

Homework #1

Plan a minimum of three-day trip to Colombia, South America (or a country of your preference). List your report in a daily itinerary fashion as follows:

Day one: May 2, 2011

11:50am Departure from West Palm Beach International Airport
Flight 3097 Continental [relevant URL for flight & cost](#)
3:45pm Arrival at Bogota, Colombia
4:30pm Check in Bogota Plaza Hotel [relevant URL for hotel & cost](#)
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Day two: May 3, 2011

... [relevant URL for activity& cost](#)

Also included in your report are expenses projected according to transportation, accommodations (including room and board), etc. Break them down into as much detail as you can. All information must be obtained from the Web. No other information sources can be used. List the information sources side-by-side with or as close to the relevant items as possible. Seeking helps from professional travel agents are not allowed at all.

Your file must be named **tripPlan.ext**, where *ext* stands either for **html**, **txt**, or **doc**, depending on the type of file submitted.

This homework is due February 2, 2011, before 11:00 pm. Submission of your files must be done electronically via the instructor's Web page or by accessing the URL [**http://student.cse.fau.edu/~hwsam/student/index.html**](http://student.cse.fau.edu/~hwsam/student/index.html) directly. Follow the screen prompts.

As a reminder, all assignments in this class are **individual** efforts unless specified otherwise.

The following URL contains information for foreign currency exchange rates. You may find this site comes handy for budgeting your travel plan.

<http://www.xe.com/ucc/>

Note: Some URLs you will get may be generated dynamically by an ASP or some CGI program. As a result, information derived this way may not be reproducible by merely accessing the relevant URL directly. If this is the case, you may do a screen capture (*Alt*

PrintScreen) and save it in a file. Then, submit it either as an attachment or in a separate file.

Some key points:

The purpose of the assignment is to show your ability to surf the Web and obtain detailed information in order to plan a trip lasting at least three days. Things to be checked during grading include:

- Is it an international trip? (Not a trip within USA)
- Are the links provided valid? (Relevant information can be brought up again by clicking on the links.)
- Are the links provided specific? (One click will lead to the right place.)
- Are the links provided enough? (All daily activities are reasonably justifiable.)
- Is there a cost (or explanation) associated with each activity?
- Is the cost given in the report taken from the Web or is it just an estimate?
- Are relevant links or costs listed side-by-side, or close to the events of interest?
- Is there a subtotal for each of the various types of expenses and total for the entire trip?
- Does most of the information come from a variety of sources or from only one or two web sites? (The latter goes against the purpose of the assignment.)
- Is the main file named *tripPlan.ext*?