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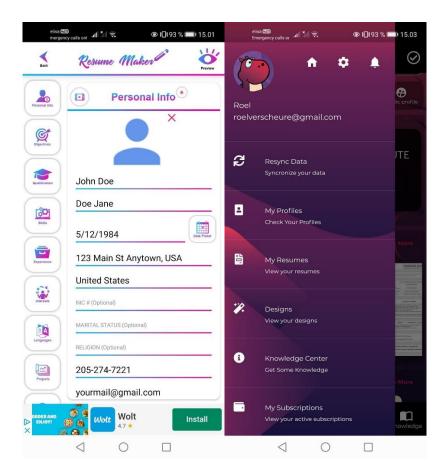
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1 Benchmarking my app

I found it rather tricky to properly benchmark the app that we were supposed to make following the instructions since the mobile apps available were all pretty much different. While both my to be developed app and the mobile apps I went through handle CV and resumes, there is a big difference between an app that is your CV in the form of a mobile app and a mobile app that is there to create a CV (to publish as a PDF file). I still went through a couple of those CV maker apps and tried to note down a couple of elements that I liked and wanted to try and incorporate in my app.

In 2 of the apps I checked out, I really liked how they rather worked with a navigation sidebar. In the one resume maker they worked with a permanent visible sidebar to navigate between the different possible sections of your resume, while in the other they hid the navigation behind a hamburger menu to leave more room to share the info on the full screen. I like both approaches very much and intend to figure out which will work best for my own purposes. But especially making things visually linked with the content or categories seems like a great thing to pursue.



2 CV for web and mobile app designer & developer

Since most job offers for mobile and software development have a strong focus on the technical skills involving developing an app or any piece of software, it's clearly important to clearly define your skills on that level. So I took my already established CV and added a section about my programming and development skill. I also added a link to my GitHub repository so possible employers can find projects I've been working on in the past. I also indicated that I try to stay up to date on the latest by completing classes on the Udacity platform.

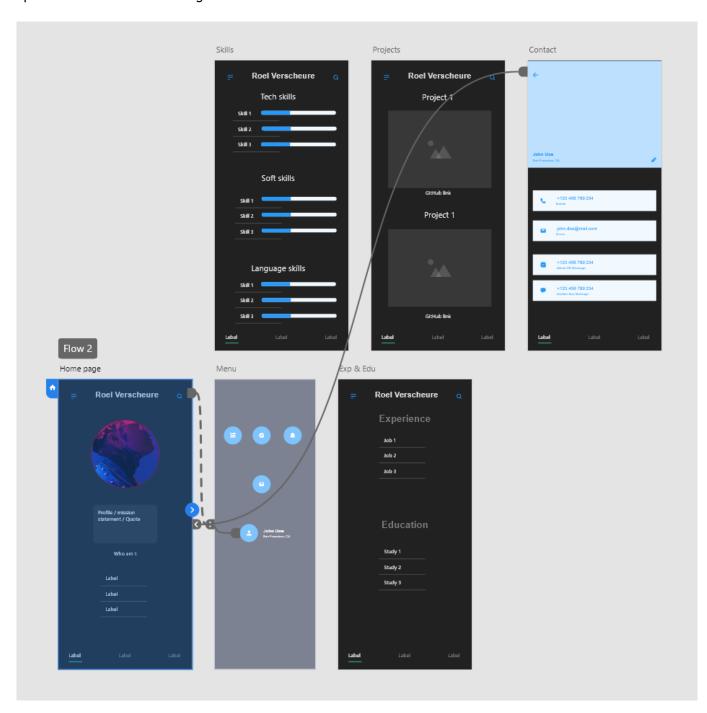
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3 Wireframe/prototype

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I worked out a wireframe/prototype through Adobe XD, which was an interesting learning experience since I hadn't used the platform before. A very interesting program that seems to have a lot of possibilities in the free option. I came to the following:



