My Portfolio Project
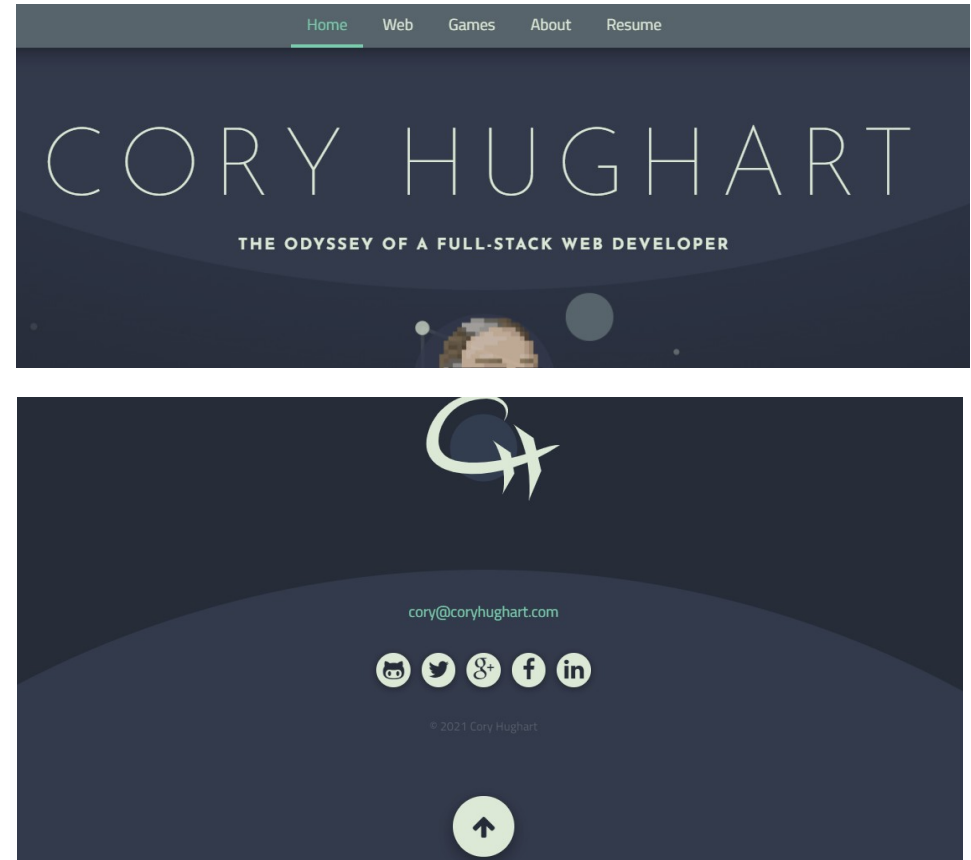
Andrew Devitt

Design Process

- Look at designer sites for inspiration and stylistic ideas, hints on content and language

- Clarify what I need to include
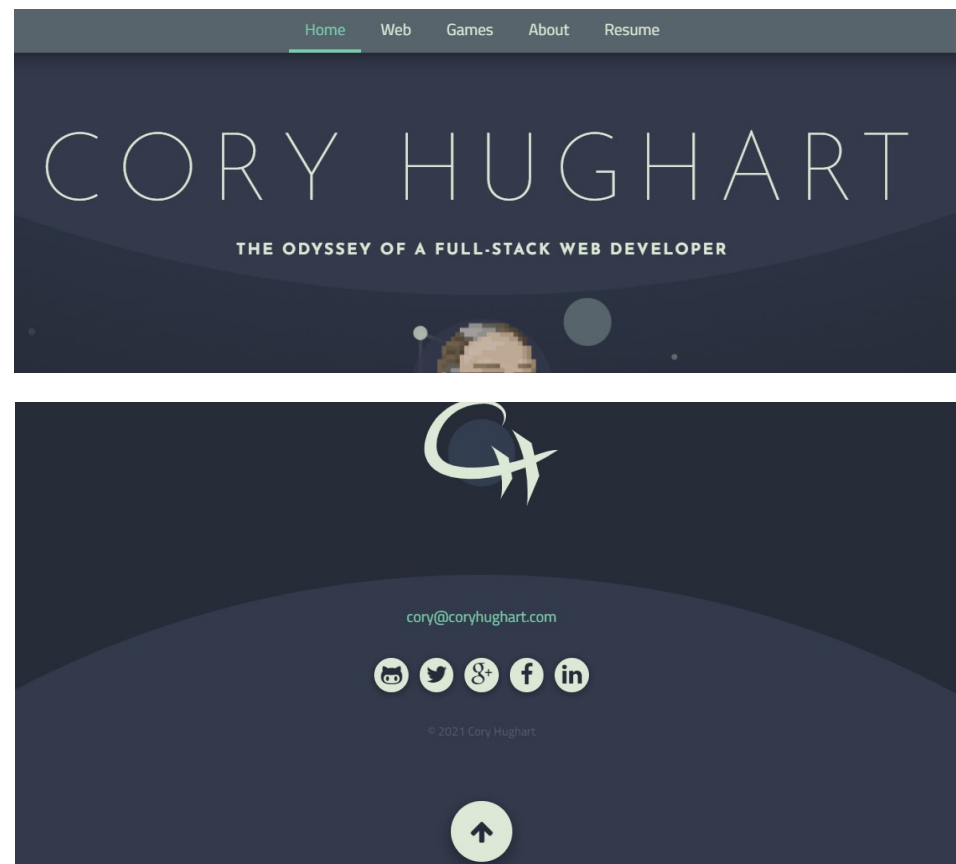
- Note the influences that will help me
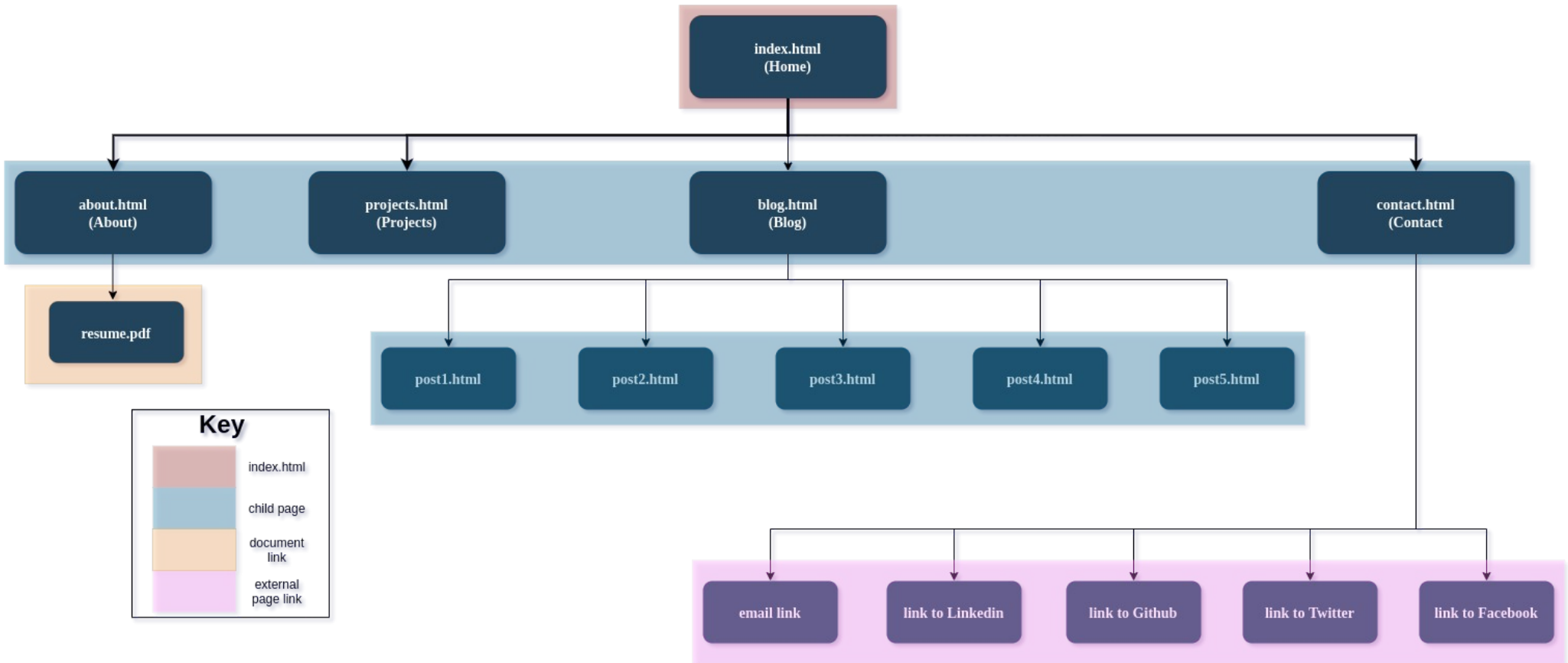
Influential sites: e.g. coreyhughart.com

