Justin Zmich: UX Portfolio Pre Production Write-Up



# JUSTIN ZMICH PERSONAL PORTFOLIO

I want my portfolio to reflect my work ethic by conveying the problem, the proces and the outcome; because employers want to know how you approach a design problem.

My portfolio should define the dimensions of each project, outlining its problems, goals, challenges and features. Furthermore, I should inleude my approach/invlovlement in each project with detailed copywriting. In the end, I want my portfolio to craft a narative around how I work and design that is simple and easy to follow for employers.



This UX portfolio is intended to showcase to potential empoyers my best work as a student and as a visual designer. I want to show them how I work and aproach problems. The website itself should be a representation of my knowledge of good visual design.

### Portfolio Inspiration



# Hello, my name is Jason a user experience designer from San Francisco. In the 7th grade, I poer kit menths perfecting the ultimate skate ramp lasted through ten scorching California summers. I create memorable, indipulsating product

What can we build together?

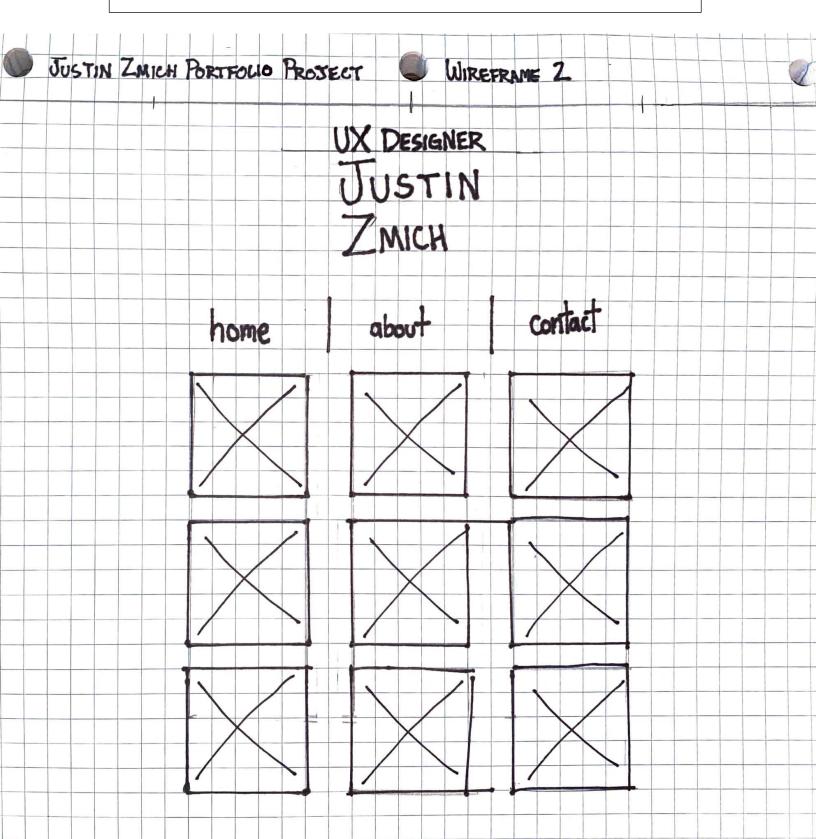


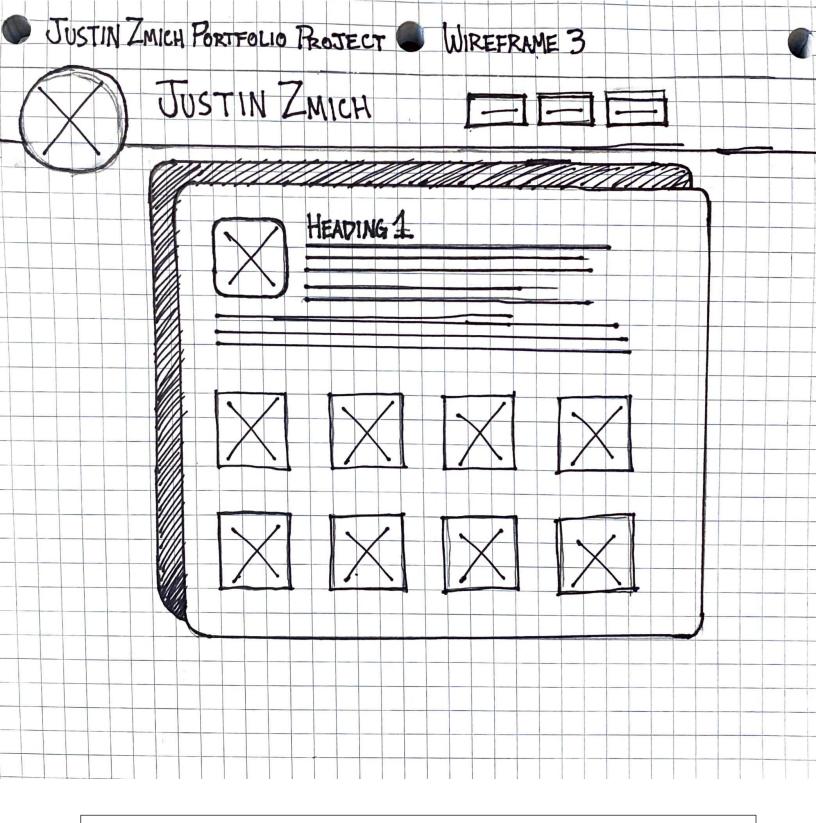


# Wireframes JUSTIN ZMICH PORTFOLIO WIRETRAME 1 NAVIGATION HEADING 1 B WHITE SPACE WHITE SPACE My PORTFOLIO My Process W3 W3 WEBSITE VALIDATOR SOCIAL MEDIA ICONS MOBILE WIREFRAMES JUSTIN ZMICH PORTFOLIO PROJECT #2 #1 JUSTIN ZMICH UX DESIGNER 国国国 JUSTIN ZMICH home about Contact HEADING S

# **Iterating on My Design**

The mobile wireframes above are each based off the three wireframe sketches provided within this section. I attempted to emphasize the unique characteristics of each UI. Boiling the elements down to a mobile display helped me finalize my design, which ended up being a hybrid of elements taken from all three wireframes.





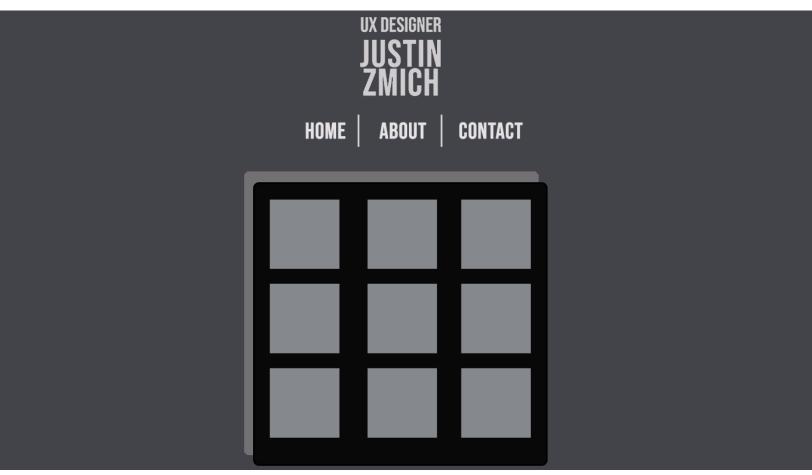
## **The Takeaway**

What I took away from building out my wireframes is that I need to keep my design intentional and simplistic. Having too many elements on a page can be distracting, and so going forward I iterated my comps based on the most simplistic wireframe (#2). The design for this wireframe was minimal, and therefore the easiest to navigate. Each of the other wireframes had elements which were unnecessary and complicated the overall user flow.

