

I found that understanding the different elements and aspects of design is both interesting and important. I often overlooked these certain aspects because I thought it was too much information or detail to know about and that it wasn't really important and does not affect how I see a program or website. I didn't know that the alignment of text, specific details of typography, and even the contrast of the color of the background and the color of the text can greatly affect how a user appreciates the design and their own experience as well.

Another concept that I often overlooked was the idea of whitespace. I used to think that too much whitespace often means that the design looks too plain, thus it looks boring for me. As I grew older, I learned to appreciate whitespace more, especially minimalistic designs for websites, magazines, and programs. I didn't know *why* I felt that way, but I didn't try to search for the reason why either. Now I know that whitespace is used as a sign that says, "there's nothing here, check the space with content" and it is also a way to let the user or reader focus on what's important. Too much content often confuses the reader on what to focus on because there are too many things going on at a single page. Whitespaces can also be used as a separator for long blocks of text.