

Portfolio Assessment

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Design

- Plain white background to keep it clean and bright. Decided against a black background as it can be very dark and masculine which is not my aesthetic.
- Logo image with animation - visually appealing and a small coding challenge.
- Logo consists of a separate image with a white background and a transparent free-hand drawn flower shape overlaying a separate element containing a coloured, circular shape. The coloured element contains a simple animation to create a spiralling rainbow.
- Logo font to look like handwriting for visual appeal. From Google Fonts.
- Sans-serif style font used across the whole website for continuity. Clean looking font style.
- Two main colours plus black and white chosen for a simple, clean aesthetic.
- Flexbox used on each page to format the layout as desired.

Header

- Separate _partial scss file so it is easy to reuse on every page and quick to make changes, if desired.
- Contains the logo image, logo text (my name and (to be, one day) professional title. Also has a horizontal navigation bar with links to different pages - Blog, About Me, Contact Me and Projects (dummy link that goes nowhere at the moment as there are no projects to showcase yet, but this will be updated to reflect projects as they are undertaken).
- Displays in a column on mobile and tablet devices.
- Displays in a row on desktop and laptop devices to make the best use of the available screen width.

Footer

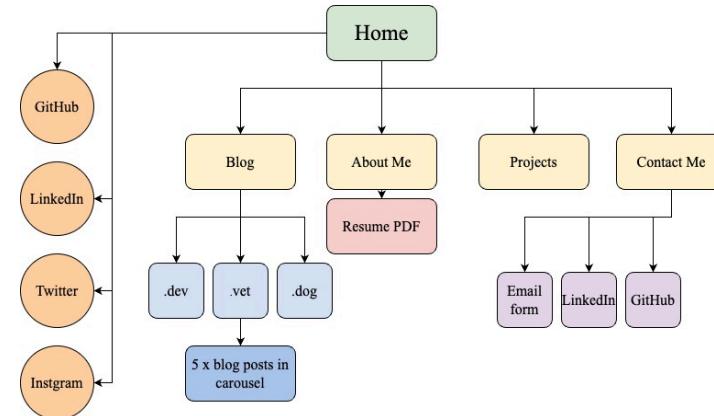
- Separate _partial scss file so it is easy to reuse on every page and quick to make changes, if desired.
- Contains my email and contact phone number. Making it as easy as possible to contact me increases the likelihood of potential employers reaching out.
- Email will open the viewers emailing service to send an email directly to me.
- Phone opens the calling function (often disabled on laptop/desktop browser, but is common practice for mobile devices).
- Arrows animated to grow and point when hovered over (desktop/laptop). Styled with a Google Font and same styling used for all arrows on the website for continuity.
- Upward pointing arrow linked to an anchor at the top of <body> on every page to return the viewer to the top of the screen.

Sticky Side Navigation Bar

- Contains links to socials. These are dummy links at the moment but will be changed to my private socials at a later date, when this website becomes my real web developer portfolio.
- On mobile, background is transparent so that the navigational bar doesn't feel like it crowds the page on a small screen.
- On tablet and laptop/desktop devices the background is black to make the navigation bar stand out and create some visual contrast on the page to keep the viewers attention.
- Contrasting colours to be eye-catching.
- Sticky to show off coding skills - able to make a sticky navigation and also a navigation bar that doesn't interfere with other content on the page.
- In separate _partial scss file to make it easy to reuse and easy to change if desired.

Sitemap

Website Layout



Sitemap

- Home page with navigation bar at the top of the page and sticky side navigation bar.
- Top navigation links to Blog, About Me, Projects and Contact Me pages.
- Blog links to blog carousel page with navigation bar at the top to link to categorised blog tiles. Individual blogs from both pages link the blog post.
- About me contains a pdf of a resume
- Projects is a dummy link as there are no projects to showcase at this time.
- Contact me contains a contact form with a side navigation bar for LinkedIn and GitHub.

Landing Page

- Main text contains a simple typewriter animation to get the viewers attention. Small coding challenge to show off a basic skill.
- Simple statement that is direct and to-the-point.
- Not visually overloading so as to allow the viewer to take in everything on the page easily and figure out which section they want to see next.



