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Assignment 5.2

CSD340 Web Development with HTML & CSS

Website Topic

I will be making this website in dedication to my amazing wife Remi Atkinson (Sidman) and the incredible life she has lived and that we have built together.

Interview Questions and Answers

- 1. Where and when were you born?*

I was born in San Clemente hospital in San Clemente California on September 7th 1994.

- 2. What was your childhood like and what were some of your favorite memories of your childhood?*

My childhood was great. I lived the stereotypical “American dream” growing up in a middle class family with two loving parents in Southern California. Some of my favorite memories of my childhood were family road trips around the southwest United States with my parents and sister in our RV. We also had a boat that we docked in Dana Point harbor. I used to love going out with my family on our boat off the California coast. The town I grew up in is a small beach town between LA and San Diego in Orange County. I spent majority of my childhood at the beach and living an amazing life enjoying everything that southern California had to offer. I remember when I was younger my mom used to come to my school and tell the office that I needed to be taken out to go to a doctors appointment only for her to instead surprise us by taking us to Disneyland for the day.

- 3. Tell me about your education and career aspirations growing up.*

I attended elementary, middle, & high school at my towns local schools. I graduated in 2012 with honors from San Clemente High School. After high school because of my good grades I had a lot of opportunities and choices for College. I traveled around with my parents in 2012 visiting multiple universities that I potentially wanted to attend. After visiting other states, I eventually decided that I would like to stay closer to home and was accepted into and enrolled at the University of California Irvine. I had an amazing college experience at UCI where I was part of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. I spent my senior year as a student abroad through an exchange program and spent 6 months living and attending school in Manchester, England. I graduated from UCI with a bachelors degree in Criminology in 2016. My career goal through school was always to join the FBI.

4. What career did you end up in and how did you get there?

After college I applied many places but eventually got a job with a company in Irvine California that conducts employee background checks called Accurate Background. I got into that job through one of my friends I had made at a job I had working at a jewelry store at the local mall, she ended up becoming a recruiter and got me a temp position at Accurate. Since then I have worked my way up in the company from a temp position, to a base level position where I ran the background checks. From there I was promoted into an account representative position where I worked with our Client Amazon. Since then I have continued to grow and work my way up in the company and gained a close relationship with my contacts at Amazon. After a few more promotions and big breaks, I now hold the position of Senior Account Manager at Accurate Background in charge of all employment background checks related to warehouse and driver positions at Amazon across a number of countries Across North America, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

5. Did you ever try to fulfill your dream of becoming an FBI agent?

I did. My mom spent her younger years as a police officer in Illinois and worked her way up into a government position with a title of Special Agent with the U.S. Department of Defense conducting background checks on Military members who were attempting to obtain higher security clearance within the government. I always wanted to follow in her footsteps and get into a government position. When I was younger and before I started at Accurate Background, I was accepted into the TSA but turned it down due to the low pay. After years of experience at Accurate, I again applied to be part of the U.S. Secret service and made it to third round of interviews

where they wanted me to come to Virginia for my final interview and hopefully to start my dream career. At that time however, I had already gotten married and was living in Arizona. I decided to turn that opportunity down because of the low starting salary and the fact that being in a government position with the Secret Service would mean having to move wherever they decided they needed me. I felt like it was a better choice to keep growing my career in the private sector with Accurate and continue working remote making a good salary plus bonuses.

6. *Tell me about your family*

I have two wonderful parents. My mom was born in Indiana and lived majority of her life in the suburbs of Chicago. She was the first woman police officer in the town of Naperville Illinois. From there she accepted a position in the Department of Defense and ended up in Southern California for work and to live with her sister who was in the military in San Diego. My dad was born and raised in Hilo Hawaii, he was the complete opposite of my mom and was just a laid back island kid who spent most of his life doing odd jobs in Hawaii and living the relaxing island lifestyle. In his early 30's, he decided there wasn't anything left for him in Hawaii and moved to Southern California for more opportunity. He ended up going to barber college and spent the majority of his adult life running his own small barber shop on Pacific Coast Highway in Dana Point California called "Aloha Barber". My parents met in their mid-late 30's and got married and had two children, me and my younger sister Christa. They bought a house in San Clemente California and raised their family there. My parents still live in San Clemente and my sister lives in Laguna Niguel about 15 minutes away from them. My sister is married and has a 1 year old son named Freddy. I met my husband Joel (me) in Las Vegas in September of 2017. He was Canadian, so we did long distance dating for a while before I moved up to the northern border of Washington state to be near him in 2019. In June of 2019 we got married and filed the paperwork with the U.S. Government to have him immigrate to the United States. In 2021 he was finally approved and we moved to Arizona in the suburbs of Phoenix where we still live today. In July of 2024 we welcomed our first child, a baby girl named London. We now live happily with our daughter and our dog (Berne doodle) Elvis.

