Evaluating Websites

Introduction:

In a P.I. computing class projects students were asked to do a recent project about websites evaluating which we were suppose to handle in a dead line of 5/1/2004 .The project was to choose three sites of whatever subject the student like and to make a compartment between the three sites and to use ideal differences in this compartment, like: -

- The accuracy of the information and the worthy of the author
- The publisher and the domain type
- The easy telling of the information which contains
    - Readability
    - Navigation
    - Helpful graphs
- Updating and clearance of commercials

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum's official site:
http://www.sheikhmohammed.co.ae/

The first thing that attracts your attention the variety of languages that's available in the site and the great flash presentations that presents the information in a unique easy interesting way the site is 100% accurate because it's a governmental site that obeys to the sheikh Mohammed bin rashid AL maktoum by him self, The site talks about UAE in general from history to recent news which is a good point for the site also, balanced information is used but what you also can notice that there is no critic or analysis to the information on this site , The site is well updated and full of helpful good looking pictures and flash graphics .

United Arab Emirates:
http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108074.html

This site is a summary of UAE's political, social and natural situation, it's a ((.com)) site, which also means that it's simple. Although the site is well updated, the information that is written is not referenced . One of the good points

of the site that the information is almost accurate and well organized, which makes the style of telling the information easy and balanced. Also it has a trusted author. The bad faces of this site that it have commercials for UAE searching engines and some other stuff on the left column and on the bottom , another thing about the site that it doesn't have a lot of helpful graphs and the whole subject is compressed in one page . the site is free

UAE, Ministry of Finance and Industry:
http://www.uae.gov.ae

  The Government of UAE .The sites talks about UAE from A to Z, well
     organized and easy telling of the information, accurate and trusted author. The
     site is ((.gov)), you can notice how easy to navigate cleared of pop-ups and
     commercials also it's easy to answer or your questions about UAE (because its
     there)

So, in a way of compare: -

Evaluating /sites	Sheikh Mohammed's	United Arab Emirates info	UAE government
Information accuracy	Accurate	Semi Accurate	Accurate
Author worthy	Trusted	Not trusted	Trusted
Domain	. Co.ae	. Com	. Gov
Updating	Well updated	Well updated	Well updated
Readability	Easy	Normal	Easy
Rating	82%	70%	95%

Conclusion:
      As the Tables shows there are many ways of compartments that can be used in evaluating sites and within the differences we can rate each of them.

      The sites I choused were helpful to see through how to know the useful site from the less useful ones. UAE's info site had fewer rates than the other two because it didn't have a very trusted author, which is a strongly matter.

Sheikhs Rashed site is a good site but still it cannot be compared to the UAE government site because it has richer information than Rasher's site and also the government sponsors it, which give it a stronger accuracy and honesty.