portfolio pages.