CS156a: Grading Criteria for HW 1

The correctness and quality of a student's submission were assigned to one of five categories, based on criteria relating to its appearance, functionality, and adherence to the assignment specifications. All submissions in a given category received the same base score. Additional points were deducted for various reasons.

The five categories are:

1. Impressive (100 points): These forms catch the eye as much more than adequate. For example, the use of an interesting HTML feature not covered in lecture would qualify a submission for this category. (5 out of 61 assignments submitted are in this category.)

2. Satisfactory (95 points): These forms meet the requirements of the assignment; their form items work properly and have no appearance flaws. (23 out of 61 assignments submitted are in this category.)

3. Flawed appearance (85 points): These forms are fully functioning webpages, but they have "cosmetic" problems, usually caused with poor proofreading. Such problems include typos, missing text that should obviously be there, hyperlinks that do not actually work, and images that do not display correctly, *etc.* (14 out of 61 assignments submitted are in this category.)

4. Malfunctioning forms (70 points): These forms have form items that do not behave properly. Such problems include: sending email to the wrong address, using "email" rather than "to," or containing buttons that should be mutually exclusive but are not (for example, allowing the user to indicate that he is both male and female). (14 out of 61 assignments submitted are in this category.)

5. Nonfunctioning forms (50 points): These forms do not send any message, or the message is empty. (5 out of 61 assignments submitted are in this category.)

Additional point deductions:

(-1) One point was deducted if the submitted .zip file is not named as specified by the submission instructions. The website clearly states that file names should have the form NetID-hw1.zip (for example if your NetID is vr48 then the file should be named vr48-hw1.zip).

(-5) Five points were deducted if the submission falls in the 5th category, and the student submitted the script's confirmation webpage in lieu of the requested email message. The reason for this penalty is that some very serious problems would have been caught if even basic testing had been done.

(-5) Five points were deducted if the HW was submitted after 5 p.m.