7. *What are some of your favorite hobbies?*

My favorite hobby is travelling. I absolutely love to travel the World and experience everything it has to offer. When I studied abroad in the U.K., I used to fly to European

countries on weekend trips. Since meeting my husband we continue to travel every year with our favorite destination being Hawaii where we go at least once a year. I have been to 13 countries and hope to visit more as I get older. Other hobbies I have are spending time with my friends doing anything and everything. I love the sun and the beach. I spend as much time as I can outside by the pool in Arizona. I also love to work out. Going to the gym and doing exercise classes are some of my favorite parts of my week. I also really enjoy shopping. I love to shop for clothes or for things for my house. I am also very generous and love buying things for my friends, my daughter, and my dog. Additionally, I love the simple things in life and thoroughly enjoy spending time with my daughter and doing DIY home remodels on my weekends with my husband.

8. *Where are some countries or locations that you would like to go to in the future?*

I look forward to continuing to go to Hawaii at least once every year. Additionally, I would really like to continue to explore the U.S. and visit national parks. On top of that, my dream vacation that I must do before I die is a wildlife safari in Africa.

9. *What are some of your favorite foods?*

I think my favorite type of food is Mexican. Growing up in Southern California and now living in Arizona, I have always had amazing options for Mexican food and it was always a staple for me. I also really enjoy sushi, steak, cheese boards, & red wine.

10. *Are you happy with your life?*

My life is everything I had ever dreamed of. I always joke and say “If I could see my life now through the eyes of myself as a kid, young Remi would say wow older Remi is rich”. I have a beautiful home, a wonderful family, a fulfilling career, and amazing friends that make my life so enjoyable. I have the type of personality where I am always striving and wanting more, but when I take a step back and look at what I have, I am extremely happy and blessed.

Write up

Landing Page

This website is dedicated to my incredible wife Remi, and highlights the amazing life she has built as a devoted wife & mother, an intellectual and career driven woman,& an all around great person who is loved by all that know her.

About me

My name is Remi Atkinson (Sidman). I was born in San Clemente hospital in San Clemente California on September 7th 1994. I grew up living an amazing middle class lifestyle enjoying all of the beauty and attractions that Southern California has to offer. I spent my childhood enjoying the beach and the ocean almost every day. It is my happy place. I had an amazing family life growing up with two loving parents, and a younger sister who I used to fight with all the time but who is now my best friend. My life has given me amazing opportunities to get an education, study abroad, and graduate from the University of California Irvine with a bachelor's degree in criminology. I was able to use my experience and education to get my foot in the door with a fantastic company, where I have worked my way up the ladder into an incredible position as a senior account manager. I love to travel and have been to 13 countries and counting. I currently live an amazing life in the suburbs of Phoenix Arizona with my husband, our 1 year old daughter, & our dog Elvis. Looking at my life, I am the type of person who is always striving for more and has goals and aspirations to achieve more in life regardless of how much I have. However, taking a step back and looking at the life I have built, I can honestly say that I am extremely happy and blessed.

Hobbies

Travel: My favorite hobby is traveling. No matter what, I always want to have at least one trip booked in order to have something to look forward to and continue to see the world. In my senior year of college, I studied abroad in Manchester, England. This allowed me to not only live and experience the U.K, but also to take cheap and easy flights all over Europe on my weekends. I love to travel around the U.S. as well. I enjoy visiting national parks and seeing the beauty that our country has to offer. My favorite place too visit is Hawaii. My husband and I go to Hawaii at least once a year and it is always somewhere that we look forward to visiting. My dream vacation that I must do before I die is visit a wildlife safari in Africa.

Food:

I am a big foodie. I not only love food but also love the experience that dining has to offer. In my day to day life I can't think of many things that I enjoy more than a nice dinner out at a restaurant with my friends or family. Growing up in Southern California and now living in Arizona I have grown up with amazing Mexican food so naturally that is my favorite. I also really enjoy sushi, steak, cheese boards, and red wine. Especially if it is on a patio for happy hour.

Working Out: I love to exercise. I spend multiple days a week at the gym doing workouts or participating in exercise classes. This allows me to focus on myself and have some time away from everything where I can enjoy pushing myself to the limits to create the best version of myself that I can.

Family Time and Friends: I have become a fan of the simple life, I enjoy spending time at home with my family just watching tv on nights in, or doing DIY home improvements on the weekends. I also have an amazing group of close knit friends who I love to spend time with, whether that be lounging out by the pool, going out for brunch or to the farmers markets, or even just staying in and having a quiet night with some drinks and a board game.

