# Introduction

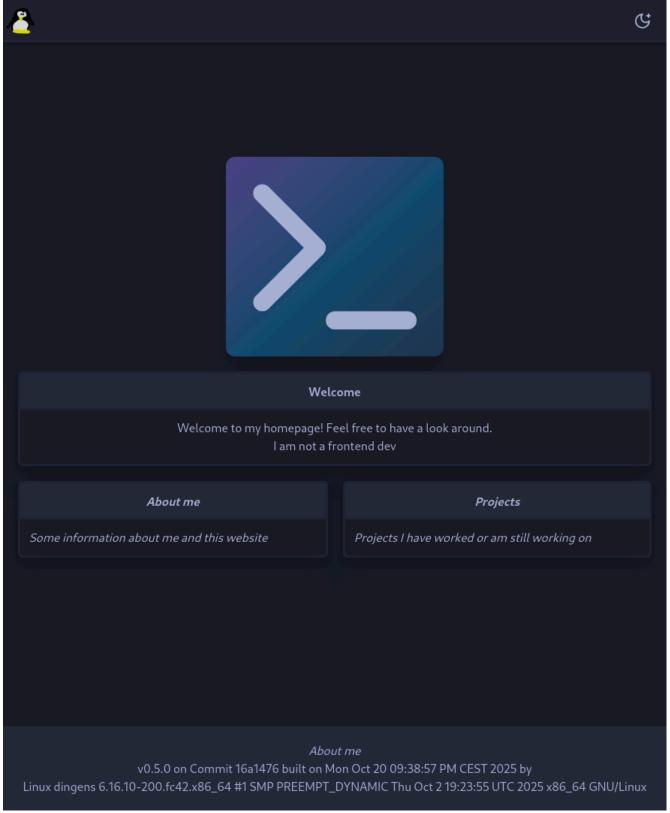
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This page ended up being the product of various iterations. It is very bare-bones, just as intended, since I am not a frontend developer and do not want to be perceived as one.

## **About me**

On this page I wanted to present various details about me and the page, mainly about what I do, what I'm good at and how I've created this webpage, since it might be helpful for fellow interested developers.



#### My name is Felix,

I currently study business informatics. My main interest is backend development, which is why I've kept this page pretty minimalistic. I enjoy building and modifying keyboards although it is a pretty expensive hobby sadly. In addition to my slight keyboard addiction, I am also an avid linux user, having used most distros for a while.

As you can probably tell by what you've read so far, I enjoy learning new skils and testing myself and my patience. This has led me down quite a few rabbit holes, mainly IT related. I manage my own little server cluster and also selfhost quite a few services like a cloud, password manager, streaming site and various gameservers. While I do not claim to be professional in any way, I do like to think that I know my way around the digital world



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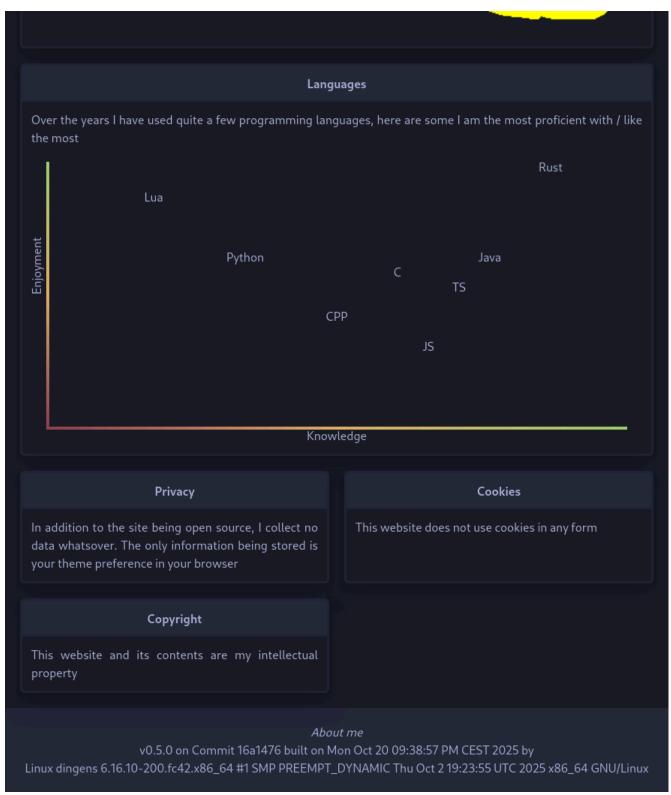
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will do my best to respond within 24 hours!

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The goal was to make the page easily responsive by dividing up the content into various topic sections. The initial two sections with just the about me and about the web page made it feel quite empty so I decided to add a fun fact about the pages mascot, as well as some privacy information and a simple graph which shows off some experience with various languages. (The graph was quite painful to create and get to look decent on various screen sizes).