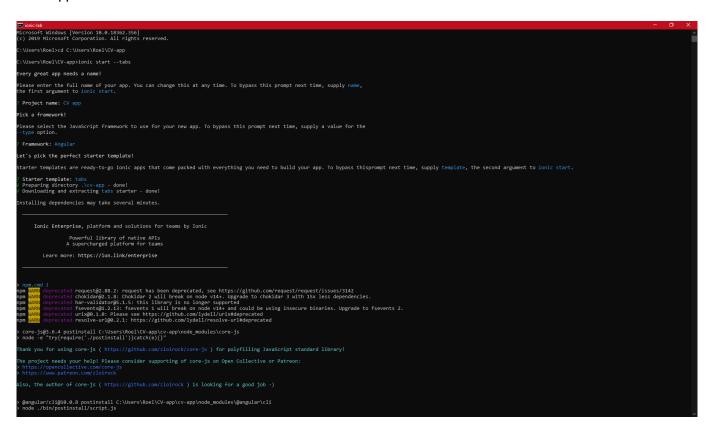
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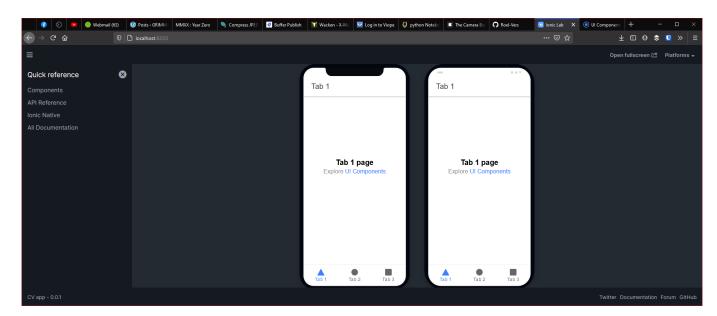
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Step-by-step development mobile app

First I set up a basic app through command and the Ionic platform that would enable me to work out my personal app:



After the app was set up, I served it in lab so I could follow the progress and changes I make along the way:

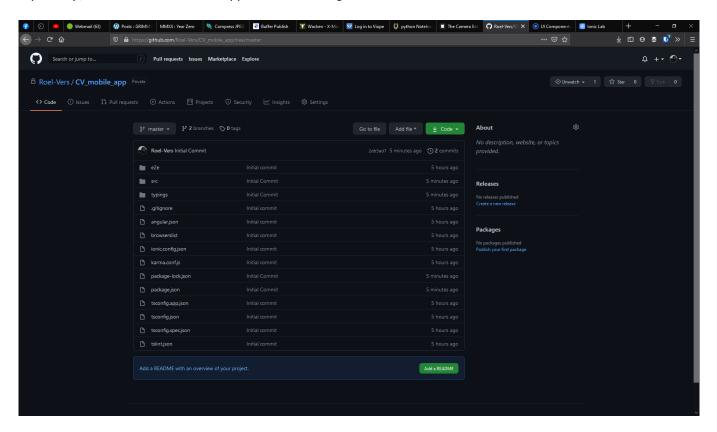




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Before I started to make my changes, I set up a repository on my GitHub account so I could commit the starting code there and commit the changes in a safe way without breaking the coding that worked. Once I set up the repository, I committed the basic app files and coding to the master branch there:



And then it was time to get the basic app I had set up molded into the personal CV mobile app that I intended to do. Before I went to VS code to start working on the coding, I had to create a couple of pages that I needed for the app: personal info, experience, skills, projects and contact information. This was done through command with "ionic generate page pages/pagename". I made sure that all the pages I created were gathered in the same "pages" folder for easy navigation within VS code.

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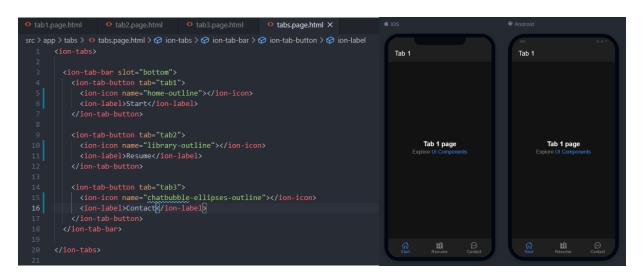
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Next, I opened up my project in VS code and served the project with "ionic serve -lab", so I could monitor the changes that I applied to it. First up, I adjusted the tabs at the bottom to navigate within the app to the welcome tab, resume tab and contact tab by adding some different icons and labels:



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Next, was working on adding a working burger menu on every page that folds open at the left side with an overlap, to navigate between the pages. In earlier projects, I manually added the exact coding for the whole menu to every single tab and page I generated. This is not really part of "best practices", because that meant that I had to apply every minor adjustment I made to every single page. So I went to look for a way to include the menu on every tab and page in a way that when changes are made to the menu, the updated menu automatically is shown on every tab and page:

- Adding the following to "app.component.html" to ensure that the menu appears on every page without having to copy paste the full code in every html file:

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- Adding the following to "app.component.ts" to generate the icons and titles in the menu accordingly:

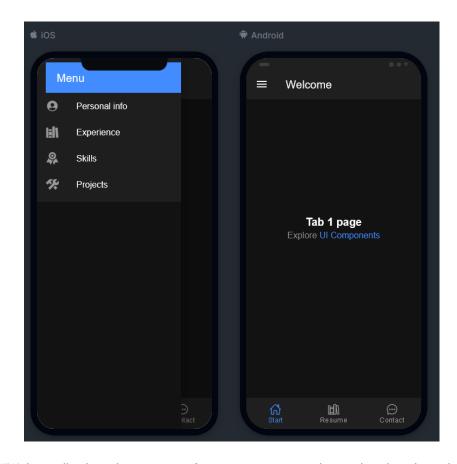
- And then lastly, adding the following code to the start of every page and tab to ensure that the menu appears on every single page:

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Resulting in:

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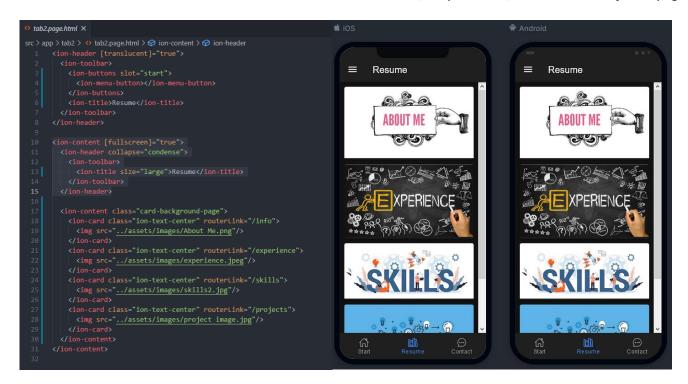
Next, I set up the "Welcome" tab with a picture of me as an avatar and a card with a short description of me and my goals:



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Then the "Resume" tab with cards that link to the "Personal info", "Experience", "Skills" and "Projects" pages:



I purposely looked for images to use as the background of the cards that clearly stated what is to be found behind them, so a card title wasn't necessary.

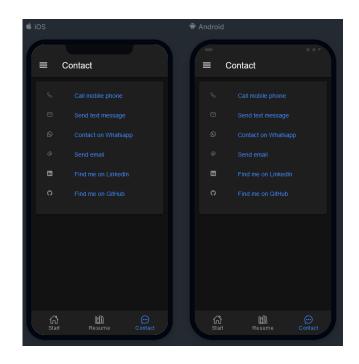
Then lastly, I set up the "Contact" tab with the necessary links to certain contact options:

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I added icons that matched with the contact option and added straight links to calling my number, sending me a text message, contact me on Whatsapp, send an email or find me on LinkedIn and GitHub. I used grid, row and column to organize the icons and links neatly next to each other.

Then I still had to add content to the pages. First up was the personal information page:

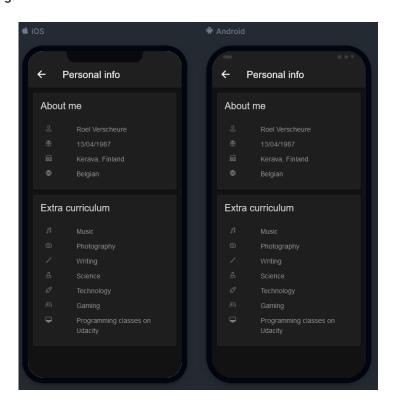
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Resulting in the following:



Again, I used cards, grid, row and column to organize and structure the content into an attractive lay-out with icons matching with every line of information.