Coreyhughart.com

I liked

- clean top nav bar

- footer style

- colour combinations

- **return to top** link for long pages
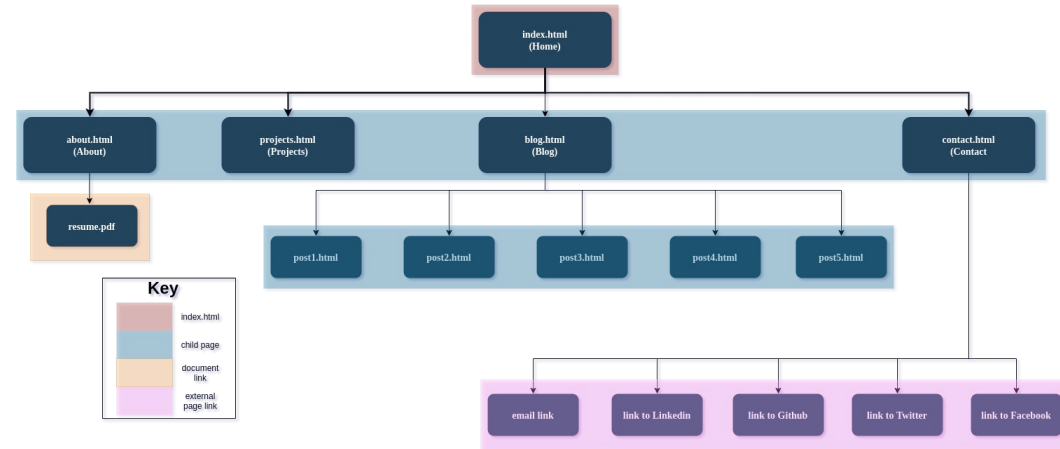
- warm playful language

- CSS animations… one day!

Sitemap

index.html
(Home)

about.html
(About)

projects.html
(Projects)

blog.html
(Blog)

contact.html
(Contact

resume.pdf

post1.html

post2.html

post3.html

post4.html

post5.html

Key

index.html

child page

document link

external page link

email link

link to Linkedin

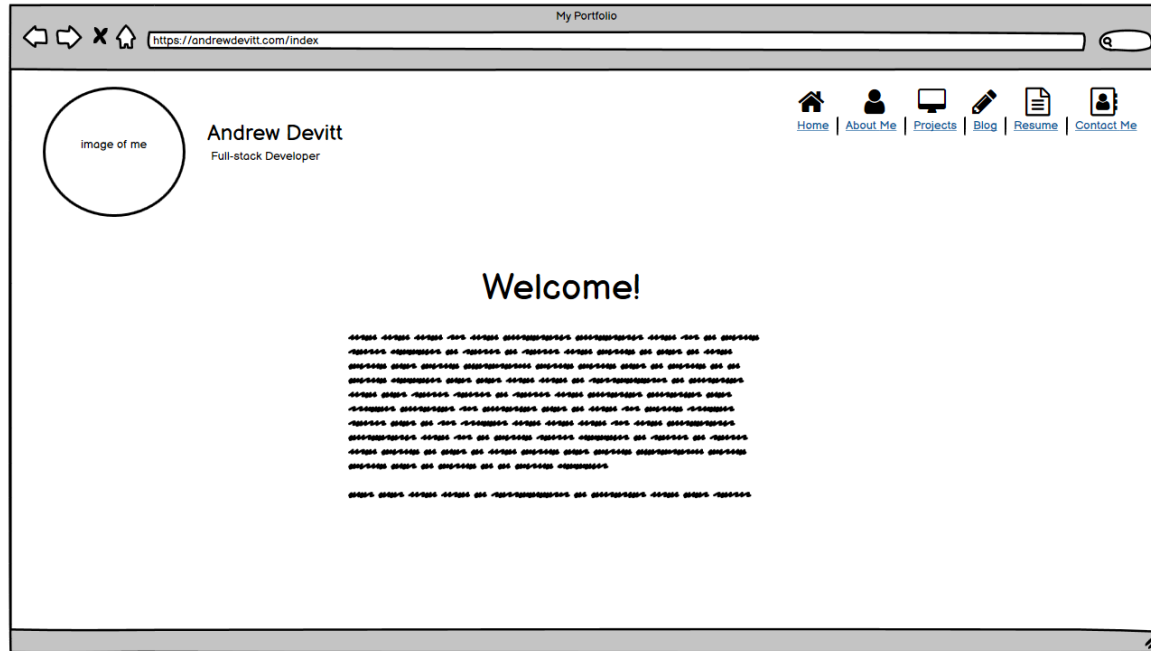link to Github

link to Twitter

link to Facebook

linking

- **Main pages** are linked via top and bottom navigation menus

- **Resume.pdf** will be a link on the about.html page to a downloadable PDF file

- **Blog**: the main blog page is on the navigation menus. Individual blog pages will link to and from the main page via "*read more*" and "*return*" links in summaries and end of posts.