Family

Parents: My mom was born in Indiana but spent majority of her young life in the suburbs of Chicago. She attended the university of Indiana and eventually became a police officer. She was the first woman police officer in the town of Naperville Illinois. She eventually accepted a position with the U.S. Department of Defense as a Special Agent for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management where she worked running background investigations on military and government personnel who were attempting to gain higher security clearance within the government. She moved to San Diego California in the late 1980's to live with her sister who was stationed there in the military. This is where she met my father. My father was born and raised in Hilo Hawaii. He spent his childhood living a more relaxed island lifestyle working in the tourism industry and driving a truck delivering produce. In his 30's he decided that there wasn't anything left for him in Hawaii and moved to California for

more opportunity. From there he went to barber college and started a career as a barber. For most of his adult life he ran his own barber shop in Dana Point California called Aloha Barber. My parents got married in and bought a house in San Clemente California where they still live today.

Siblings & Their Family: I have one sibling, a younger sister named Christa. She is 2 and a half years younger than me. About 7 years ago she met a guy named Alex. After years of dating they got married and now live together in Laguna Niguel California with their one year old son Freddy.

Husband and His Family: I met my husband in Las Vegas in September of 2017. After about a year and a half of long distance dating, I moved up to the Washington State / Canada border to be close to him as he lived only 15 minutes across the border in Chilliwack British Columbia, Canada. In June of 2019 we got married and started the paperwork process for him to immigrate to the United States. In June of 2021 it was finally approved and we moved to the suburbs of Phoenix Arizona where we still live today. He has two loving parents and an older sister. They still all live in Chilliwack British Columbia. His sister is married and has two young boys.

Education and Career

Education: I spent my childhood going to the local elementary, middle & high schools in San Clemente California. I graduated from San Clemente High School with honors in 2012. Because of my grades, I was awarded a lot of scholarships and received quite a few acceptance letters from different universities across the country. I spent some time traveling around with my parents to visit the different schools doing campus tours in order to help me decide where I would like to attend. In the end, I decided I wanted to stay closer to home and accepted an offer to attend the University of California Irvine. In my senior year, I did an exchange program and spent a semester studying abroad in Manchester, England. In 2016, I graduated from UCI with a bachelor's degree in criminology.

Career: Throughout my childhood, it was always my dream to follow my mother's footsteps and get a job within the government. My dream was to become an FBI agent. After college, I applied to join the TSA in order to get my foot in the door with a government position. I was accepted, however turned down the job due to the low salary. A friend of mine that I knew

from working in a jewelry store at the local mall in California had become a recruiter and set me up with a temp position at a company in Irvine called Accurate Background. This was a California company that ran employment background checks for companies all across the world. After my temp position came to an end I was offered a full time role starting at the bottom as somebody who processed background checks. From there I was able to work my way up into a position as an account representative working along side contacts at Amazon, who is our companies largest client. In 2019, my company allowed me to work remote from Northern Washington, which worked out well for both me and the company as it offered me the ability to go in and visit with my clients in person at their Seattle headquarters. Since then, I have continued to work my way up and now hold the position of Senior Account Manager where I work along side clients at Amazon and manage background checks for warehouse workers and drivers across North America, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

Wireframes

Landing page:

(H1) The Life of Remi Atkinson (Sidman)

About Me Hobbies Family Education/Career

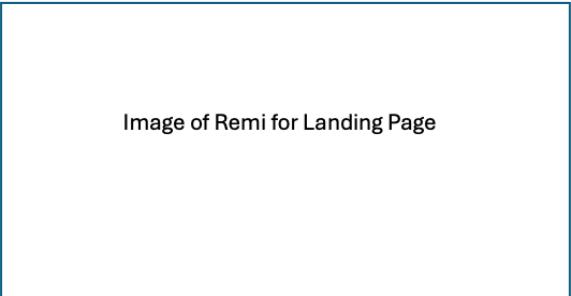


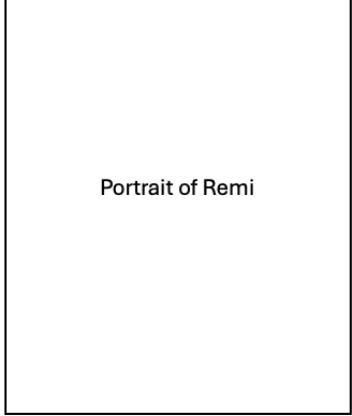
Image of Remi for Landing Page

(H3)This website is dedicated to my incredible wife Remi, and highlights the amazing life she has built as a devoted wife & mother, an intellectual and career driven woman, & an all around great person who is loved by all that know her.

