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Style Guide Reflection

What worked well in your style guide?

I think having different text sizes for things like headers and body text helped make the documents easier to read. I also liked how bolding the subcategory headers made it easier to tell what each section was about. Both of those things made the documents feel more organized and user-friendly, enhancing their usability. I also thought Verdana was a good font choice. It's clean and easy to read, and even if it's not as common as Times New Roman, I still think it looks professional.

• What changes would you make to your style guide now that you've used it?

If I were to go back and change anything, the first thing would probably be the color of the main headers. As it is, the header color is a dark orange, which makes it stand out, but can come across as out of place in the context of the rest of the document, which is primarily black and white.

I'd also add some info about how to format bullet points in documents made with the style guide. I ended up using bullet points in quite a few assignments throughout the semester, and I didn't have anything in the guide to reference for this. I ended up having to dig through old assignments just to make sure everything matched, which was inconvenient. If I added a simple section that covered things like bullet points, it would've saved me some time and made things way more consistent.

Would your style guide work well in a job setting? Explain.

As it is now, I don't think it would work super well in a job setting, mostly because of the header color. The dark orange just doesn't really give off a professional vibe, even though I personally like how it looks. Like I mentioned earlier, it feels kind of out of place. I think switching to something

more neutral, like navy blue or just plain black, would make a big difference. If that change was made, I think the rest of the guide could definitely work in a professional environment.