No CMS. My blog Bare-Bone start

Let's create my own blog from scratch. Or better yet, from step *minus one*.

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Yerrrr—that's gonna be fun.

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But why, though?

- They say blogging is part of "advertising yourself" as a developer. So… I guess I'm doing a blog then.
- My goal is to help myself land job opportunities—and maybe this can also double as a portfolio.
- I'm a freelancer, so maybe a potential client might get impressed.
- I kind of like the idea of creating content for the public.
- Coding my own stuff—like this blog—feels interesting and fun.

I'm going to host my blog on Neocities. I'm not a hipster or some old-school tech romantic, but I like the simplicity of it. The free tier only gives me limited space for static files, which means I'll only add tools and resources when I actually decide to use them. One step at a time.

Picking a Theme

The first thing is to decide on a theme.

Honestly, I'm not super passionate about writing on any specific topic. This blog will probably become a mix of different types of posts. Still, I want to have at least *one* main theme.

I've decided: **"A blog about its own development."**
That way, I not only get to build the blog itself, but the development *itself* becomes content.

I kill two birds with one codebase.
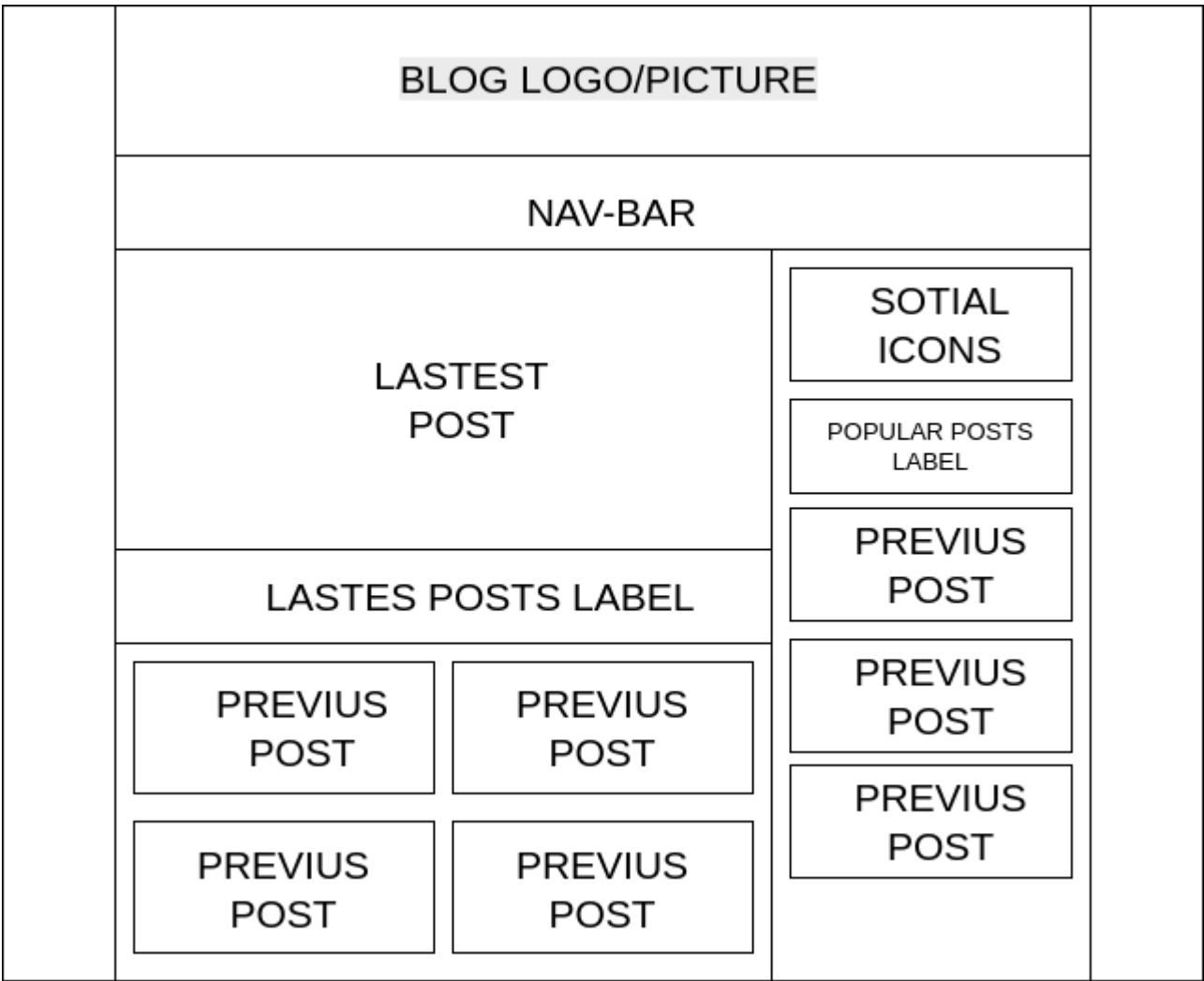
About the Use of AI

