

When I started this project, I knew I wanted a typeface that reminded me of 80s and 90s advertising. While browsing through Google Fonts, I found “Playfair Display,” and it felt perfect. I saw the font as both classy and playful, which matched what I wanted. Since I didn’t have much experience coding a website, I decided to keep the design more simple and elegant rather than trying to go for something I might not be able to achieve. I was drinking coffee while researching, and that’s when I got the idea to make the project coffee-themed. For my first wireframe, I kept things basic by sticking to two main colors—the background and the navigation bar. Once I started adding my content into the HTML, I quickly realized that I had a lot of learning ahead of me. I relied on a lot of online research to help bring my wireframe ideas to life, and while it was a bit challenging, it was also a fun learning experience—especially when I had to troubleshoot errors in my code. The biggest challenge for me was creating grids. I had to make two grids for different sections of my page. Initially, I wanted the display section to be laid out vertically, but I decided to reduce the amount of scrolling for users and changed it to two rows. For the informational contrast section, I also switched it up and made it three columns instead of two. Once I finished arranging the character set and display sections, I wanted to learn how to make the text larger when users hovered over it. This zoom effect makes it easier to see the details of the font, which is important for anyone learning about it. I used online resources to figure out how to apply this effect, and I think it really helps make the font stand out. Another part I struggled with was the navigation bar. While the tutorial video I watched was helpful, it didn’t quite match the style I wanted, so I did more research to get it where I wanted it to be. The final touch on my website was adding lines around my subheaders. I couldn’t figure this out on my own, so I used help sessions to get that part right. Looking back, I feel like I accomplished everything I set out to do, and maybe even more than I had originally planned. For my next project, I definitely want to challenge myself by taking on something a little more complex. Now that I’ve learned how to solve coding problems and make my ideas work, I feel more confident moving forward. I’ve also really appreciated the structure of this class. I like that we get plenty of work time in class and can have help available when we need it in breakout rooms. The extra time outside of class has also been helpful, and while I finished this project with time to spare, I know that next time, I can use that time to push myself further.

