MeJana Lebanese Restaurant Redesign By Alan Stewart, K00223375

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Design Goals

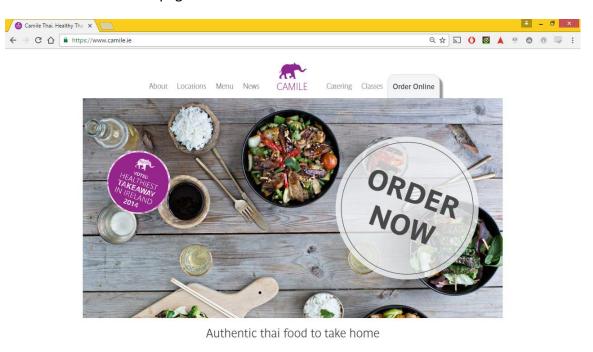
My design goals for this project:

- Make the MeJana webpage easier to navigate.
- Help the customer get the information they want quickly.
- Keep consistency of colour design between the pages.
- Make the website not look so dull and boring.

My Process

I started off by review the MeJana website and taking note of areas they could approve on. I then went to other restaurant websites in Limerick that are very popular. These where Camile Thai (https://www.camile.ie/) and Lana Restaurant (https://lanathai.ie/).

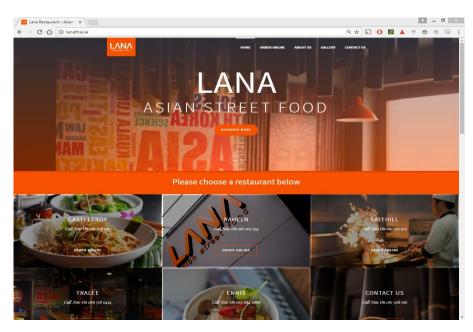
This is the Camile homepage:



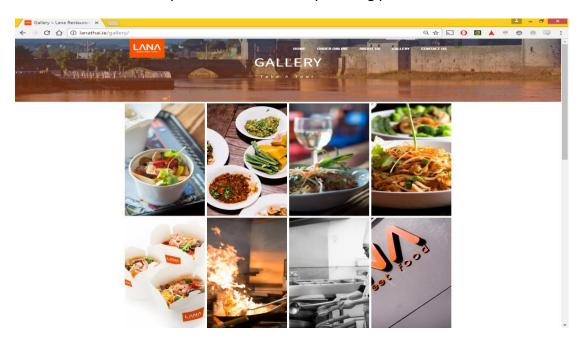


I love the how simple the page is. I like the image in the middle of the page that will take me to order food. The Social Media Icons fit in the theme of the page. Anything you want to know about Camile is all linked from the homepage. The homepage doesn't feel cluttered and I want to make my website feel like that.

Here is the Lana Restaurant homepage:



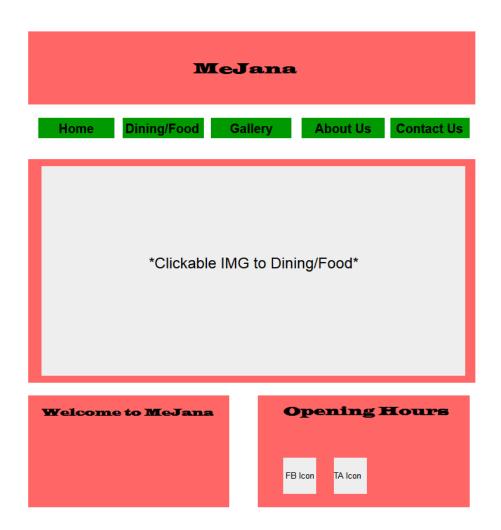
Lana uses more photos and images throughout their website than colours. I liked this because just solid colours on a webpage can be boring. The photos and images help break up the webpage. What I liked most about the Lana Restaurant website was their Gallery page (http://lanathai.ie/gallery/). This shows off the different foods and restaurants Lana has around Ireland. They also make it look very exciting place to visit.



After reviewing these websites, I moved onto designing a wire frame of my website first. I used Pencil Project as my wire framing tool.

