

At first, I was looking at simple/modern website designs as I wanted to keep my portfolio website simple. I wasn't sure what style or direction to take when designing my portfolio site. A lot of the examples I was finding had included lots of white and very simple shapes and text. I had thought that seemed a tad bit too easy and not like me.

However, once I realized I had my ICC portfolio, I went back and realized I could use it to my advantage. After this, the concept of my project mostly stayed the same. It helped me a lot when I looked back on my ICC portfolio. I used the design elements and colors of my portfolio along with the white circles and use of lines I have. On my other 2 projects I had not really focused on using a grid or sticking to it, so for this project I wanted to fully incorporate a grid. I decided to make the grid fully visible and a part of my design. I had always included decorative shapes in my website, so I was hesitant to include shapes, however, I decided to include them because I thought it made my website look not as empty.

Another thing I couldn't figure out was how to place my paragraph text for each image. After looking at an example portfolio website, I realized I could have my image transform into the paragraph when hovered over. That was something I hadn't tried yet, so I found and then attempted to follow Annie's video on the topic. For some reason, I couldn't get the code to work for me, but I eventually figured it out. A lot of z-index was used. I put an opacity hover on the image and just layer the text and background rectangle of the text. When the image was hovered on, its opacity would turn to 0 and the text would peek through.

The biggest challenge I ran into was figuring out how to create a drop-down menu. Thankfully, I found a YouTube tutorial that mostly guided me through the process. It easily took me a couple of hours to fully finish. Positioning the drop-down menu took me a little while too as I had to make sure it lined up perfectly and centered with the word "work." After a while of positioning my images and text, I realized the nav bar was becoming covered by everything else, so I went back in and added a z-index=2 to it.

As I was getting closer and closer to finishing the "work" pages, I ran into another problem. This problem had me thinking I was going to have to restart all my positioning for my entire "work" section. While working on my images and text, I was making everything position=absolute. I did this because on the last project, I learned that making everything position=relative ends up pushing everything to the bottom of the page and eventually creates more space at the bottom of the page. I cannot figure out how to get rid of this space other than going back in and changing the relative to absolute. I went back in and did that. There is probably a better way to do this, but that's the way I've learned, and it works

for me. Thankfully, once I did this, I had to make `top=0` and just realign it to the grid to where I had it previously.

Feedback wise, I haven't needed too much on my own nor reached out for feedback, so there isn't much I can write about for this part. The piece of feedback I've received is to change any left positioning from pixel-based units to percentages.