Let's address the AI elephant in the room.

I'm not paying for any premium models like ChatGPT-4 or similar services. Any help from AI will come from free-tier tools. Also, I like to understand what I'm doing—so I'll only ask AI to generate parts of the code I already understand, rather than asking it to do whole tasks. And yes, I'll test everything.

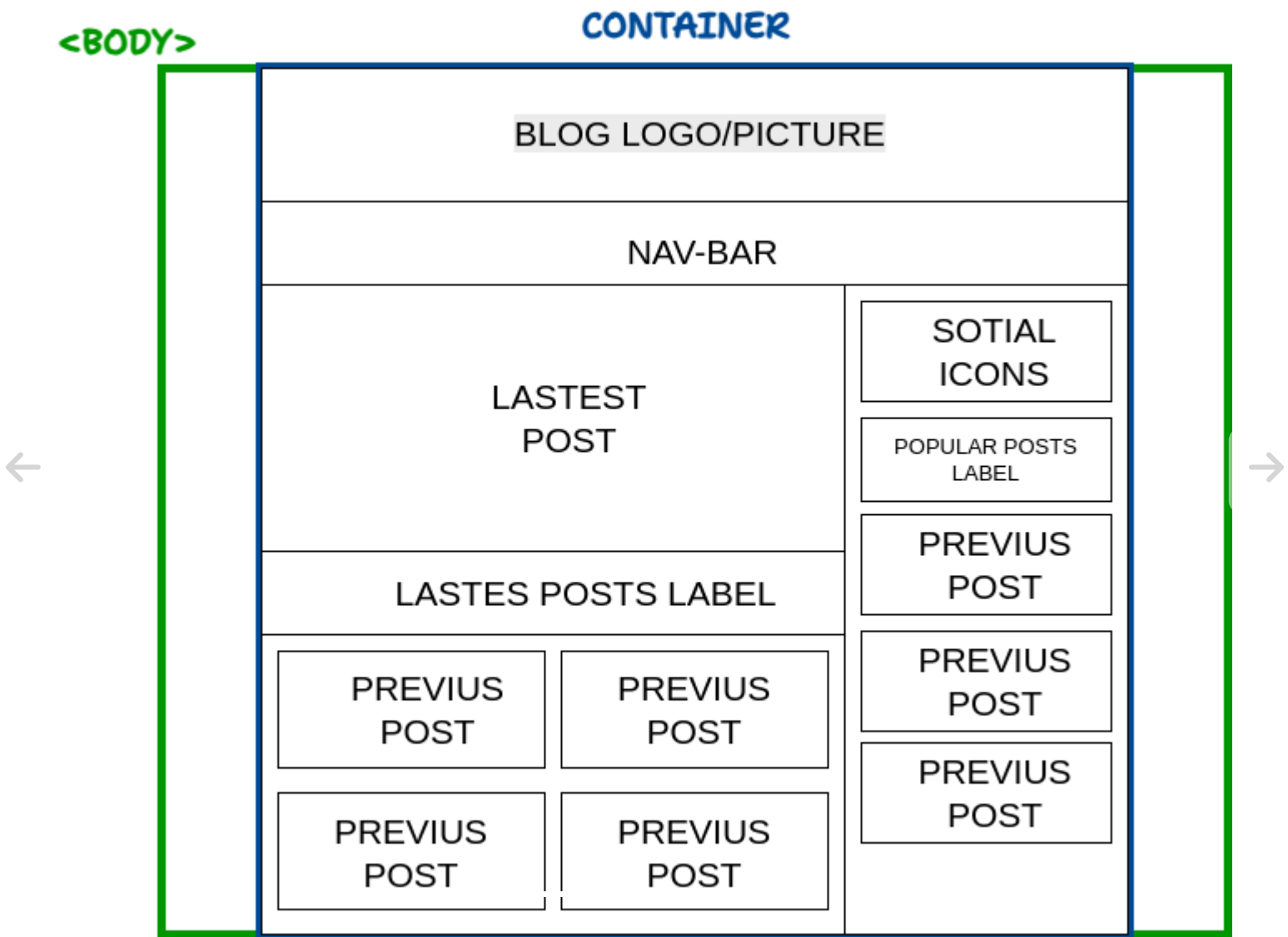**Don't blindly trust AI—or anything, really.**

