

I figured I should preface this report by noting that this course is not entirely my first exposure to html and css. I took a brief crash course in them way back in my sophomore year of highschool, and although I really didn't remember most of it, that prior experience allowed me to work through the codecademy course in about 6 hours.

All of that being said, I actually found this assignment a little bit more difficult than I anticipated. I didn't realize how much codecademy was holding my hand, even in its more "independent" projects. Being given a series of requirements, but with the freedom to implement them however I chose was a very different animal from simply following instructions. In this project, It was pretty simple fare to write some paragraphs and headers, and add pictures and links. The part I found challenging was properly positioning them on the page, and actually trying to make the layout look decent. Even after the 5-6 hours I spent on this project, the layout still isn't to my liking and I am positive I didn't implement it as efficiently or neatly as I could have, were I a bit more experienced. After a lot of flailing around and frustration I did honestly have to step back and accept that this is more of a "getting acquainted" assignment than one where perfection is expected. One of the main mistakes I felt I made was attempting to use a table to structure my page. I spent a lot of time resizing images through Pixlr and playing with padding and margins to properly position things inside the table cells. In the end, it was a lot more trouble than it was worth. I should probably have looked further into how I could use `<div>` to divide the page into sections and then fill those sections. I will try to learn a bit more about using `<div>` and see how I can implement it more effectively into future projects.

Now that I have discussed my general experience, I will cover the inspirations I had when creating this project and anything from which I "stole like an artist". For my color scheme I simply googled "best website color palettes" and found this site: <https://designschool.canva.com/blog/website-color-schemes/>. I found myself immediately drawn to number 5. The blue and fuscia against the dark purple backdrop seemed bold and eye-catching while at the same time not being obnoxious or gaudy. While I did use those colors for this assignment, I don't think I will stick with them. I still like the combination, but my goal is to create a professional online resume and organized repository for all my classwork and independent projects. To me, these colors are a little too "edgy" and bold for an elegant, refined site that I might show to a potential employer. However, I think that the site I linked above did have a number of other nice options which I might look into for future projects.

One question I had about this assignment is, what is the difference between span and div? I went back at the last minute and tried to figure out how to incorporate a `<span>`. It seemed somewhat arbitrary to me, as I could have just achieved the same thing through a div or id. I've added that to my list of topics to look into during my leisure.

All in all, I enjoyed this assignment. It was frustrating, and I probably did not do everything as efficiently or neatly as it could be done, but I know that I learned a lot and it was

very satisfying to see my webpage come together. I can tell this is going to be a very rewarding and worthwhile class.

This project was built using the Brackets editor and tested without issue using Google Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer 10, and Microsoft Edge.