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Description of the Project:

The project is an educational CD ROM on horse care. It assumes an audience that has little or no horse experience and basic computer experience. The CD ROM steps the user through buying, feeding, and housing a horse, along with information on horse health care and horse equipment. There is also a glossary and several pictures that teach users to identify parts of a horse or horse equipment. The CD ROM is intended to give the user enough information that they can buy and not kill their first horse.

The Purpose:

The purpose of creating the CD ROM was to use my horse knowledge (since I'm an Equine Science major) in a unique way. Since I am interested in computers, I finally decided it would be interesting to learn how to create CD ROM's and use that as my medium for imparting the information about horses.

The Work:

I was allowed to work under Dr. Reneau from the WED department on the condition I attended his WED 501 class every week. This was so that he did not have to teach the exact same thing to me separately. He also assigned an assistant, Lori B., to help me when I had questions.

Though I learned an incredible amount about programming and designing CD ROMs, the experience was not a good one. Dr. Reneau rarely had time for me and would always shove my project to the end of his 'to-do' list. Otherwise he was a good teacher. Lori B. sulked and tried to avoid every question I had, as well as forgetting to tell me what I needed to do for Dr. Reneau (storyboards, timeline, pre-turn-in check) until after it should have been done.

Since Lori B. was the main problem and she is gone now, other honor students might be able to work under Dr. Reneau. My suggestions are that they spend several weeks thinking up every question about what he wants from them and who's property the resulting CD ROM is before they work with him. If they are willing to work under a perfectionist with little time for them outside of class (WED 501), then the result is very much worth the effort. On a side note, the WED 501 students were very friendly and supportive of myself and my project.

Equipment:

I learned to use the following computer software and equipment:

Software:	Hardware:
*Quest (multimedia authoring program)	
*Sound Recorder (sound capture program)	*microphone
*VidEdit (video capture program)	*camcorder
	*video capture equipment
*Adobe Photoshop	*full color scanner
*Corel Draw	*digital camera
*Corel Photopaint	