CPAN 134 – Assignment 01 – Report

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Personal Hobby Website Project

1. I chose a theme that matched my hobby: I looked for references of websites I like, but ended choosing a retro look and a font reminds of a typewriter machine. Just personal preference.
2. The website on Slack for palette creation helped a lot when choosing the colors for the website, but I went with a muted version of the beige color suggested so I could maintain the vintage look.
3. To finish my map of the design I chose some contemporary art pieces to bring some of the contemporary aspect of my hobby into the theme. Usually, contemporary literature and visual arts intersect a lot.
4. Design choices done, I made the basic HTML structure (head, body, main, footer).
5. After that was the CSS file. I just used the basic names of flex-container and flex-box etc. because I thought it would be easier to later on identify what was what. When I needed more than one of each, I just added numbers to differentiate them. As the file grew and I had to make adjustments I realized that using another method might have been more organized. Next time I’m going to use a different way to label my class items.
6. After creating the skeleton of my CSS file, I created the other two HTML pages (Home, Diary Novels, Contact) so I could combine them using the navigation bar. I copied and pasted the basic structure from the Home page onto the other two.
7. I used a table to make the navigation bar in the header section. Centering it required some try and error.
8. Then I made the main section of the Home page. That was when I made most of the adjustments to the flex boxes so the image would fit how I wanted it to.
9. I used basically the same styling for the Diary Novels page. For the book list I decided to use a table at first so I had better control of how the row would fit without having to create more flex boxes.
10. Then were the contact page and the form. I also had to fiddle with the inputs and the button so they would fit well together.
11. Last was adding the video. I added it to the main page since it was about the first image and the quote used on the main section of the home page. It does not fit well with the initial design because I forgot to plan for it at the beginning.
12. I almost changed the colors of the website because I did not quite like the all pastels look. I kept them but did not manage to correct the problem of flex-item2’s and flex-container2’s colors mixing with the unset value or inheritance in general even after asking for help last lesson.
13. I created drafts in Kanban style on GitHub and moved them up the stages to update the project but only realized on Thursday that I needed to turn them into issues for it to work properly. So, I did it all at once.