

Portfolio - T1A2

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About my website

For my portfolio I decided to go with a space-y, minimalist theme, as it resonates with me personally. I've styled this slideshow in a similar fashion, to act as an example.

All pages have their content spaced around a central section that takes the attention of the user and allows for easier navigation. Content wise, everything should be accessible without having to scroll through paragraphs of text. Pages feature a background image of outer space.

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Why those themes?

Space-y:

I wanted to hint about a part of my personality without needing to put it explicitly in text. I'm a big sci-fi nerd, and the space theme suited that. Plus, artistically, it looks good to me and fills empty bits of my website nicely.

Minimalist:

The minimalism came along because I wanted my website to be less a complete preview of who I was and more of an introduction. I wanted to make people curious and invite them to contact me directly, especially for employers.

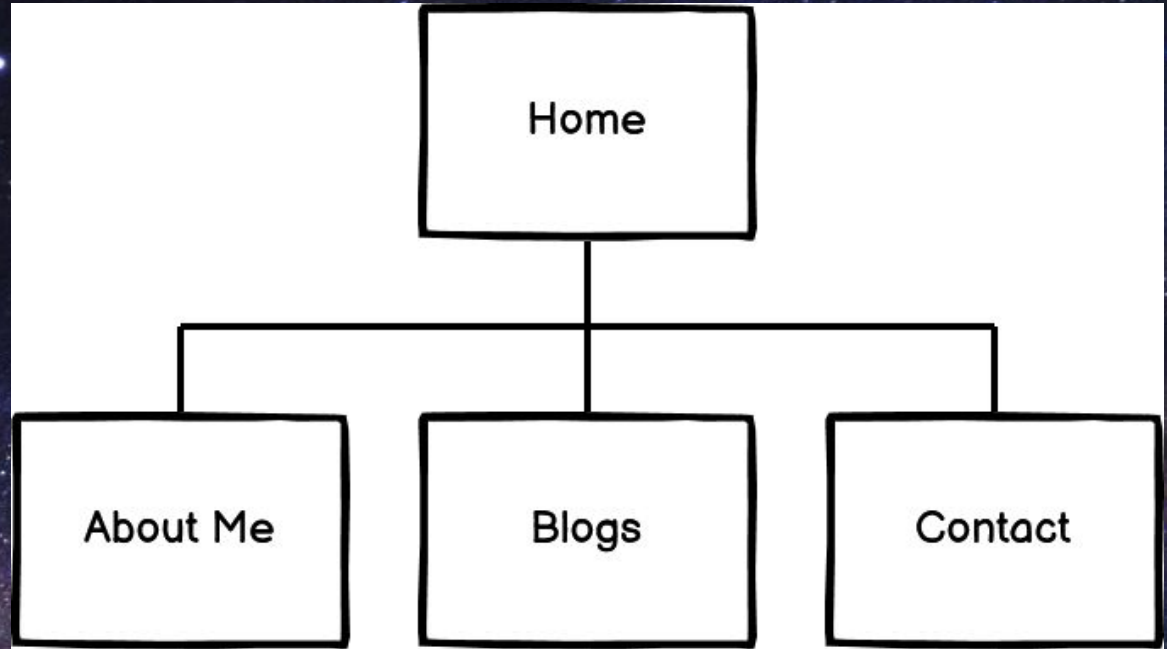
The background of the slide is a cosmic image. The top half shows a dark blue space filled with numerous small, bright stars. The bottom half features a vibrant, colorful view of a galaxy, likely the Milky Way, with swirling clouds of gas and dust in shades of orange, red, and white, interspersed with stars.

Sitemap

Site Layout

Simple and easy to navigate.

All pages linked together. Originally going to be set out in a linear format, however I found that this would be too problematic for users if they wanted to visit a particular page.





