Week 14 Final Report

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The subject of my website is myself. In a way, this site could be seen as an autobiography. It is designed to talk about my and my accomplishments. It tells the story of who I am and presents a portfolio of projects that I have worked on in addition to a list of accomplishments. The intended audience for this site is future employers and recruitment staff who might view this site instead of or in combination with my resume to help them know who I am and as an aid in their decision making.

Here is a link to the site: <https://anhmeo.github.io/WDD-130/ctaylor/index.html>

With this website, I hope to give the viewers (which will most likely be future employers and recruiters) the opportunity to learn about me in a much deeper and more personal way than is possible with a standard resume and cover letter. By learning my story and my background, I hope that they will gain an understanding of the type of thinker I am, the type of work that I do, and what my talents and strengths are. With this, recruiters would hopefully get an idea of where I would fit within their organization and would see that I am a strong candidate for a position. In other words, I hope that this site will make me more competitive in the job market.

Designing this site required some research. I thought of some websites that have really beautiful design and interesting components and features. I visited a couple of these sites to get inspiration. Sites like the apple website, facebook, and w3schools gave me the inspiration I was looking for. On the w3schools site, they have a list of many different components that can be added to a website and as I browsed through what they had to offer, I found a few that matched my vision for the site. I wanted something that felt modern, clean, and useful for users. With this in mind, I chose a navigation bar that remains at the top of the screen wherever you scroll and a table with tabs that would allow you to select different projects to view. I also had an artistic vision for the page. It included adding a muted video that would play as a loop, and some greyscale images that I chose to serve as the background for the different parts of the story that I told about myself. All of these features together created something that I feel is visually appealing and user-friendly.

The skills I learned in this course will be useful to me in the future because I may want to update my site as my project portfolio expands or as I get new certifications. I also recognize that my site building skills open up a potential extra source of income. I feel confident that my skills are adequate to create a basic website for potential clients. At least it will look how they want it to. If I want this to be a more viable option to me, I will need to learn more back-end skills and learn how to make the websites more interactive. That being said, I feel that the skills I’ve learned have given me a good foundation for that path.