Course Asignment Report – February 10.02.2019

These two weeks our assignment is what I genuinly have been both looking forward too and been excited about since we first started out this Front-End study course. Ever since the beginning when we first started studying front-end devolping I feel this is starting to look like what I would say is – «a typical front end job»

Our assignment was to build a 4 page layout that is responsive for both mobile cell and desktop computers, and use what we've been taught so far, and I have to say – Its had its up and downs, but most importantly been very good in terms of experience and knowledge.

I started off making a sketch on a piece of paper to get a rough idea of what I want to make out of it. And by looking at different tour pages I could see what was «hot» in the market. The general design that is very common through the modern web is to keep it simple yet; easy to use and understand and navigate. I had a couple of thoughts approaching this assignment – 1. was to make it very stylish and transparent, as I've wanted to make a page that looks like that, but I didnt feel that would really suit this project. 2. Which is the method I went with – was to make a page easy for tourists who really just want a descriptive page – easy to navigate, and a simple language.

Into the mid week of week 1 I put myself into the tourists feet and asked myself. «what do I look for when I'm trying to locate something on the web outside of Norway» - Ah, yes! I always want the info I need right at my face, and a simple navigation bar that follows me whenever I scroll the page. So I decided to add this to my design sketch, along side buttons.

Coming into week 2, I had finished the sketches both on paper and illustrator to give me a rough idea what I'm aiming for but as soon as I started working on the html markup I found that making the design exactly as I sketched would make it messy on the actual page instead of a cleaner look. So it got very clear quickly that I would need to go for a simpler 1 column look instead of a 2 column look.

In the process of creating the «skeleton» of the page I re-used alot of the earlier projects and tricks i've accumulated from the different courses on lynda & Youtube courses. I am especially a fan of Devs youtube page who has some really good ideas. I've also had a couple of chats with Filip a co-student in the same class and we've discussed some ideas back and forth – even tho we went with different approaches. I had the idea to also make the page horizontal aswell «the same approach as filip» but I came to the conclusion that it would make a much more «complicated» mobile version – and since the original assignment was to focus on a mobile page and theoretical major of the clients would be on the phone I figured I would stick to a «horizontal» style page.

Attacking the css, I went with the approach of giving the different elements in the html different specific classes each for mobile and desktop device. Just to make sure the css would stay more tidy and systematic. I would then for the most part copy the the mobile css over too desktop and make some small adjustmenst accordingly. Given more time, or if I would keep working on the project It would then be easier to allocate the different classes and make even more improvements.

All in all this project has taught me that, older projects can be relevant, and if the styling works there is no need to change it. Its also a good thing to see using devtools – too actually see what other developers thought about, and use their ideas in my project without directly copying the work. I also had some inspiration from my girlfriend and her job homepage about some designs that would work. As a result of my older projects and what they have taught me – its that if you have different components working on other pages/projects you have worked on, then simply use it over again, make a couple of changes to fit the design of your current project and you will have a good looking page without having too start from scrath everytime you want to make a new button, div-box etc.

Its definetly been a knowledgeble journey and Its a step closer to becoming a front-end developer, even tho theres still a couple of years left I am slowly learning. Hopefully in the right direction.