- External site **Contact Links** will be icons on the contact page and a clickable email link.
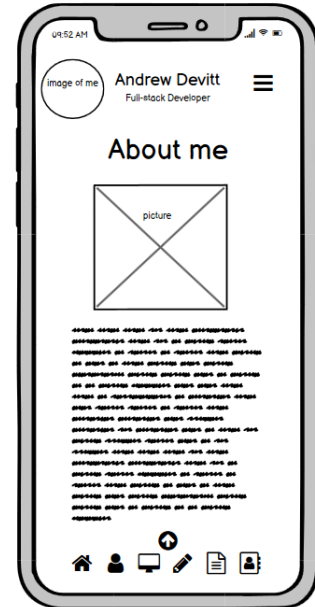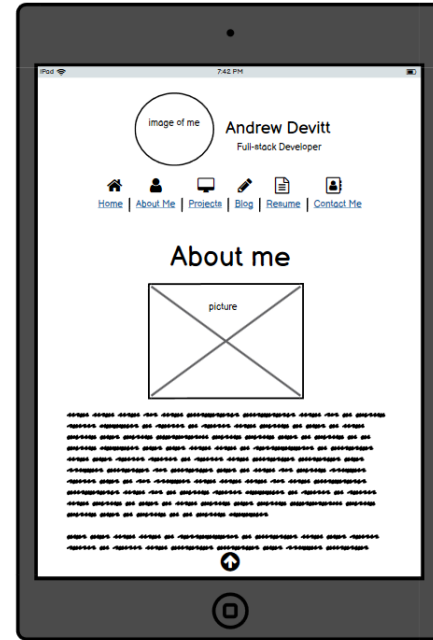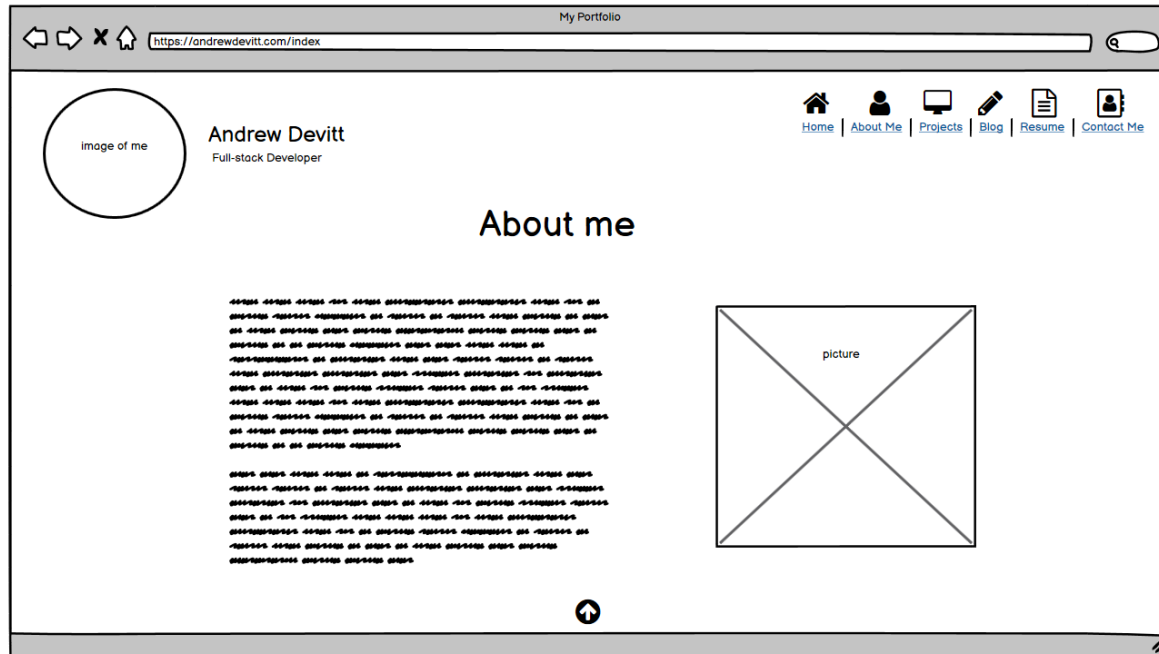
Wireframes: index.html

Navigation between pages:
- PCs and tablets will display a top nav-bar
- Phones display a hamburger menu at the top and icon nav-bar at the bottom.
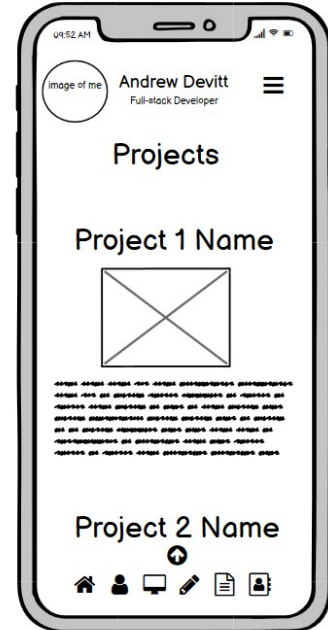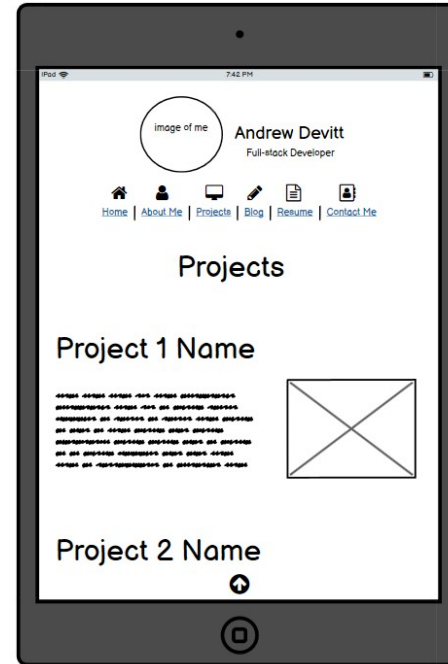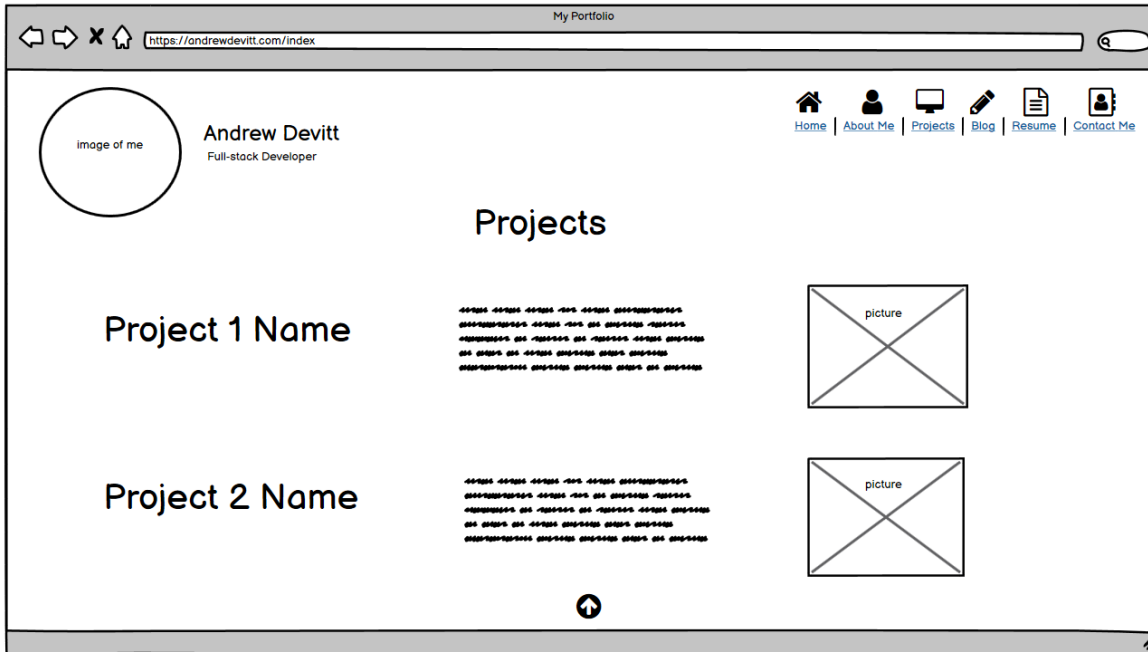
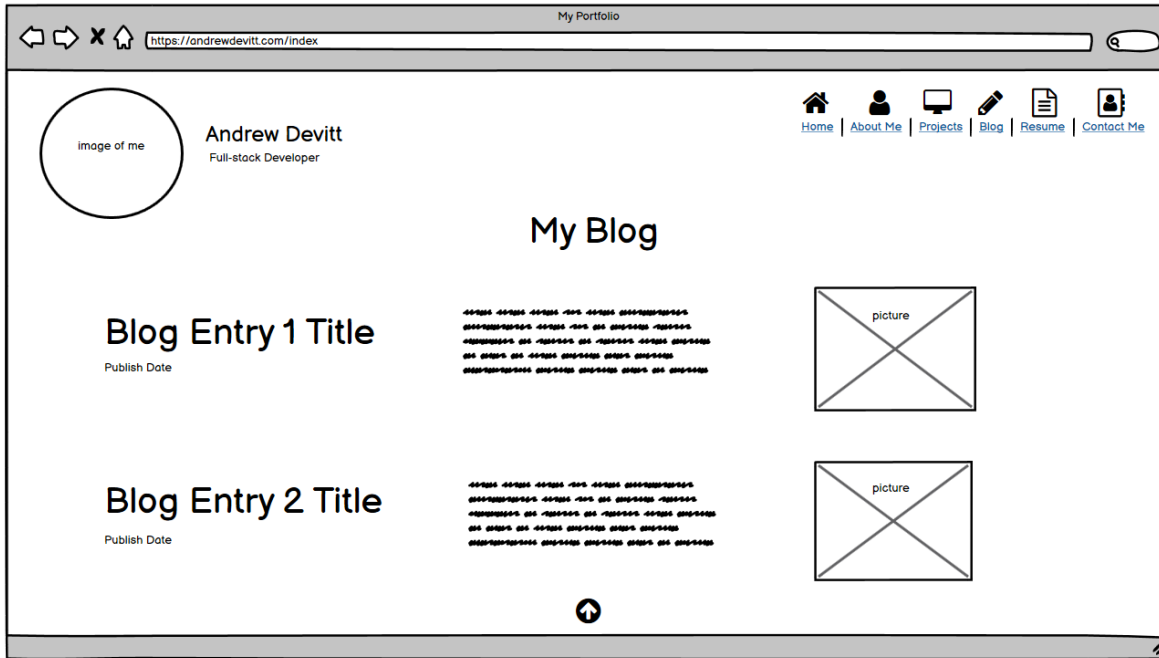# Wireframes: about.html

