SEVEN STEPS TO A FUNCTIONAL WEBSITE:

1. Define your project
   1. Define the goal of your project
   2. Ex: Portfolio site to showcase work
   3. Define the audience
   4. Design with your goal and audience in mind.
2. Plan out everything:
   1. Plan your content: text, images, videos, icons, etc.
   2. Start thinking about visual hierarchy
   3. Define the navigation
   4. Define the site structure if it’s a bigger project
3. Sketch your ideas before you design
   1. Get inspired and think about your design
   2. Get the ideas out of your head: sketch your ideas before you start designing
   3. Make as many sketches as you want, but don’t make it perfect.
   4. Never start designing without having an idea of what you want to build
4. Design and develop your website
   1. Design your website using guidelines and tips you’ve learned in the web design section.
   2. Do that using HTML and CSS: designing in the browser
   3. Use sketches, content and planning decisions you’ve make in steps 1,2 and 3
   4. This step is the biggest part of building a website
5. It’s not done yet: Optimization
   1. Optimize performance: site speed
   2. Search engine optimization (SEO)
6. Launch the masterpiece
   1. All you need for launching is a webserver that will host your website and deliver it to the world
7. Site maintenance
   1. Launching is not the end of the story
   2. Monitor your users behavior and change your website if necessary
   3. Update your content regularly: for blog