# **Projects**

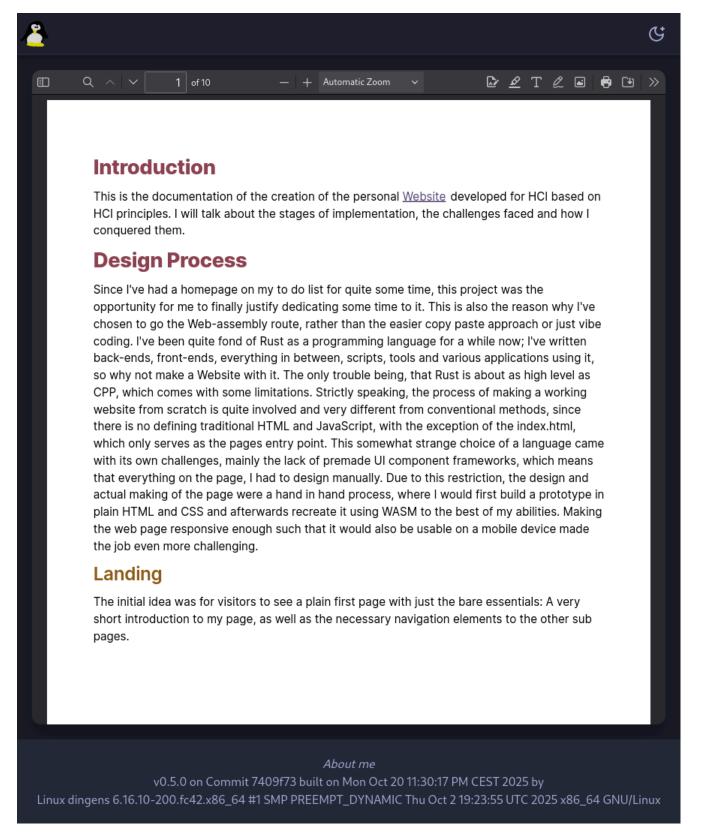
The projects screen was supposed to fit into the overall design of the other pages, so I decided a list with sections containing overviews of every project would be a good way to represent my work. When a project gets clicked, it will redirect to a static HTML page containing all the information about a specific project. This will no longer need to be made

using WASM, since firstly it would be quite tedious for every project and secondly, because the project content will not be dynamic. Adding new projects should be easy since I usually write all my notes using Markdown. I can then just convertin each documentation to a PDF, add it to the projects folder, create a short description and redeploy the page, and the new project will show right up. This should make adding new content in the future a breeze and take about 5 minutes.





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## **Verdict**

Finally, since I know not all users enjoy dark mode, I have gone through the trouble of integrating a dark and light mode, while ensuring all content remains clearly visible and the contrast is right







#### Welcome

Welcome to my homepage! Feel free to have a look around.

I am not a frontend dev

#### About me

Some information about me and this website

## Projects

Projects I have worked or am still working on

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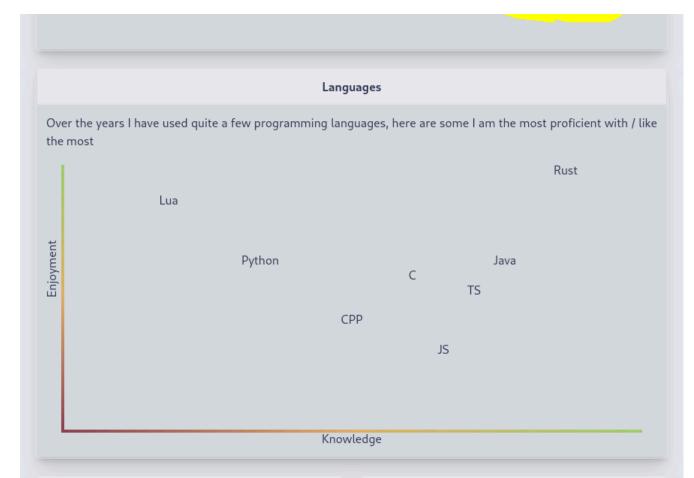
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## Privacy

In addition to the site being open source, I collect no data whatsover. The only information being stored is your theme preference in your browser

## Copyright

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This website does not use cookies in any form

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To apply some more flair to the page, I have also decided to add a few small animations to various actions, such as enlarging tiles that are currently being hovered over with the mouse. The theme used on the pages dark and light mode is a variation of the widely used <u>Tokyo Night Theme</u>. It is quite popular with developers and one of my all time favorites, thus making it my preferred choice.

To further enhance HCl principles, I have added an alt text to all images, making screen reader navigation for the visually impaired possible, as well as sticking to proper HTML hierarchy norms (nav).

Theming and design is consistent throughout the whole page, which should enhance user experience.

Finally the tools that have been used are Neovim, trunk as WASM packager and Tailwind as CSS provider. Development and hosting is being done through Github and its child product Github Pages, which makes hosting content fairly easy after exploiting its rather primitive routing.

## Reflection

# How does your website communicate who you are and what you value?

This page should clearly communicate that I am a backend developer with a passion, be it through design or its content.

# What was your main UX/UI challenge and how did you solve it?

The main challenges were responsiveness and a lack of premade UI components. These were solved by creating simple components from scratch and utilizing Tailwind, which made creating uniform CSS and integrating responsiveness much easier.

# What did you learn about translating identity into interface?

I have come to the conclusion that a simple web page can show quite a lot about the person behind it, even without directly telling the reader. Design and content choices are very personal preferences.