Navigation bottom to top:

• On pages with lengthy content a button will return the user to the top

• *NOTE: In the final design the button was kept on all pages, though I would set it to hide on short pages in the future.*
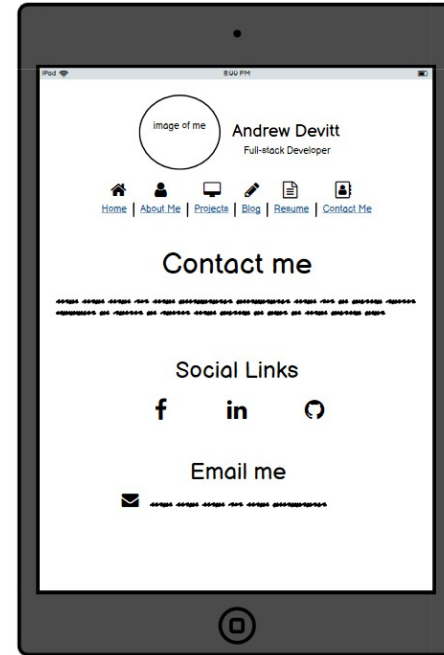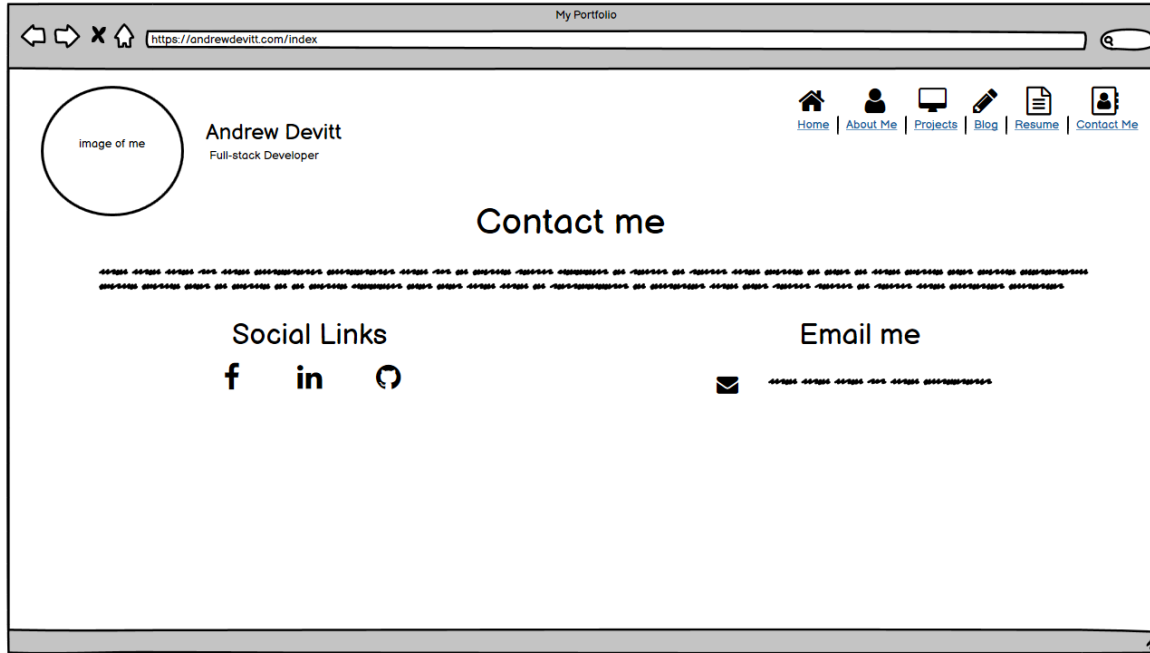
Wireframes: projects.html

