Digital Skills Lab Assignment

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Github URL:
https://github.com/TheHagueUniversity/skillslab-sprint-1-vladieboi

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https://github.com/TheHagueUniversity/skillslab-sprint-1-vladieboi/archive/master.zip

Study Log:

For my portfolio website, I decided to keep going with the initial design that I had in mind for my website, as I already had kind of a clear idea of what I actually wanted it to look. I sketched it out, started designing it in Sketch, and when that was done, I started watching different tutorials and courses on Lynda.com to understand and gain more knowledge, but I have also used plenty of articles and short videos to only fix a single issue. Some of them can be found in the list below.

Sourcelink (URL):
https://www.lynda.com/HTML-tutorials/HTML-Essential-Training/170427-2.html

What I intended to learn:

As recommended by our lecturers, I have started watching the Essential Training video for HTML in order to gain understanding of how HTML actually works. By watching this video, I got a clear idea about the syntax of HTML and I was able to understand the order and hierarchy of elements in an HTML file, and I got to understand the basic structure blocks that are used for building a basic website.

How I implemented this in my project site:

I was able to gather knowledge about the syntax of HTML and how to format and structure your page before actually styling it with CSS. Using this source, I structured the page using tags like <!DOCTYPE html>, <head>, <header>, <nav>, <body>, <footer>, headings, paragraphs, lists, etc.

Sourcelink (URL):
https://www.lynda.com/HTML-tutorials/HTML5-Structure-Syntax-Semantics/182177-2.html

What I intended to learn:

By watching this tutorial, I wanted to gather more information about the basic structure of HTML and how it can be used, as I got confused more than a couple of times.

How I implemented this in my project site:

By applying what I have learned in the previous video and the essential tutorial that I watched before, I created all four pages that the website was supposed to feature and I managed to clean up my code as well.

Sourcelink (URL): http://www.codecademy.com

What I intended to learn:

By using codecademy, I wanted to learn more about CSS and using it to style your HTML, and I expected to find various tutorials about cool features that I can implement in my website, but it turned out to be disappointing.

How I implemented this in my project site:

I managed to learn a bit more about HTML and some basics in CSS and I started styling my website using color, font, position, width/height, fonts and other basic features.

Sourcelink (URL): http://www.w3schools.com

What I intended to learn:

Using this website, I was able to do my research on particular tags and find out what features can I use with particular elements of the website and other functions CSS can perform.

How I implemented this in my project site:

Using w3schools, I was able to style a huge part of my website, create the containers for my content, style the header and the footer, adding the background image and many other examples such as using the list to create the navigation for my website.

Other source: Friends / Classmates

What I intended to learn:

After failing the course for the first time, I started relying on friends and colleagues that have had experience in coding before, and I intended to learn more about the things that I was not able to pass in my first try.

How I implemented this in my project site:

I learned a lot about making websites, structuring your HTML so it's not messy code and styling using CSS, and my colleagues taught me about styling in CSS using Sketch, which helped me style header and navigation and footer exactly how I wanted. My friends showed me how I can create my portfolio page using a list, as I tried a really messy way that turned out to fail. They also explained to me how to create a responsive portfolio page, and they also showed me properly how margins and paddings work, because it was all unclear for me what the differences were - that way, I was able to place my content exactly where I wanted on my website and style it correctly.