# **Compositions**



Design #1 – lighter background with darker accents, minimalist theme.



Design #2 – inverted main colors + a unique body styling taken from wireframe #3.

### The Vision is Coming Together

After completing my comps I have a good Idea for the direction I want to take this project, especially when it comes to styling and colors. The project should have a darker background and mostly greyscale or muted colors, as shown in Composition #2. My project will also have a body to separate content from background.

Iterating through several designs during wireframing helped me decide which elements are necessary and which are not for the user flow of my portfolio. I only want to include the elements most-necessary and focus on communication rather than style.

That being said, I still need to pick out possible patterns and typographies, which I have outlined through two style tiles below. As stated, I want to keep the colors muted and patterns subtle to not overdesign.



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Style Tile version:01

#### Possible Colors



#### Textures

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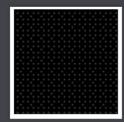


**Possible Colors** 



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http://www.styletil.es Template by @Samantha

### **Patterns not in Practice**

After completing these style tiles, I have determined that patterns are fun and interesting to look at, but also inherently distracting. Much like with the content I need to focus my colors and patterns to not distract the user, and only use them when it is complimentary, or helpful to guide the user.

Therefore, I will not be using any patterns in my final portfolio design, because I believe it is too distracting from the elements that I want a user to focus on when entering my website.

I want to follow a style like style tile #2. However, I don't think I will incorporate the body border because it is experimental, and same with the buttons. Again, because I don't want to over-design.