Next, I set up the "Experience" page:

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For the "Experience" page where I stated my past/present jobs, studies and volunteer work, I wanted to use a sort of timeline to visualize the chronology of it all. After scouring several forums and other places where people share information and coding, I found a html and css combination that worked for my app. I tried to further personalize it by adding icons that represents "work", "studies" and "volunteering" and tried to add an extra line for further explanation about the item, but whatever I tried failed to do what I wanted. I had to drop this, but intend to develop this further in the nearby future. This ended up being the result:



For the content in the "Skills" page, I intended to indicate my proficiency in every skill, similar to how it was expressed on my CV. So a combination of cards, grid, row and column to organize everything neatly, I added fixed progress bars next to each skill to accomplish this:



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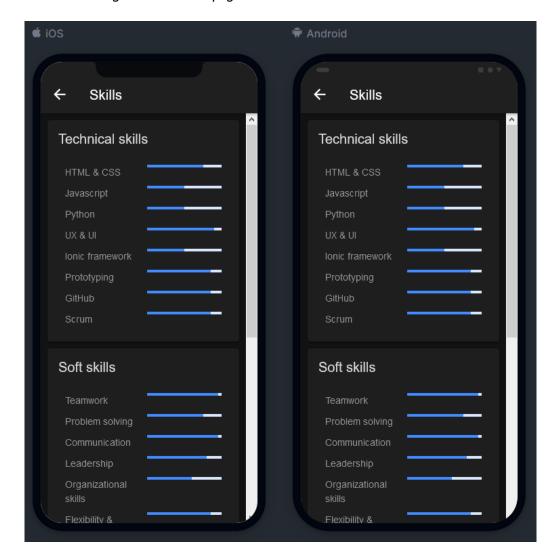
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That resulted in the following content in the page:





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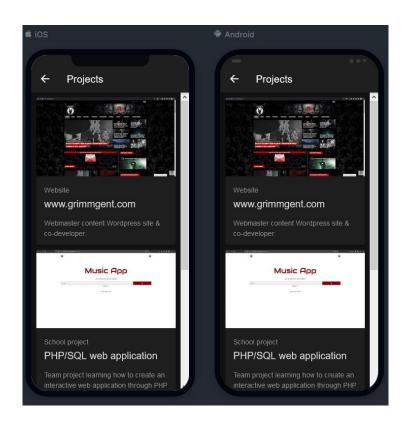
The last page that required content still, was the "Projects" page. There I worked with cards again, this time making use of titles, subtitles, an image and some extra text:



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With this, I had set up every tab and page within my app and aimed to get certain elements working according to plan. However, I ran into several problems along the way and came to the realization that my initial prototype/wireframe plan was too ambitious for my present capabilities.

A couple of the problems I ran into along the way and didn't seem to manage to resolve:

- I had the burger menu at first present on every single tab and page through the coding I had figured out earlier while testing some things out in another platform/app. While in that other app I managed to get the menu elements working (so going to the proper linked page), this time I just couldn't get it working. Most likely this was due to something small that I've overlooked in the routing, but no matter what and how much I tried I couldn't get it working. Eventually that got me to make the decision to replace the burger menu on the pages I created myself with a back button to uphold a certain flow still. Otherwise you ended up being stuck on that page since I couldn't get the tab menu on the bottom to work in those pages.
- I tried to get the burger menu content lay-out also adjusted according to my prototype, but everything I
 did simply messed up the functionality of the menu. Which in the end didn't matter much since it's not
 working anyway.
- Setting up a working login page was also a couple of scopes too far to accomplish within my time limits.

5 End reflection

Overall, I feel like I've learned quite a bit again through some trial and error and looking for solutions from more experienced people. I'm a bit disappointed that I didn't manage to get a more properly working app or wasn't able to get certain issues figured out, but I'm still pleased with how the end result looks like and works. Working on this has confirmed for me that I want to learn more about this and know better how to put a properly working mobile app together from scratch. While at times very frustrating when I didn't seem to get anywhere after hours of work, it hasn't chased me away from wanting to get more knowledgeable about working with lonic and Angular.

Link to GitHub repository: https://github.com/Roel-Vers/MyCV

Link to OneDrive zip file of app: https://laureauas-my.sharepoint.com/:u:/g/personal/1902903_laurea_fi/EYzt4bOlNQVCj7jLcofykxMBlEbBe-MFKG8dM6_vr3tqwA?e=8teSWZ