About me:

Home

About Me (H1)



Portrait of Remi

<p> Paragraph about Remi's life

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Hobbies:

Home

Hobbies (H1)

<P> Travel: Paragraph about travel



Photo of travel



Photo of Food

<P> Food: Paragraph about food

*Alternate picture one
side text on the other for
rest of hobbies*

Family:

Home

Family (H1)

Photo of Parents

<P> Parents: Paragraph about parents</p>

<P> Siblings: Paragraph about siblings</p>

Photo of Siblings

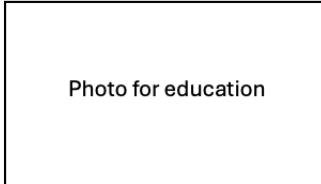
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Education/Career:

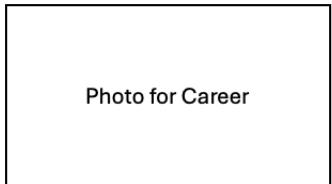
Home

Education/Career (H1)

<P> Education: Paragraph about Education</p>

Photo for education

<P> Career: Paragraph about career</p>

Photo for Career

Photos to be used in website design

Landing Page:



About me page:



Travel:



Food:



Working Out:



Spending time with Friends/family:



Parents:



Siblings:



Husband and his family:



Education:



Career:



Style Guide

Key Principles

- Responsiveness: Use relative units (e.g., %, em) for flexibility on different screen sizes & breakpoints for mobile
- Accessibility: Ensure text contrast (black on beige) & alt text on images.
- Browser Compatibility: Test on Chrome, Firefox, Safari.

File Structure

- HTML files: remi_landing.html (landing), about_me.html, hobbies.html, family.html, education_career.html.
- CSS: Linked CSS file to HTML files for styling reference.
- Images: Placed in images folder, with alt text for all.

Color Palette

The color scheme is minimalist, using beige/tan for backgrounds for warmth and readability, and black for text and outlines for contrast and a classic look.

- Primary Background (Beige/Tan): #FFE4B5 (Moccasin, used for body or page backgrounds).
- Text and Outlines (Black): #000000 (pure black, used for all text, borders, and outlines).
- Decorative Border: #000000 (solid black, 2px thick).
- Hover/Accent : #A9A9A9 (dark gray for hovers).
- Visited: #8A2BE2 (Purple for visited links)

Typography

Font Family:

- H1: 'EB Garamond'
- H3 and Paragraphs: 'Times New Roman', serif.

Font Sizes:

- H1: 2.5em (40px base, scalable).
- H3: 1.5em (24px base).
- Paragraphs: 1em (16px base).
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Line Height: 1.5 for all text.

Font Weight: Normal (400) for body text; Bold (700) for headings.

Alignment: Centered for H1; Left-aligned for paragraphs and H3 (or centered if specified per section).

Layout and Grid

The site uses a responsive grid system (CSS Grid or Flexbox) for alternating photo and paragraph sections. All pages have a black decorative square border around the content (e.g., via a wrapper div with ID #page-frame). The "Home" button is positioned absolute in the top-left corner on subpages.

Global Layout:

- Body: Beige/tan background, black text.
- #page-frame: Black 2px solid border, padding: 20px, max-width: 1200px, centered.
- Home Button: Home in top-left, position: absolute; top: 10px; left: 10px; black text, no underline except on hover.

Landing Page:

- H1 centered at top.
- Horizontal photo centered in frame.
- H3 paragraph underneath, centered

About Me Page:

- Vertical photo left (50% width), paragraph right (50% width) using Flexbox or Grid.

Hobbies Page:

- Alternating: Photo right (50% width), paragraph left (50% width), then photo left, paragraph right, etc. Use Flexbox for each row with flex-direction: row-reverse for alternating.

Family Page:

- Alternating: Photo left (50% width), paragraph right (50% width), then photo right, paragraph left, etc. Use Flexbox for each row.

Education/Career Page:

- Alternating: Photo right (50% width), paragraph left (50% width), then photo left, paragraph right, etc. Use Flexbox for each row with flex-direction: row-reverse for starting with photo right.

Components

Headers

- H1: Centered on all pages, EB Garamond font, black text.
- H3: Used for section titles, Times New Roman, black text, left-aligned or centered as per layout.

Paragraphs

- Times New Roman, black text, 1em size, left-aligned.

Images

- Alt text: Descriptive (e.g., "Photo of travel").

- Sizing: Responsive (max-width: 100%, height: auto).
- Placement: Alternating as per page, with black border if needed.

Home Button

- Top-left, black text, underline on hover.

Decorative Square

- Black 2px border around #page-frame.

Page Specific Styles

Landing Page: H1 centered, photo centered with H3 below.

About Me: Flex row: photo left, paragraph right.

Hobbies: Flex rows alternating direction.

Family: Flex rows alternating, starting with photo left.

Education/Career: Flex rows alternating, starting with photo right.