



# Portfolio Site

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# INTRODUCTION

## SUBJECT

*"This website is to showcase my personality and accomplishments. As I continue to learn cool new things, both the site and projects will become more fun-vanced."*

(Opening Introduction, Home Page)

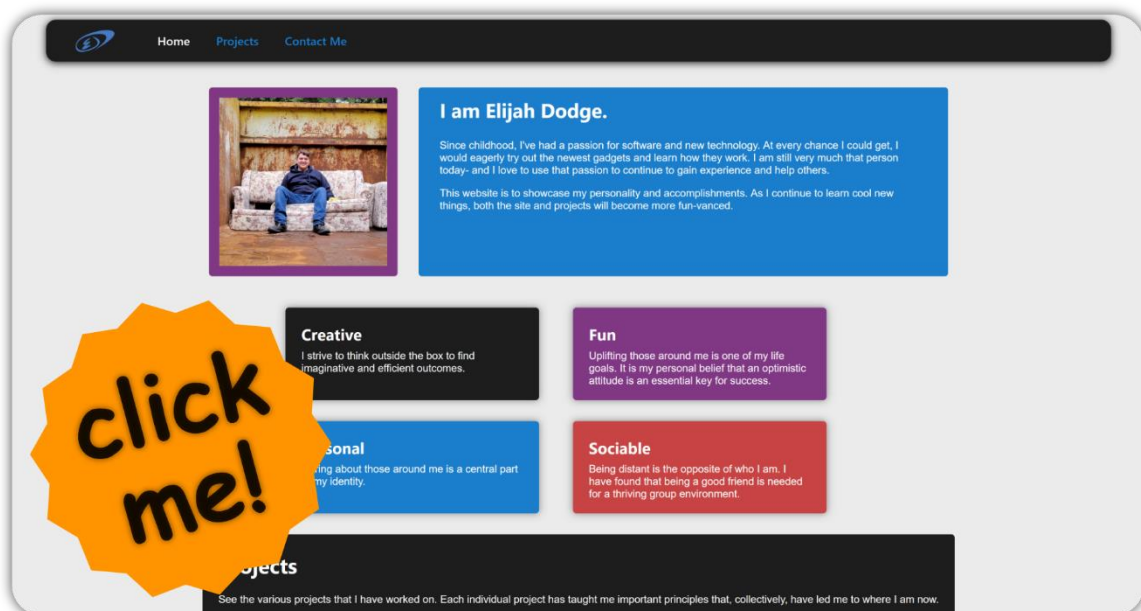
*"To serve as a portfolio and introduction to who I am and as a landing page to my projects."* (Purpose, Site Plan)

## AUDIENCE

*"Employers, peers, professors, coworkers, etc."* (Audience, Site Plan)

## VISIT

Site address is [ej6612.github.io/aboutme](https://ej6612.github.io/aboutme).



# GOALS & OBJECTIVES

With this website, I hope to have an interactive portfolio that reflects who I am. When someone from my targeted audience navigates to this site, I want them to be able to understand my overall personality, style, and accomplishments. Over time, as I gain new web building skills, I hope to evolve it to be more interactive and adaptive. By doing so I also hope that it showcases my evolving skillset and abilities as a software engineer.

# DESIGN PROCESS

Once I figured out what I wanted to create, I pondered on what I considered to be important to introducing me to my audience. My face with a short introduction of who I am, personal attributes, project showcase, and a way to contact me.

I decided to go with a card-centric design language. Rounded corners, minimal color palette, and selective drop shadows. I chose the Segoe UI and Arial fonts because I simply like them. For symbols and logos unique to my site, I made them in house. The logo itself is based off my signature.

I desired the header to always stick to the top of the page as its own island. And instead of it transforming into a hamburger menu when in mobile view, I designed it to transform the text-based buttons into image icons. There are only two subpages as of now, so it worked well.

The footer was simple. The copyright and Site Plan link on the left, page logo in center, and external links on the right (I was inspired by the White-Water Rafting site footer design).

For the Home Page, I decided to put all what I considered to be important front and center beginning with a recent image of me accompanied by an introduction. Below I placed individual cards of selected attributes, and below that I dedicated a large 'card' to be an interactive 'carousel' of selected projects from my Projects page. I then would simply have a button that led to the Contact Me page.

For the Projects Page, I created a large card template that all project cards used. Logo, title, and summary on the left- screenshot on the right. Below both were to be external links to the respective projects.

For the Contact Me Page, I stuck with one card to act as a 'contact card'. With some attached JavaScript, a random image of me would be selected and placed on the left side. On the right would be my name and icon links to email, social, profiles, etc.

# CONCLUSION

Working on this project made me realize that I had gone through the motions with the White-Water Rafting site. This portfolio site tested what I really knew about HTML & CSS development, and I was then surprised by what I did know. Development of the Home Page was the most difficult and lengthy process of the entire process. But once I got down my design language correctly into CSS, the subpages were not even half the work. I learned in real time that I can create and design good-looking websites with just HTML & CSS. While there are aspects of CSS that I just don't enjoy, I do enjoy experiencing the satisfaction of the end product.