

I enjoyed the process.
I am by no means a designer so I am happy with the outcome.
Can't wait to update it or even start again.

During presentation I will have my live website open. The slides in the presentation are of just the wireframes. The website is needed for comparison and reflection

I'll start at the home page before the sitemap just to give you an insight of how i began.

So here we have the initial layout for the homepage. I wanted this simple theme to be consistent through the site.
I eventually decided to keep the header image on all the pages (It's my home) and move the navbar to the top.

I made the decision to remove the img and text of the left. It was crowded and untidy.

All the div titles are links to the respective pages

A screenshot of my home page.
The photo is of manly beach. My home.

I really dig the colour theme here which I keep throughout the website.
I haven't grasped more complex CSS components or scripts yet, so nothing too flashy.

Once I knew I wanted the dark mode theme, it was just a matter of finding colours I wanted.

<https://material.io/design/color/dark-theme.html#ui-application>

I found a website, material.io that really took a deep dive into the importance of colour contrasts for readability and accessibility.

I set a few variables in my stylesheet which made switching between these main colours really simple and easy. Down in the corner

I very rarely changed font sizes. Just using rem when increasing the width passed 768px and 1024px. I chose these thresholds for my media queries as they are the most common tablet and laptop views respectively.

You'll notice the elements stop growing on all my pages.
I set the max-width for many elements to 768px. It just allows the content to not be overbearing and stay centered.

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Here's the sitemap of the website.

Navbar links all pages, fluidly navigating the user around the website.

Footer links to external socials/professional

The use of the header and footer on each page just made navigation really easy for the user.

Also a few div elements linked to internal pages, for example

1. Home page divs
2. Project divs
3. Blog posts linking to specific blog.

External projects, my CV and the footer links open in new window.
It just makes sense for external links.

Very simple layout that I build upon.
I increased the number of posts to 9. Just seemed more realistic.

Again I kept the header photo. I just think it's more aesthetic and really captures me.
On wider screens it looked much better to split the blog posts into 3 columns.

I did have the idea to have *top posts* on the top as we see in the wireframe. I think what I ended up with looks more pleasing to the eye.

Title links to specific blogs *No actual blog posts* "#"

I had some issues with flexbox here.
I found the divs within the columns were not growing correctly.
I found flex-grow was defaulting to 0. Changing the flex-items to have a value of flex:1 allowed the elements to grow/shrink correctly.

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Keeping the theme of the website with a single column for mobile splitting into 2 or 3 when the breakpoint is reached.

Each div will link to experience in the field. (more of a coming soon page lmao)

Resume link at the bottom

I'll jump quickly to the about page as it's very similar

The exact same style as the experience page. I used this style as its an easy way to digest information.

So we can see I used the same html and css from my experience page.
I just really enjoy the way everything is very clear scrolling on your phone and when you get to the larger screen sizes you can see each individual element clearly captures a few interests of mine

Just going back to compare to the experience page. Each element couldn't convey exactly what it is any clearer while having a sleek albeit very basic layout.

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Keeping in the theme of the website.

I decided on a larger form and the social/professional links I changed into a footer for all pages.

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Also note the space about the nav bar. The website looked a bit too blocky and the space breaks the navbar out.

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Navbar links all pages

Footer links to external socials/professional

External projects linked through experience page and CV opens in new window.