Deciding on a Layout

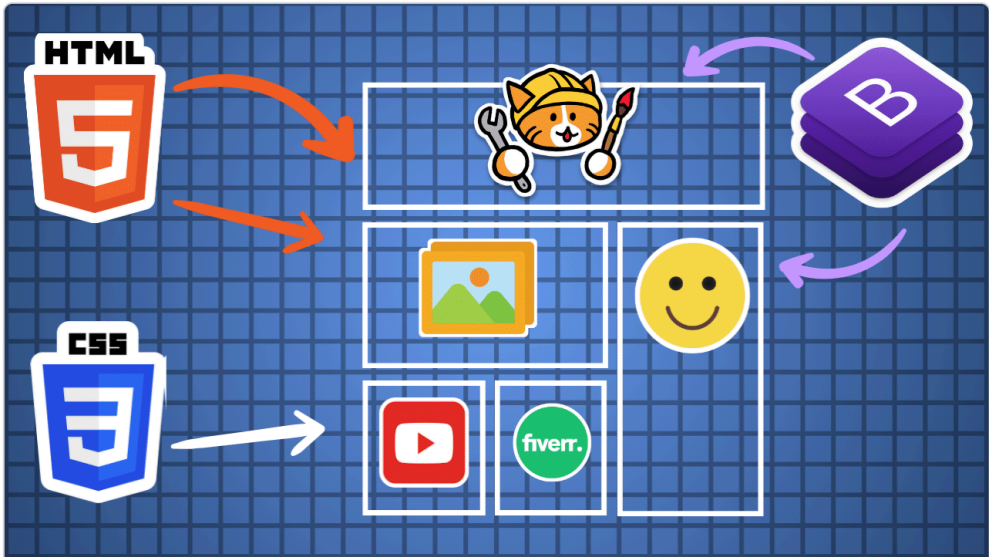After poking around the web for inspiration, I came up with the following layout:

To implement it, I'll use Bootstrap—because it's simple and I know the basics. Full disclosure: I'm not great with CSS.

This next images shows in general how I'm using Bootstrap to build the layout:

Here's what my blog looks like right now:

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If it doesn't look like that when you're reading this, that means I'm making progress! I'll be using Git and GitHub to version-control everything, so the blog's past won't be lost.

What's Next?

There's still a lot to do:

- Add a comment section (doesn't exist yet),

- A database to store comments,
- Some way to validate users (maybe email verification),
- A database for blog posts…

And that's just the *normal* stuff.

I'm also planning to add a bunch of totally unnecessary things that a blog definitely doesn't need—**just for fun** (and for content, of course):

- Maybe some mini-games,
- Embedded code editors for live testing (you'll see what I mean),
- Whatever wild ideas come to mind.

The sky's the limit.

Maybe the subtitle of this blog should be:
"A Place for Over-Engineering."
What do you think?

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i like your blog

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I kinda like it. just a little

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