Wireframes: blog.html

Project and blog page layouts:
• My intention was to keep the layouts similar so they would be more user friendly rather than clashing.
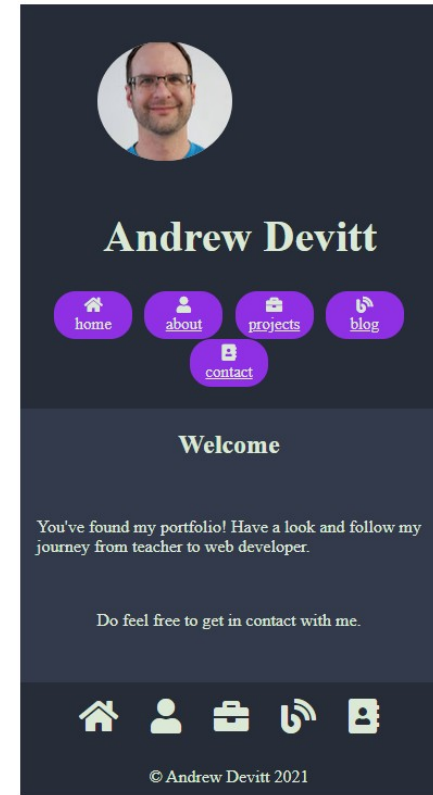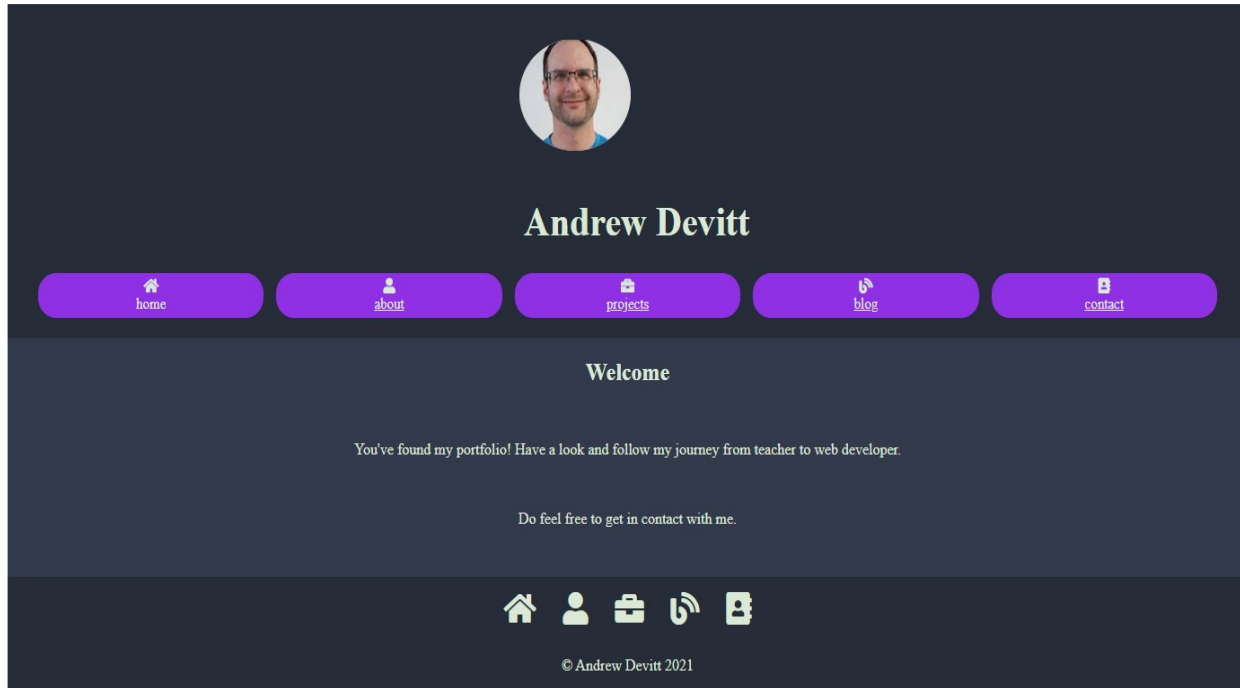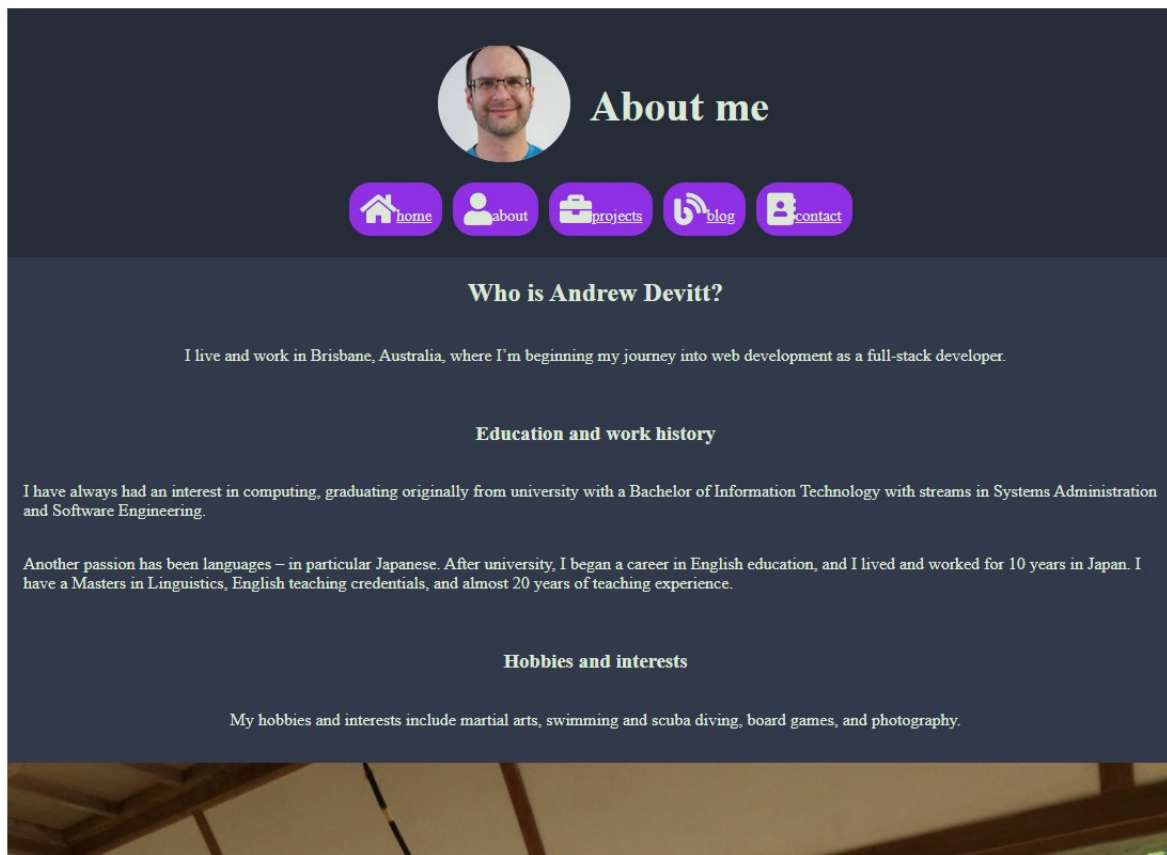
Wireframes: contact.html

External links:
•Icons for the social links. No text (except alt) as users will likely only click on links they use/know (or click anyway if curious)

resulting pages

resulting pages

But ...

