

DTC201: Tools & Methods for Digital Technology
Week 14: Final Weekly Comic, Self-Publishing
April 20 – April 24, 2020

Make sure you read this whole document carefully! You are responsible for all the information here and the tasks on the To Do List at the end.

Announcement: DTC Awards Nominations

Nominate your peers, instructors, and/or yourself for DTC Awards! The deadline to submit your nominations is Friday, April 24th. See the award categories and submit nominations at this link: https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3RhAShpq0iouMfP

Final Project: More Ambitious Weekly Comic Replaces Web Portfolio or Zine Component

As I explain in the Week 14 video, we are removing the web portfolio/zine component of this final project, in an effort to simplify and streamline work. To replace the points, our last weekly comic (Week 15 Comic: Putting It All Together), which is assigned this week, will be worth more points, and should be more lengthy and ambitious than your previous two weeklies. Likewise, the accompanying blog post will be worth more as well. Let's focus our energy on making one last really great comic, and on sharing some work with our peers in our zoom sessions (see next section).

Zoom Class on Thursday, April 23: Virtual Critique

- ***Check the class schedule for the link to our zoom meeting on Thursday***
- ***Check your email for the zoom password***

In weeks 14 and 15, you will receive 25 points for talking about one of your weekly comics during a zoom session at our regularly scheduled Thursday class time. You may choose from any of the weekly comics you have made so far. You will:

1. Show your comic
2. Talk about the specific tools and methods you used to create it
3. Talk about how these tools and methods affect the appearance of your work

You may share your desktop via zoom to show your work (have the file open already in Illustrator or other relevant software), or, if you can't share your desktop, ask your instructor to open the file you submitted to your shared OneDrive folder. You should be ready to talk for about three minutes. Prepare ahead of time and be ready to go this week. Your instructor will

call on you when it is your turn. If you cannot attend the zoom classes for any reason, please email your instructor: kristin.carlson@wsu.edu). Stay on for the whole class and listen to everyone talk about their work. You are required to attend on both April 23 and April 30 unless you have made other arrangements with your instructor. I look forward to hearing you talk about your work!

To Do List for Week 14

1. Read this document carefully and watch the Week 14 video. If you have questions, email your instructor.
2. Be ready to show and talk about one of your first two weekly comics this Thursday or next Thursday during our Zoom class. See above for details.
3. Read Week 15 Comic: Putting It All Together assignment and begin working on it (<https://kristinbeckerdtc.com/201-2/week-15-comic-putting-it-all-together/>). This is due Monday, 5/4 by 11:59 PST and should be more ambitious and lengthy than your previous two weekly comics. It is worth twice as many points (100 instead of 50).
4. Read the prompt for Blog 9: Weekly Blog, “Putting It All Together” (<https://kristinbeckerdtc.com/201-2/blog-prompts-201/#ten>). Write your response and upload an image or images of your comic by Monday, 5/4 by 11:59 PST. This is also worth twice as many points as a regular blog post (50 instead of 25).
5. Review or work on any relevant Illustrator tutorials as needed in order to complete your final weekly comic. If you do not have access to Illustrator, consider an alternative, materials-based, hands-on methods you might use to make comics instead.

REVISED: Possible Points for the Rest of the Semester

Since I have removed the web portfolio/zine component of the final project, here is a revised breakdown of the remainder of available points for Spring 2020. I have highlighted the areas where points have been modified in yellow:

- Weekly Comic: Week 14: “Show and Tell” (50 points)
- Blog 8: Weekly Comic, “Show and Tell” (25 points)

- Weekly Comic: Week 15: “Putting It All Together” (100 points)
- Blog 9 Weekly Comic, “Putting It All Together” (50 points)
- Week 14 or 15 Zoom Presentation (25 points)
- ~~Website or Zine for Final Project (100 points)~~

TOTAL possible remaining points to earn: 250 points

These have all been updated in the Blackboard gradebook as well, and you will see your points appear there as each project is handed in. If you lose any points for any given assignment, click on the quick comment in Blackboard to see my feedback. The quick comment appears as a speech bubble next to your points for any given assignment.

Reminder: Try to stay caught up with assignments week to week, but just let your instructor know if you need more time: kristin.carlson@wsu.edu.