**THE GHANAIAN MUKAASE WEBSITE**

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**INTRODUCTION**

To begin, the word Mukaase in one of the Ghanaian languages in kitchen. The Ghanaian Mukaase or the Ghanaian Kitchen was developed to serve as a hub for Ghanaian cuisines. In the site plan of this website, the purpose of this website is to share healthy cooking and baking information in the Ghanaian industry. The website will also educate the target audience on the best baking techniques, the best cooking methods and the recipes available in Ghanaian cooking. This will eventually educate the target audience on the cooking methods and the various dishes available in Ghana.

The website was targeted at Men and Women between the ages of 18-60 who want to learn more about Ghanaian dishes and the right way to cook them. In the site plan, it was stated that the target audience of this website are not natives of Ghana. But during the implementation of the site-plan, it was realized that the target audience of the website could also include Ghanaian natives. Thus, the audience of this website are Ghanaians and non-Ghanaian natives.

This is the URL of the completed website: <https://akushikara.github.io/wdd130/ghanaianmukaase/index.html>

**GOALS / OBJECTIVES**

Looking at the structure of the website, the website was developed to share information. The information being specifically on some Ghanaian foods and the recipes. Apart from providing information the website also aims to educate the target audience. The homepage begins with a brief history and some land markings of the regions found in Ghana. This educates the audience about the food and why these foods are specifically found in these land markings.

**DESIGN PROCESS**

The process began with a pitch of the website that was going to be created. The target audience and the purpose of the website was also stated in the pitch. The second step was to create a wireframe for the homepage. A wireframe that gave an outline of what the website was going to look like was created. Also, wireframes for the two child pages were created. After creating the wireframe, the HTML for the website was created. This gave structure to the website. Later, CSS was added to the website to give it the aesthetics and visual appeal. The same was done for the two child pages. Some major changes were made to the website to arrive at what we see now. In the homepage, there were issues in the beginning lining the images in the row. This caused the images to look different than the wireframe. Later during the process, grid was finalized as the better choice and changes had to be made to the width to look like the images in the wireframe. In the second page, changes had to be made to the structure of the recipes and the images. The page looked boring and so changes had to be made to align the images and wrap the text around the images. On the third page, the form looked different from that of the wireframe. Hence, it was appropriate to make changes to the wireframe to fit the form on the website. Generally, changes were made to the wireframe and the website to have some coherence between the wireframe and website. In the end, the website looks exactly as I envisioned it to look like.

**CONLUSION**

I did know some basic HTML before the beginning of the class/ project but I have learned a great deal more. I gained an understanding of how to use grids to place items in a website. This gave me a newer perspective on how to make my websites more appealing. I also learnt more about aligning without grid. In the beginning I did not appreciate grid much and I felt using in-line or block elements was the way out to make my life as a budding developer or programmer much easier. But I have come to appreciate both and I know that both can be used depending on what needs to be achieved at the moment.

One important thing I have learnt is to have patience in myself as an individual and to take things at my own pace. I felt I needed to be perfect and have an idea of everything but knowing where to look is the best thing to master as a budding developer or programmer and practicing will make everything much easier.