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Beansite

My website is meant to be used as a personalized hub for my endeavors in writing. I currently have several fiction projects and have been organizing all the information for them into a personal document saved into my cloud storage. This website and all its parts are meant to be an insight into the tools that I use, as well as the information that I have created and collected for my readers and any prospective authors who wish to know how I go about creating my works. The temporary link to this site is [bostonstamm.github.io/wdd130/Beansite/index.html](https://bostonstamm.github.io/wdd130/Beansite/index.html).

The outcomes that I hope come from this website are three things: to create an extensive information base, built on a similar design to [Wikipedia.org](https://www.wikipedia.org/) that will have interconnecting topics ranging from a character to facts about the world a story takes place in. To have a collection of links to places or tools that I frequently visit to help me in my own writing. And finally, to have a collection of links to various websites that are entertaining or interesting.

The wireframes that I built before the actual designing process using CSS generally maintained their shape and purposes. The wireframe that changed the most during development, however, was the one I had built for the one built to resemble [Wikipedia.org](https://www.wikipedia.org/). The reason for this was because I was trying to build it without outright copying the design from the website. This caused a series of problems that took a long time to fix. I realized my problem when I finally gave in and looked at the website’s design and recognized how they had gotten the shape and design. Still determined to not copy any code, I spent some time putting it all together and finally managed to finish it with the design that I wanted. It wasn’t what I had originally planned, but it looked and felt much better.

I learned several different principles in the making of my website. The first, largest of these principles was that there is no shame in asking for help, and that people are often happy to assist where they can. I spent several days trying to put my home page together with lots of frustration. At the end of the week, I decided to get some help and asked for an extension and was able to have a friend help me figure out what was wrong with my CSS. The problems that I had been pulling my hair out over for the past several days, we fixed in a little over an hour. He also helped me figure out how to make it look nicer on mobile, though I’ve yet to do that part. The other main principle I learned from this course is that plans don’t always work out, and that I should be flexible in how things work. My “Wikibeania” page was odd, both in concept and original design. After doing all the designing and putting it together with CSS, I realized that it looked quite ugly. Redesigning took some time, and after finishing, I have decided that I want to change the design of all my other sites to resemble it more closely.

These skills that I have learned will definitely help me, not only with web design in the future, but with the writing that this website was built around.