Design changes – nav and colour

Colour: added orange to the page to catch the eye
Menus: top-nav only becomes hamburger on mobile and no other changes between tablet and PC
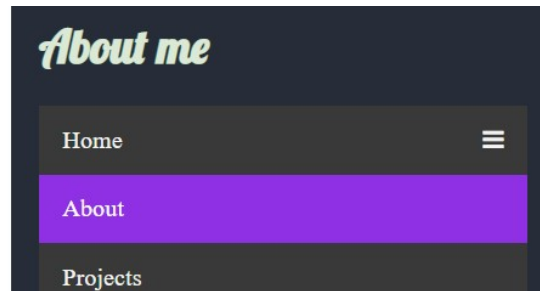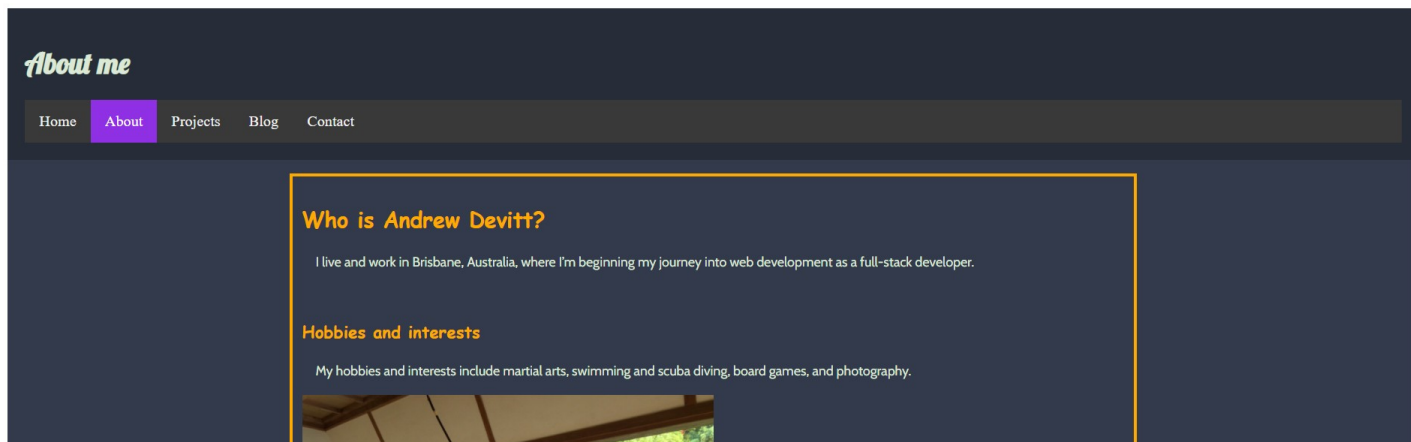
Components

Page titles above navigation

- I feel that this draws the user's attention to the title and at the same time emphasises the nav-bar

Top Nav-bar

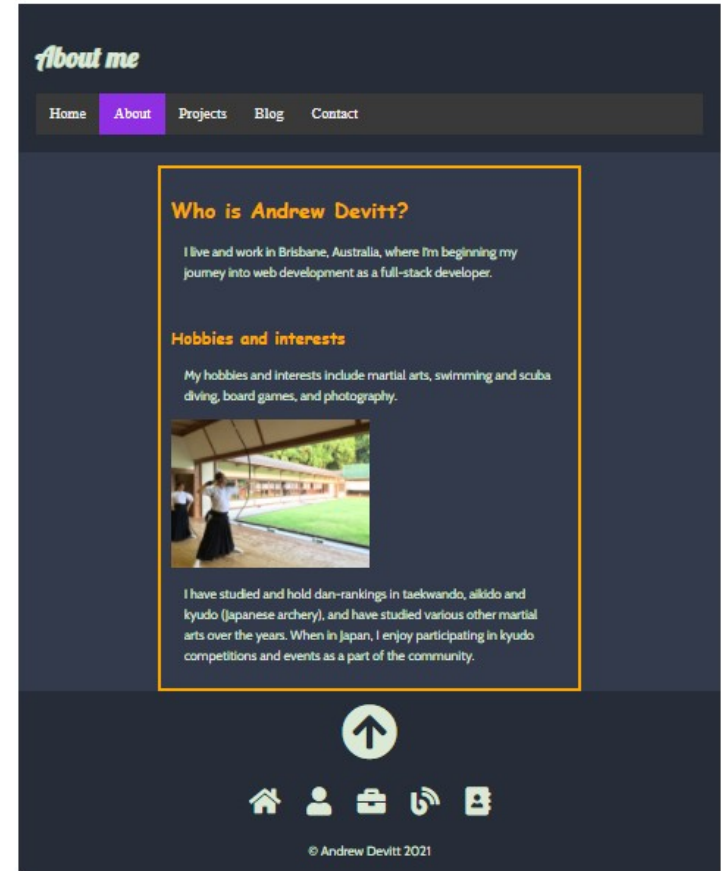- Clearly highlights the current page and easy to use

Components

Contrasting colours

A selection of greys for backgrounds, off-white for main text elements, orange for borders and headings, violet for the active page link.
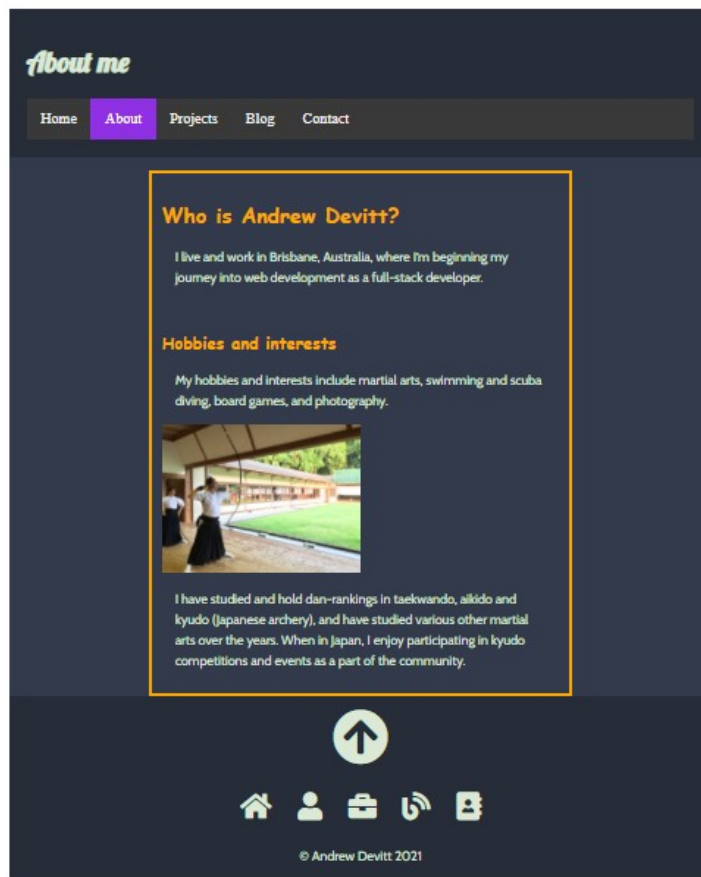
- Creates interest in the page elements and helps the user to focus on and absorb content

- Calm and appealing

Components

Content borders

- Users can clearly see when content is ending and the borders do focus users' attention on the content – especially with the darker background choice