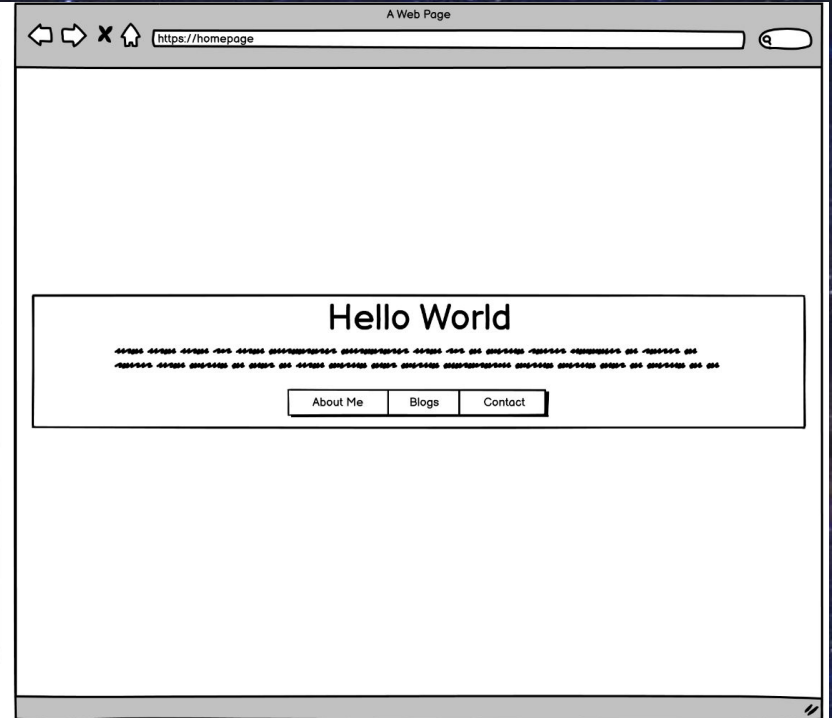
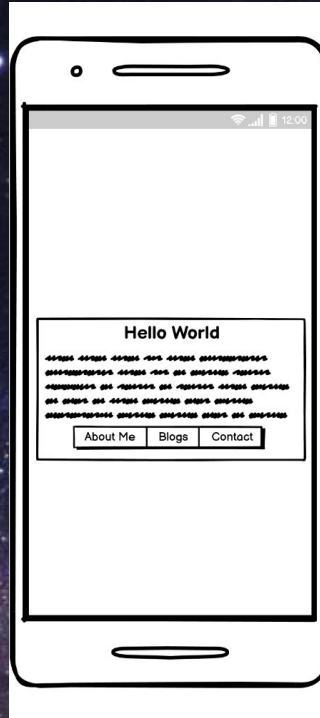
Wireframes

Homepage

Minimalistic central navigation page.

Central header with simple button links to other pages.

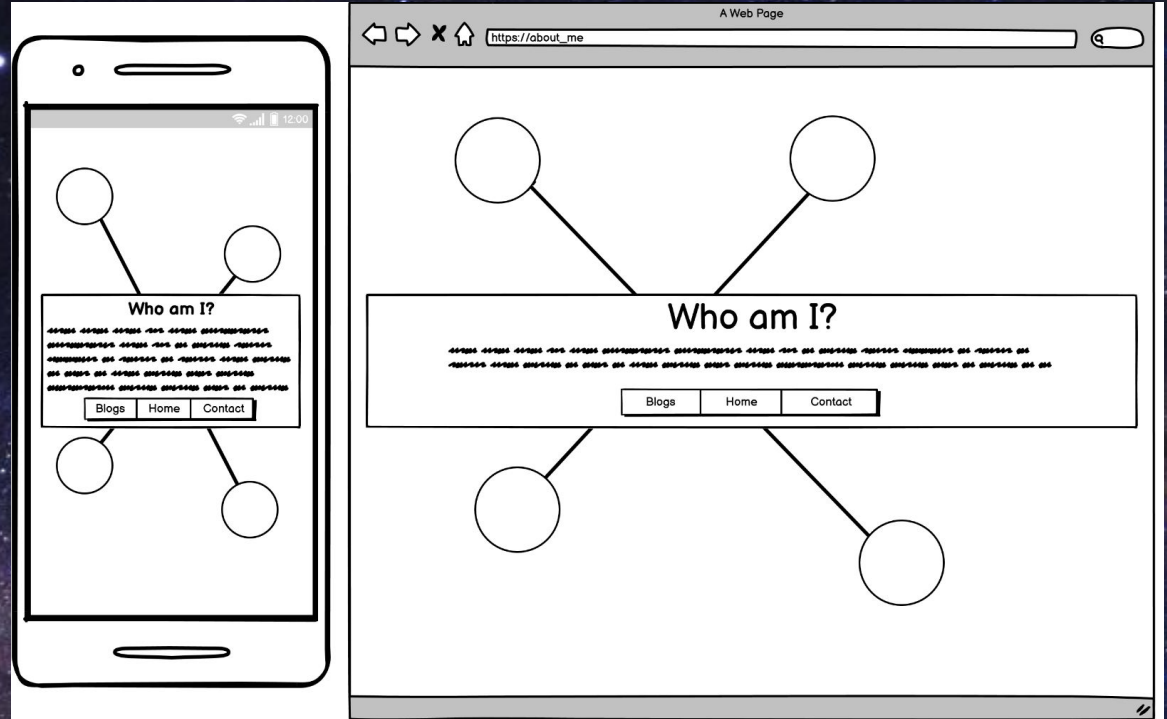
Welcome title, with a quick message from me thanking the user for visiting the site, a description of the purpose of the site as well as a brief overview of the other pages in the site.



