Web Design Reflection

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This web design project was a challenging one for me because this was my very first experience with web designing in any capacity. I began by working my way through the tutorial *Interneting is Hard* to familiarize myself with the basics before I began. I found it very helpful, easy to follow, and a great foundation to get me started. My project pitch is to create a website that acts as an interactive database specifically for searching trivia nights in Pittsburgh. On many occasions, I have tried to Google it only to find minimal information and ending up with hours wasted and no concrete information found.

I chose to split my webpage up into three containers: the header with my proposal, the visual description of the page on the bottom left, and the people/necessary steps on the bottom right. Originally, I had all three containers stacked one on top of the other but I reorganized it to fit everything on one page in a more condensed and easy to navigate layout. I liked the look of different background colors within the page and I thought this rearrangement would help me do so better than I had it before. The overall look of the page I chose was meant to remain simple and keep the focus on the text. I added some contrast with the lighter blue background and purple buttons to break it up a bit, but thought that too many colors on the page would end up being distracting. I also included an image in my title to add more variety to the page without distracting from the overall message. The image is from Wikipedia Commons (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Trivia.png)>.

To add a little cheeky element (and hit an aspirational criteria), I linked “I’ll wait” to a webpage that shows an analog clock ticking. I also used the codes that I learned in the tutorial for adjusting link colors and link hover colors to apply to my page so that the link’s colors match my page’s main colors.

I used flexbox to design my webpage because I figured it would be best for me to be able to apply it and know how to do it if I continue to design more sites. I also tried to make the page responsive. I didn’t completely achieve this desired result but I feel as though I got pretty close for my level of skill. I had some confusion for a while with padding and margin sizing, because I forgot margins were a thing, but once that was cleared up (thanks!) I feel like I had a better hold of my spacing and alignment.

Finally, I continued to learn more about how to most effectively use GitHub in this unit. This was my first foray into the use of branches, and although it caused me some struggle, I feel as though I understand it much better now than before I tried (and failed).