/\* Please create a simple CSS file for my portfolio website, inspired by a clean and modern professional aesthetic.

I'm a student learning CSS basics and need styling for the following sections:

- Navigation bar

- Header/intro section

- About me section

- Education section

- Projects section

- Skills section

- Extracurricular activities section

- Contact form

- Footer

My website should have a structured and visually balanced look that emphasizes readability and accessibility.

The layout should be fully responsive for both mobile and desktop screens.

--- Key Design Requests ---

- refined and elegant color scheme\*\* using CSS variables (e.g., --primary-bg, --secondary-bg, --accent-color, --hover-color).

- cohesive and accessible font choice\*\* ("Merriweather", serif) for a professional feel.

- Improved contrast for navigation links\*\*, ensuring readability.

- Smooth hover effects\*\* on navigation links and buttons for an interactive experience.

- A card-based layout\*\* for the projects section with a subtle hover effect (slight elevation).

- Well-defined styling\*\* for the "Education," "Skills," and "Extracurricular Activities" sections, ensuring clear separation and readability.

- A modern button design\*\* for the contact form with a slight scaling effect on hover.

- A \*\*centered header image layout\*\* with improved spacing.

- Responsive typography adjustments\*\* for mobile screens (e.g., slightly smaller font size in the header).

- Ensure the website is \*\*clean, structured, and visually appealing\*\* with consistent padding, spacing, and alignment.

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