

Presentation

After weeks of doing sketches and mockups instead of coding, I realized how fast we forget things.

The first thing that I did was changing and making corrections in my prototype boards, according to the feedback from the class. At the same time I collected all assets which might be useful. To be more organized, I sorted all pictures in folders by their purpose and location on the website. All pictures were checked and corrected to be appropriate and look good for using in the website. This took me more time than I expected. I had to prepare each picture in their correct size. Finally, I knew that specific file names are very important, or chaos can and most likely would ensue during the project. Eventually, I plan to add more pictures to the website.

When the preparation work was done, I made and saved all the webpages and CSS style sheet. That made the linking process of the pages easier once I started coding. I started to work with two different templates and the style sheet. When those were done, it was easier to work with the remaining ones because some information overlapped. It was clear then what will go to the external style sheet and which parts are individual for each page. The most challenging part for me is applying styles, especially for layouts and object positioning. There are so many things that can affect positioning of objects that it is hard to find out why an object does not obey my commands. Also, since I have not learned JavaScript yet at all, it still is a complete mystery and takes a lot of time just reading and learning. I would have very much appreciated to have at least an introduction class or two with basics about it. Thus for this project, I don't use JavaScript as much as I could have. I hope to add more effects later. For now, I can get through with the help of linking pages. For some things, however, it is necessary to use JavaScript. For example, I coded a script for the gallery section with some help of a friend.

The big surprise was that the website does not look exactly like the prototype. Even if the same elements are used, it looks and "feels" different. I think it is mostly caused by the size and proportions of the elements. The screen seems much wider, font size - sometimes smaller, sometimes larger. The same pictures or assets also appear larger on the website. I still have a lot of work to do with this website and feel like running out of time. In order to somewhat fit into the short time given, as the first step I worked on coding all pages and inserted all main elements without precise layout. As the next step, I tried to find a solution for different issues I faced along the way. This turned out to be a struggle and some issues have remained unresolved. I am sure that I will need more time to correct all of the little issues.

During this last phase of the project, I mostly refreshed my knowledge of html and CSS. Since web design is something completely new for me, at this phase the more I do the more new and unknown things and questions come up.