

Dr. Watson web page validator (<http://www.drwatson.addy.com>) is a free website analysis service. It can verify html integrity, link validity, download speed, search engine compatibility, and link popularity. This tool is not to be confused with the Windows Dr. Watson debugger, nor yet the IBM technology platform.

In this exercise I use Dr. Watson to analyze both my personal website (the one you are visiting now) and the Palomar College home site. The results can be viewed here:

Dr. Watson on foolsofty.com:

[file:///C:/CSWB110/WebsiteScratchpad/public_html/CSWB110/Research/Chapter10 Validation/DrWatson/Dr.%20Watson,%20v5.02_foolsofty.html](file:///C:/CSWB110/WebsiteScratchpad/public_html/CSWB110/Research/Chapter10%20Validation/DrWatson/Dr.%20Watson,%20v5.02_foolsofty.html)

What I see is a bit of a mystery. It's as if there is no site there. Contrast this with the results for the Palomar College home site:

Dr. Watson on Palomar <http://www2.palomar.edu/>:

[file:///C:/CSWB110/WebsiteScratchpad/public_html/CSWB110/Research/Chapter10 Validation/DrWatson/Dr.%20Watson,%20v5.02_Palomar.html](file:///C:/CSWB110/WebsiteScratchpad/public_html/CSWB110/Research/Chapter10%20Validation/DrWatson/Dr.%20Watson,%20v5.02_Palomar.html)

The Palomar analysis has all the features described above, as well as a full transcript of the html code for the page. The one for foolsofty has squat.

A clue to what is happening may be this difference in the results:

Server response

Response code from <http://foolsofty.com>
Not Acceptable (code 406)

While for the Palomar site, we have this:

Response code from <http://www2.palomar.edu/>
OK (code 200)

I suspect that my server (inMotion hosting) is up to something, though as of this writing, I don't know what it could be.