Pencil Project Pages

Home page:



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Since I liked the design of the homepage on Camile. I decided I would go with the same idea. The image would be clickable and take you to the Dining/Food page. There would be a message notifying the user that they can click on the image. I wanted a welcome message to greet people when they came to the website and the opening hours so people don't have to click through a few pages to find out what time MeJana is open at. I also wanted the Facebook and TripAdvisor links via icons on the homepage as well. I decided to go with the

colours red, green and white as they are the colours of the Lebanese flag. I decided on the Wide Latin font for headings as I thought it suits the theme well.

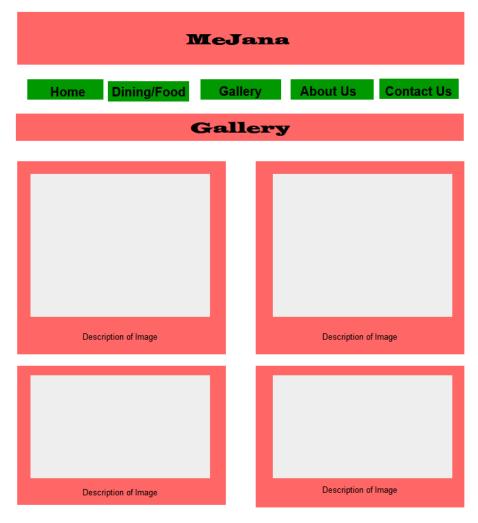
Dining/Food Page:



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For the Dining/Food page I decided I would put everything on the food menu on the page and use the navbar to navigate to certain locations on the webpage. They would be split into different categories like a real-life food menu would be. The food menu navbar would resize when the page is below 440px.

Gallery Page:



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I liked the gallery page on the Lana Restaurant website I decided to create something similar. There would be images of MeJana and the food they served with a short description under each image.

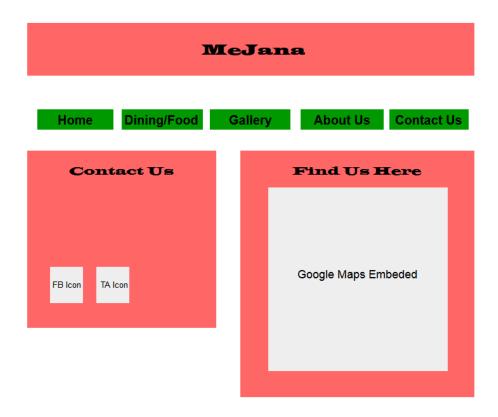
About Us Page:



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I decided to keep the About Us page simple and just have two columns of information about the Meaning of MeJana and what makes great Lebanese food.

Contact Us Page:



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For the Contact Us page, I would have the phone number, email address, Facebook and TripAdvisor links of MeJana. I also wanted to embed google maps to show the location of the restaurant. This would help people get an idea of where the restaurant is located rather than just a street address.

Home Page Resized:



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This is an idea of how the home page and other pages should look like when resized. Every div should just slide in beneath each other to form one long column. The images and iframe would also scale down in size. The navbar would become one long bar and when you hover over it, it would show you the options available to click on.

Changes/Completed Website

To start off on the current MeJana website, if you are on the homepage and click the home button on the navbar it reloads the page and this is the same for each page. I have removed this on my website I didn't think the page should keep reloading.

I followed what I designed in Pencil Project. I am very happy with the way it turned out.

This is the home page of MeJana. I like the shades of brown and yellow on the page, however the link to Facebook in blue and TripAdvisor in green just don't fit in with colour scheme. On my website, I got the social media icons to fit the theme of the website nicely. I also reduced the amount of information in the footer to declutter the website.



Here is the homepage I created:

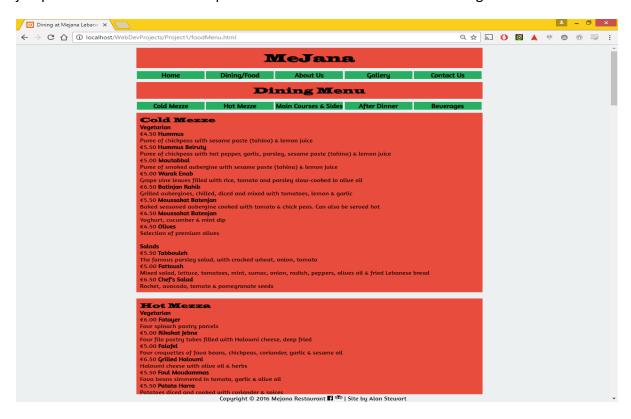


The paragraph font is "Amaranth" from google fonts. It goes well with the Wide Latin font in the headings that is why I chose it. I added the social media icons to the footer so the user could always be able to click them.