Wireframe - Landing Page (Desktop)



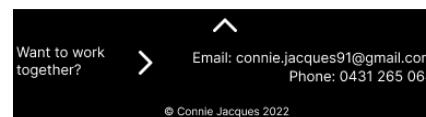
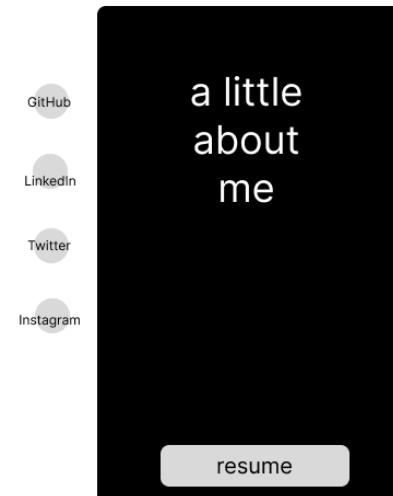
Screenshot - Landing Page (Mobile)



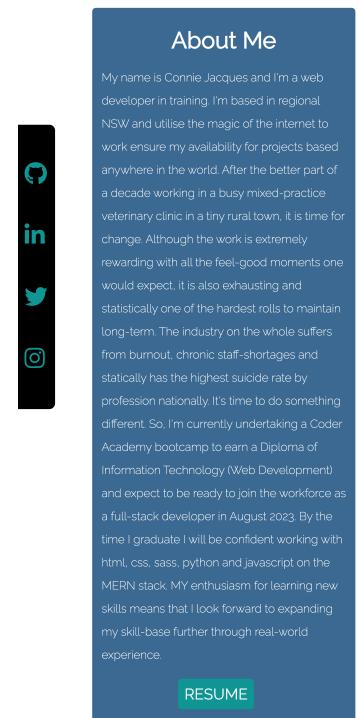
Screenshot - Landing Page (Desktop)

About Me

- Sticky side navigation bar for easy access to links for socials.
- Solid colour background with white text to create visual appeal and easy to read.
- Resume available as a pdf that opens in a new tab - easy for potential employers to view and download/save.
- Information about my work history, current relevant study, tech stacks and reason for changing careers.



Wireframe - About Me (Mobile)



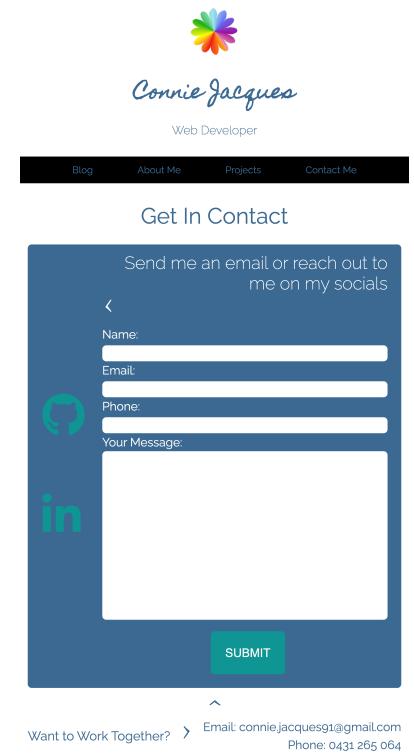
Screenshot - About Me (Tablet)

Contact Me

- Large, clear heading.
- Icon navigation to GitHub and Linkedin as these are the most relevant socials for a web developer.
- Form to submit message with name, email (requires @ symbol to submit), phone number and a message.
- method="post" - non-functional without backend for security.
- Message is form type="text" - done as a mock-up, but should ideally be <textarea> to take multiple lines of input.