About Me Page

Central header/nav area contains a brief overview of who I am.

Around the navigation area are 4 bubbles arranged in the shape of the southern cross (get it... I'm an aussie and we're in space). Bubbles expand to reveal paragraphs on my hobbies, goals, previous work and study history.

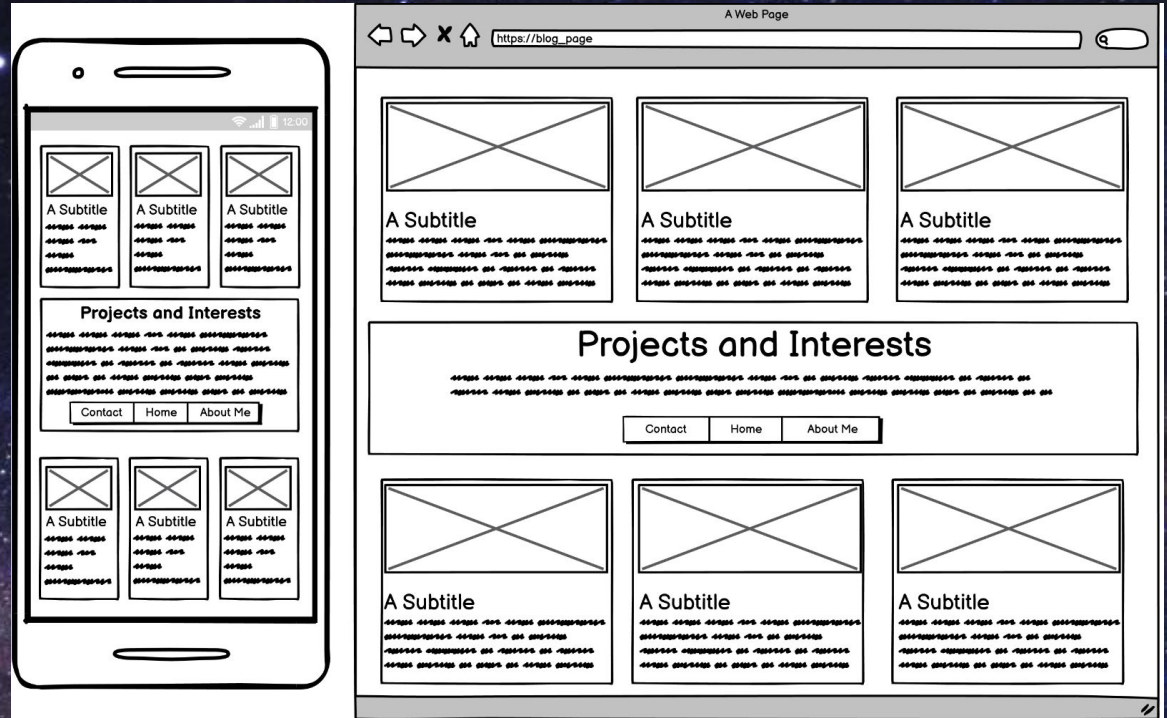


Blogs Page

Horizontal lists of blogs showcasing interests and previous dev work separated into 'projects' above and 'interests' below the central area.

Blogs resize based on screen size to allow for more info available on desktop view.

All blogs contain titles (subtitles in wireframe) with links to blogs, project homepages or github.



Contact Page

Contact information page with a thank you message.

Links to facebook, github and linkedin, using symbols as links all within “clouds” denoted in wireframe by speech bubbles. View resume button should open pdf version of my resume in a separate tab. Also includes an alternate link to direct email address.



Challenges

- Getting background to rotate. (Potential Future Feature)
- Layout of blog page particularly problematic, went through by far the most changes.
- Keeping vertical grid sizing in such a way that no scrolling is necessary for desktop view, whilst also keeping it responsive.
- Text sizing in about me sections, maintaining readability on small screens with adequate spacing and resizing on larger devices.



Thanks for your time!