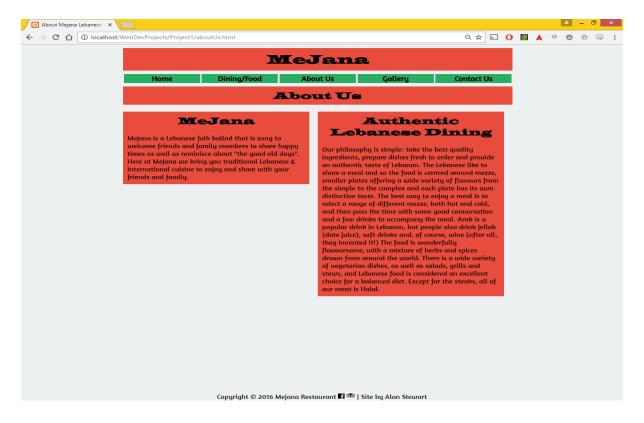
The current Dining page on MeJana is quite nice and well laid out. I like clicking on the links and different parts of the menu appear on the right side of the screen.



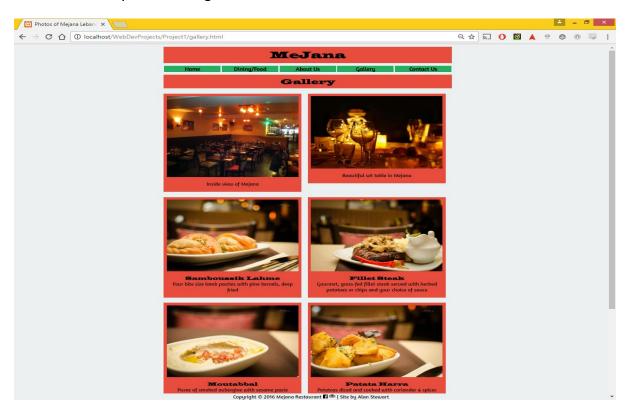
I wanted to do a similar idea and decided to place the whole menu on the one page and jump from div to div or scroll up and down. This can be seen in the image below.



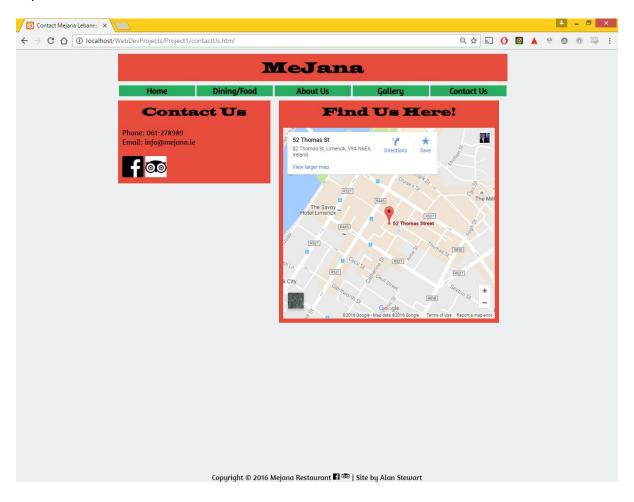
By clicking on "Beverages", "Hot Mezze" or "After Dinner" will bring you to different parts of the menu on the page. I bolded the names of the meals on the menu just to make them more noticeable compared to their descriptions. Below is an image of the "About Us" page I created. I kept it nice and simple and used text from the current MeJana website.



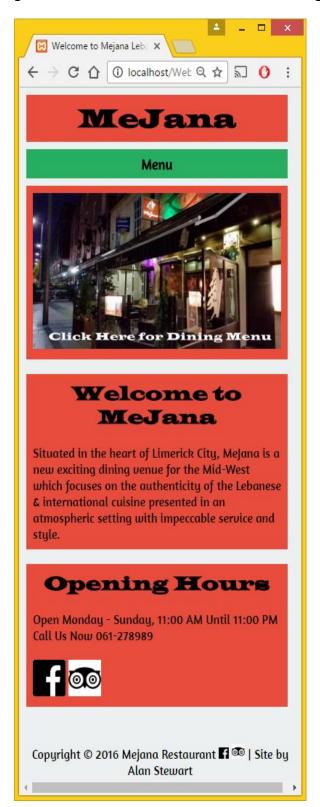
Below is the Gallery page. I love this page and it is my favourite page I created. I gather the images from the MeJana TripAdvisor page. The description of each image gives the user an idea of what they are ordering.