Wireframe - Contact Me
(Tablet)



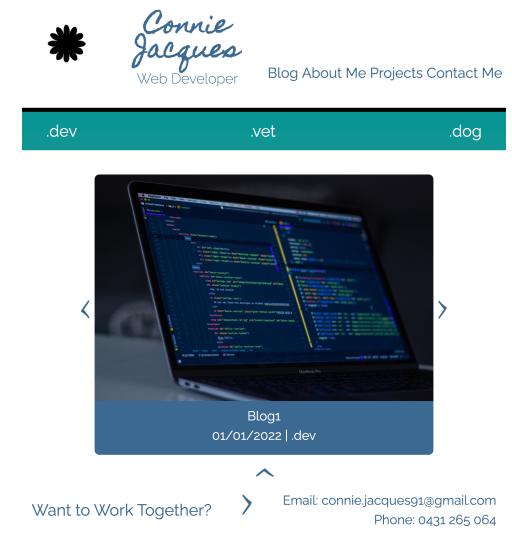
Screenshot - Contact Me
(Tablet)

Blog Carousel

- Blog posts listed in a carousel/slider.
- Great visual appeal and a little coding challenge to do with only html/scss.
- Poor accessibility. Difficult to intuitively know that horizontal scrolling is available here.
- Disabled scroll bar from appearing for aesthetic reasons.
- Because of poor accessibility, each blog post is also available in their appropriate sections from the secondary navigation bar below the header.
- Navigation buttons to click through the carousel are non-functional (can be done with css alone but very tedious - will fix later with javascript).



Wireframe - Blog Carousel (Desktop)



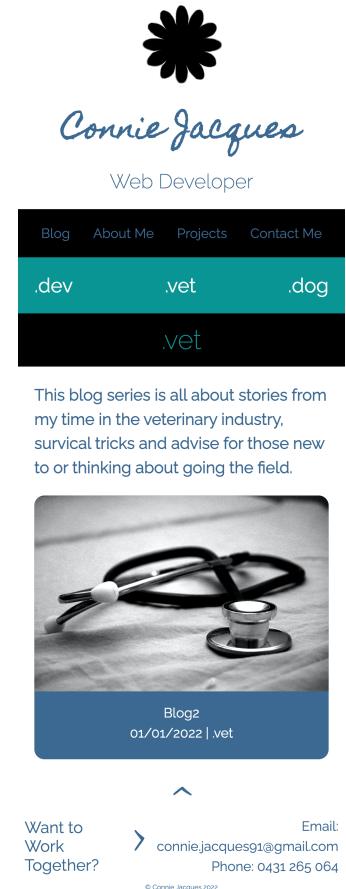
Screenshot - Blog Carousel (Desktop)

Blog Tiles

- A page each for three different focus areas for blog posts, makes it easier for viewers to find the posts that are of most interest to them.
 - Available via secondary navigation bar at top of the screen (.dev | .vet | .dog).
 - Displays a list of posts as tiles with an image, blog title, date and category.
 - Whole tile is a link
 - Third layer navigation bar at the top of the page for continuity of styling. Contrasting colours.



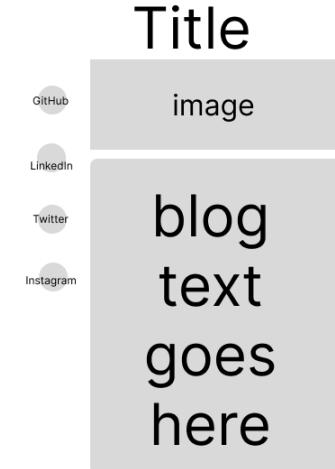
Wireframe - Blog Tiles (Mobile)



Screenshot - Blog Tiles (Mobile)

Blog Posts

- Sticky side navigation bar available.
- Large title at top of page
- Divided into three focus areas.
- Large image at top of post to catch the viewers attention and quickly indicate the focus area.
- Solid coloured background with white text for continuity with About Me section.
- <blockquote> for accessibility, used to grab the viewers attention.



Wireframe - Blog Post
(Mobile)



Screenshot - Blog Post
(Desktop)

Review of Build Process

- Overall very few roadblocks or parts I was unable to complete.
- Conscious of my skill level when designing the website to be realistic about what could and could not be done.
- Enjoyed doing the animation of the logo image.
- Blog carousel challenging and not enough time to play around the coding the navigation buttons with only html/scss.
- Careful to select images that I own or with Creative Commons licensing to avoid copyright issues.
- Without a backend to build in security, the form on the Contact Me page needs to be non-functional to avoid exposing personal information.
- Happy overall with the project at this point. Will continue to improve it and add content over the coming months to end up with a web portfolio that would be presentable to a prospective employer.