Components

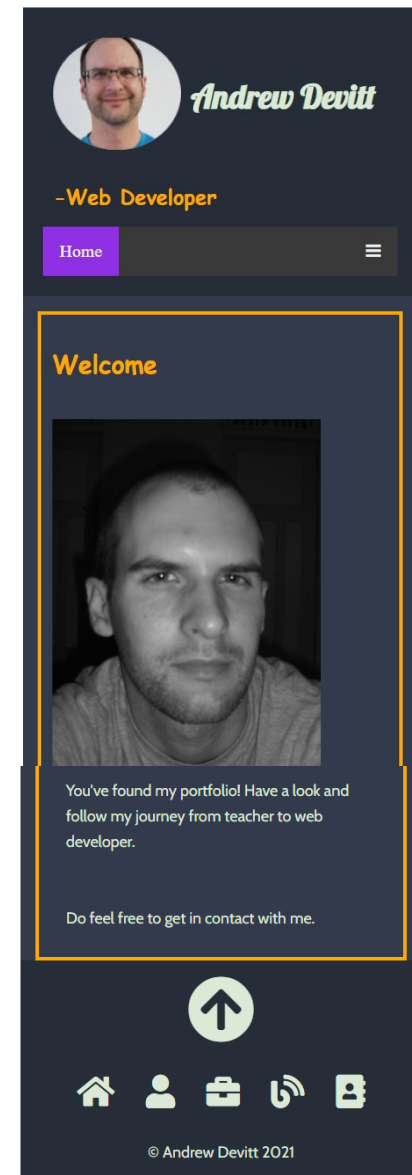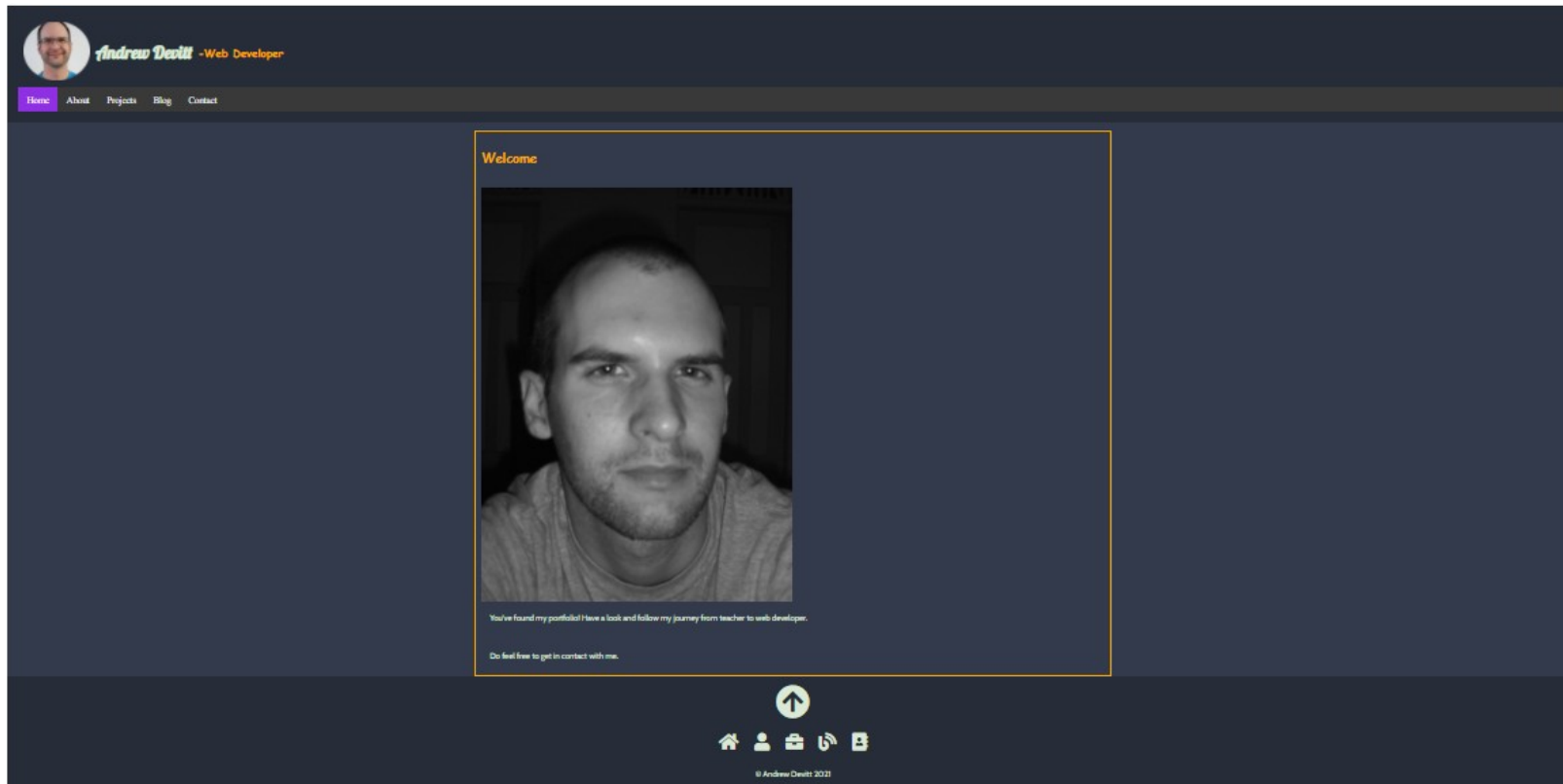**Icons for bottom navigation**

- The icons are a little playful and tempt the user to click them.

- Most are recognisable or guessable and correspond to the link order at the top.

- The "back to top" arrow is great if a page becomes long and saves scrolling/swiping. (I got tired fingers scrolling through pages during research)

Development

Site as of Friday 12 November 2021

index.html

about.html

Challenges:
- I tried many nav styles for top and side-bar navigation
- before making a decision
- I broke the navigation (top and bottom) so many times
- I also got distracted over and over again trying new things

- **Favourite**:
- the bottom navigation and colour scheme

- **Ethical issue:**
- Code for top-nav from w3schools, personalisation
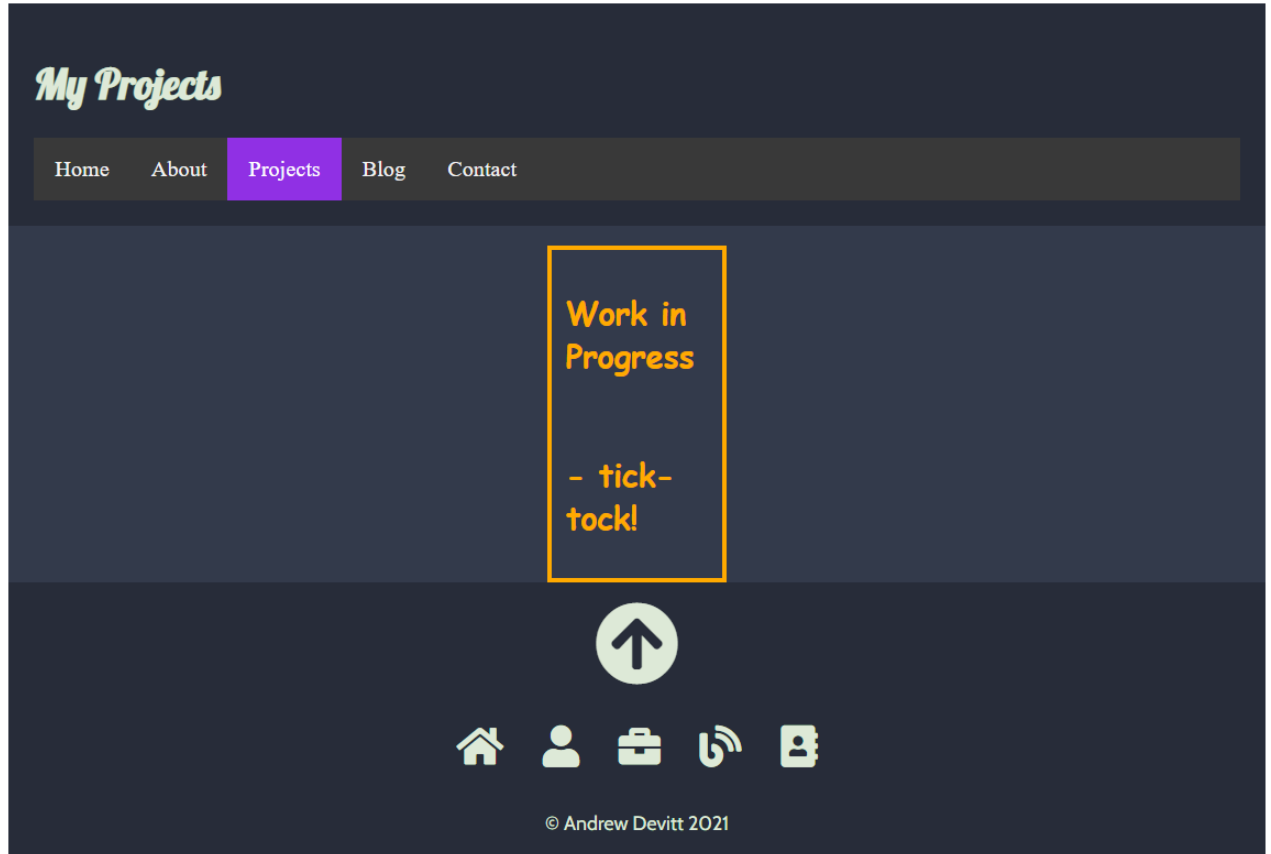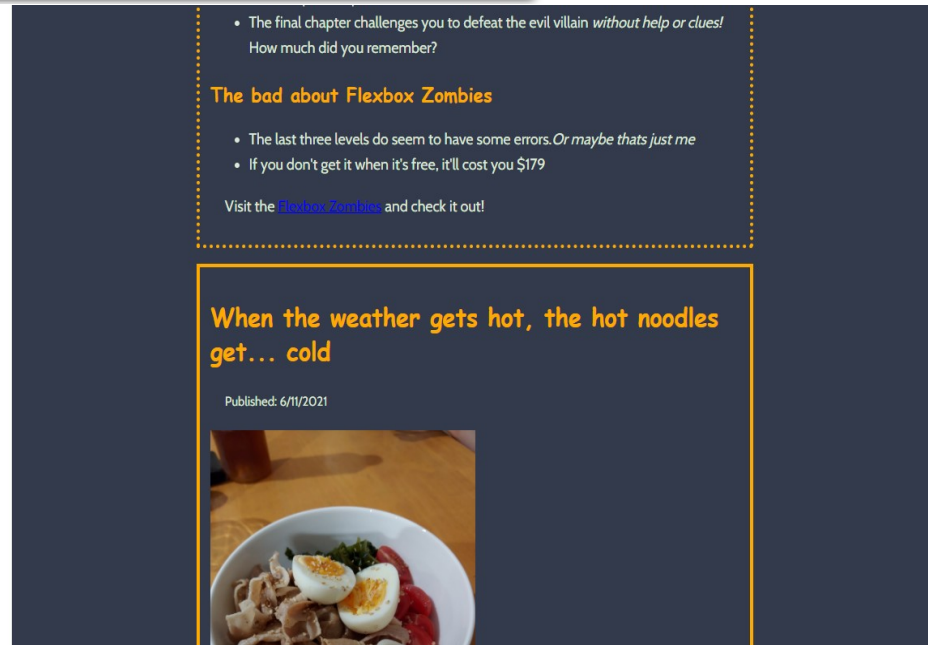- and acknowledgement

projects.html

This page will remain as a "work in progress" page until I actually have some projects

Challenge:
- getting the content
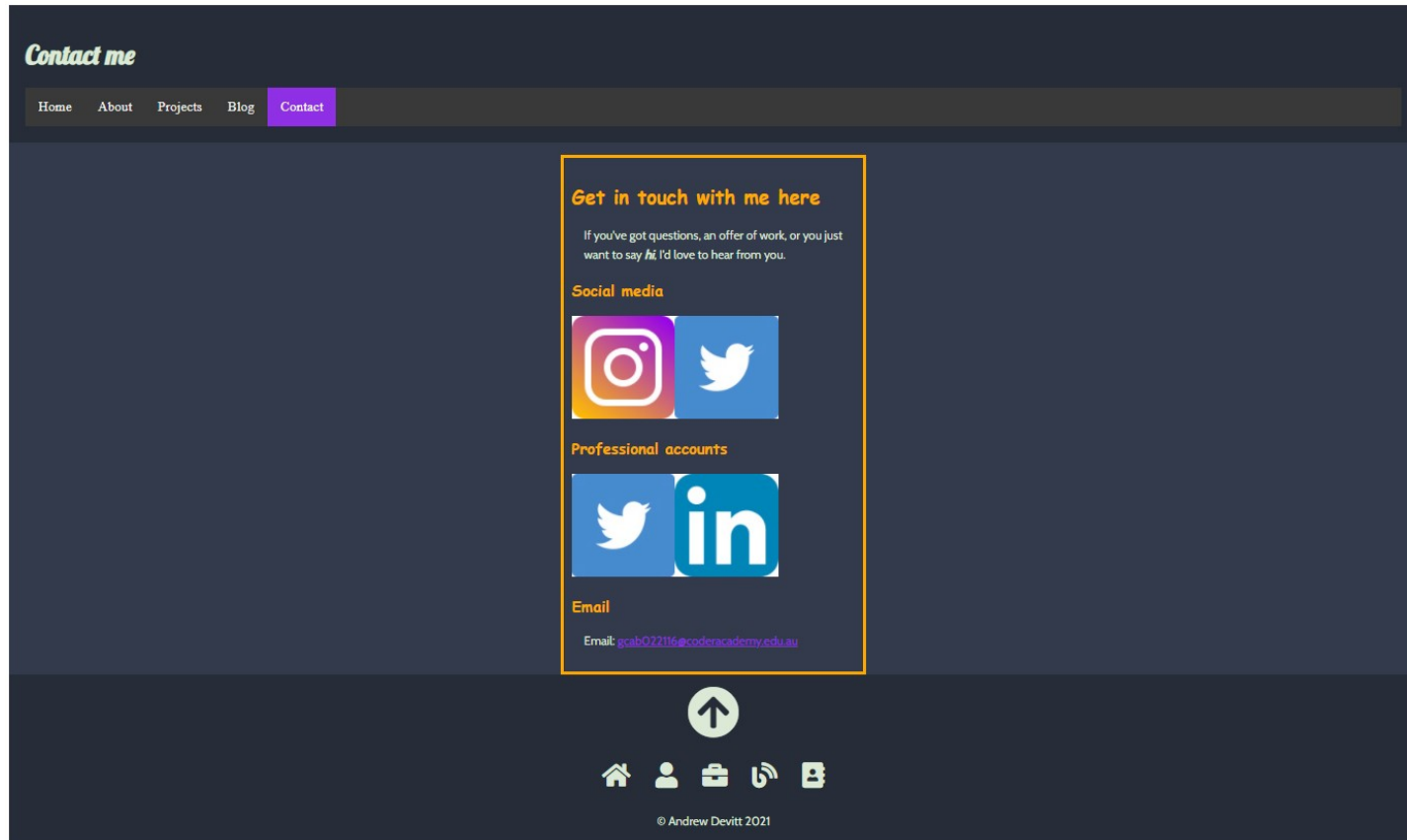- container to size like
- it does on other pages

blog.html

- **Challenge**: images and alignment (Flex)
- **Favourite**: deciding to alternate blog entry borders (thanks Jairo for the Ibis lesson!)
- **Future Change**: main blog page (links and titles) + individual pages for each blog

contact.html

Questions?