Below is the "Contact Us" page. I felt the current MeJana website was missing an embed google maps or other maps site to show the location of the restaurant. This is better than having an address on their page. Not everyone knows the street names in Limerick. Also, placed the social media icons again on the "Contact Us" page because that is where I would expect to find them.



The next two images are of the website's responsive design. As you can see the website reacts the way I designed it to. Everything gets put into one long column and the navbars goes from five buttons to one button. The image gets resized as well.





Conclusion

I had a lot of fun doing this project. I learnt a lot throughout this project.

My favourite parts of the website where the Dining/Food page, navigating the Food Menu on that page. The Social Media icons I added to the website. They fit in with the colour scheme and blend well. The Gallery page that I added. I feel the current MeJana website needs more images on it.

My least favourite part of the website is the About Us page. I found it very difficult to do something exciting with that webpage.

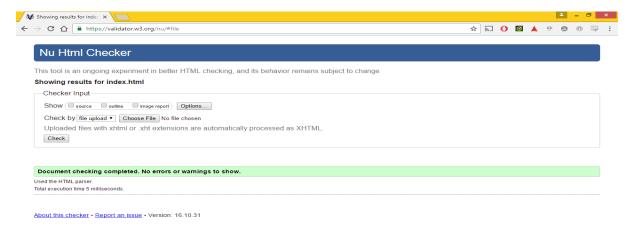
I feel that I have achieved what I set out to accomplish in the "Design Goals" section.

I made the MeJana webpage easier to navigate by using the navbar.

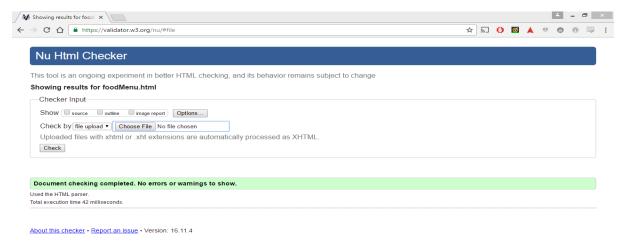
I have kept consistency of colour design between the pages as well as made the website not look so dull and boring by using brighter colours.

HTML & CSS Validation

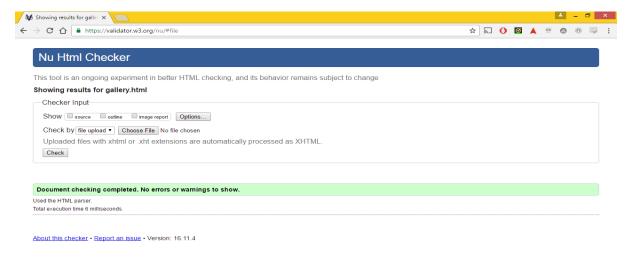
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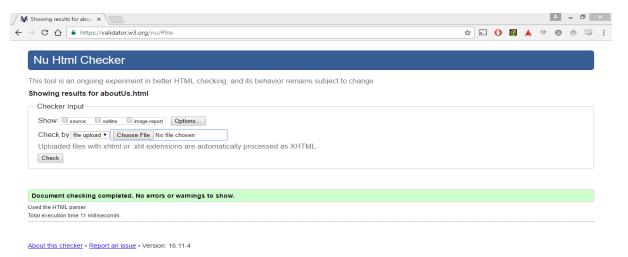
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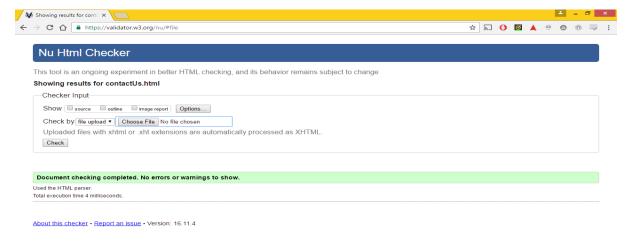
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Style CSS:

