

Descriptive Wireframe Document – Lab 7 Example

Rationale:

MyAnimeList.net has a lot of good points and a lot of issues. It launched in 2004, and its design choices can be traced back to MySpace, made evident by the wide range of personalization of the site, social aspect, and name. However, it is now 2024 and the layout seems very clunky and disorderly to me. In addition to the misalignment of multiple elements, there are entire sections that I think should not be on the main page. I took inspiration from media sites and platforms like Netflix and Letterboxd to create a more minimalist, logical, and unified layout.

Icons to the left of the username on the header are consolidated into a dropdown menu on the username. I didn't change much on the navigation bar except for taking out the dropdown menu for search refinement which could be manifested as a different function on the search page itself. The content section, however, is much different. I split the content structure into a large part and a smaller part like the original site but decided to split them by function as well. There are three sections for the three main sections of media on MyAnimeList (these sections can be interpreted as scrolling carousels a la Netflix, but that may be out of scope). These three sections are the same dimension-wise and equidistant for the sake of repetition and consistency. While image-based content is on the left, I placed text-based content on the right under, once more, three sections. These text-based sections are aligned to the image-based sections and are, again, the same dimensionally for the sake of repetition and consistency. Finally, I added a footer where information like FAQ's, an about page link, and other miscellaneous information can exist.

Item #1

Description: Header

Font: Sans-serif 30px

Color: Cobalt

Alignment: Right

Media: Site logo left justified; user profile picture right justified

Interactivity: Dropdown menu on username

Item #2

Description: Navigation Bar

Font: Sans-serif 30px

Color: White

Alignment: Center

Media: N/A

Interactivity: Dropdown menus on buttons

Item #3

Description: Search Bar

Font: Sans-serif 15px

Color: Cobalt

Alignment: Left

Media: N/A

Interactivity: Dropdown menus on buttons

Item #4

Description: Featured Anime Section

Font: Sans-serif 20px

Color: White

Alignment: Center

Media: Carousel of four anime posters with 20px padding and 20px gap between images

Interactivity: Clickable images

Item #5

Description: Social Section

Font: Sans-serif 20px

Color: White

Alignment: Center for title, Left for content

Media: N/A

Interactivity: N/A

Item #6

Description: Featured Manga Section

Font: Sans-serif 20px

Color: White

Alignment: Center

Media: Carousel of four manga covers with 20px padding and 20px gap between images

Interactivity: Clickable images

Item #7

Description: News Section

Font: Sans-serif 20px

Color: White

Alignment: Center for title, Left for content

Media: N/A

Interactivity: N/A

Item #8

Description: Featured Light Novels Section

Font: Sans-serif 20px

Color: White

Alignment: Center

Media: Carousel of four light novel covers with 20px padding and 20px gap between images

Interactivity: Clickable images

Item #9

Description: Featured Discussions Section

Font: Sans-serif 20px

Color: White

Alignment: Center for title, Left for content

Media: N/A

Interactivity: N/A

Item #10

Description: Footer

Font: Sans-serif 30px

Color: White

Alignment: Center

Media: N/A

Interactivity: Clickable links