

Assignment 1 Brendan's Photography Hobby Hub : Brendan Dindial Report Writing

This project is a personal website that showcases my hobby of photography. My goal is to create a visually engaging website that displays my collection of beautiful photos I have taken over the past 10 years of traveling to different places in the world as well as here in Toronto! I wanted to allow visitors of my website to explore images that represent my artistic view of the world.

My website is designed to provide an immersive experience drawing the viewer into the beauty captured in each photograph displayed on my homepage and gallery. Throughout the design process I wanted to create a visually engaging experience. I wanted a consistent color tone of dark backgrounds with bright vibrant colors (shades of navy blue/light blue/black background) and images over the dark background. It would give the content more of a pop and keep users engaged making them want to explore the webpage. For the body text I chose the Google font "Outfit" due to its clean and modern vibes which aligns perfectly with the overall theme I was going for on the website. This font choice enhances readability while complementing the colors making the website more inviting and professional. I also made sure that navigation was simple with clear pathways for visitors to browse through my collection without feeling overwhelmed.

The main page features a gallery where I made use of CSS Grid to organize the images in a responsive layout. I wanted to ensure that users could enjoy the photos without compromising on design. I placed the images in a grid because it not only creates an organized feel but also provides flexibility in adjusting to different display resolutions.

Each photograph is provided with a description and the date it was taken. This adds a layer of personal storytelling allowing users to get a sense of the journey behind the photos. Adding these details was an intentional decision as I wanted the experience to be more than just visual. I wanted it to give context to my work allowing visitors to connect with the images on a deeper level.

Additionally I added a fade-in animation for the sections when the website loads. This feature provides a smooth entrance that draws the viewer's attention and enhances the overall experience making the website feel more dynamic and polished.

As for the overall structure I used clear HTML semantic tags to organize the layout. The use of a header, footer, and nav elements ensures consistency across the different pages making it easy for users to browse. My unordered and ordered lists highlight key reasons why photography is important to me, as well as some personal tips for other

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photographers. These lists were a fun and simple way to bring a personal touch to the site without overwhelming users with text. I also took advantage of the div/section tag to help separate contents and give it class names so I can edit those sections in CSS.

An important feature I added was a table that displays my essential photography gear. I made sure to give the table a clean design using CSS to align it with the overall aesthetics of my website. The table outlines the equipment I use which gives visitors a glimpse into the technical side of my craft. I decided to include this because it adds a professional element and I thought it would be interesting for fellow photographers or gear enthusiasts to see what tools I rely on.

I made sure that my HTML/CSS code was well organized and easy to read. I also made sure to divide different sections of my css code with notes to keep track of each section on my pages. While working on this website I wanted to implement more cool features such as a hover element in css to change colors of a link or buttons (like `a:hover` or `button: hover`) when hovering over it. I decided to take a deep dive into W3Schools, MDNForms and other resources to see all the different types of elements I wanted to implement into my website. This small touch makes the website feel more dynamic and engaging without being overwhelming. I really enjoyed learning how to add these effects and seeing how they can enhance user experience with minimal effort

I've also added videos from a trip to Hamilton Beach with friends. These clips capture the fun and energy of our day showcasing both the beautiful scenery and the memorable moments we shared.

Including these videos enhances my website by providing a dynamic element that complements my photography. While photos capture stillness my videos bring my experiences to life allowing visitors to feel more connected to my journey.

This multimedia content enhances the storytelling aspect of my site making it more engaging and relatable. It adds depth to my project inviting viewers to appreciate both the artistry and the experiences behind my photography.

Looking ahead I plan to add additional features such as a blog section where I can share stories behind specific photographs and insights into my creative process. This would add a personal touch allowing visitors to connect with my work on a deeper level. I also wanted to connect social media links enabling visitors to follow my photography journey where I post my photos onto instagram and other platforms. I still think I can add a lot more content to the website to make it even more immersive and engaging.

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Overall this project has been a rewarding opportunity to display my photography hobby in a clean, organized, and aesthetically pleasing manner. The website reflects my personal style and my passion for capturing the beauty of the world through photos. I hope this report was detailed enough on my thought process throughout this assignment!