

## MODULE ③

INTERVIEW WITH TOMMY TRUONG – [HTTPS://WWW.MSU.EDU/~TRUONGTO/#](https://www.msu.edu/~truongto/#)

WHY DID YOU DESIGN YOUR PORTFOLIO THE WAY YOU DID?

The reason I chose the design for my portfolio was for the following reasons

- a      Simplicity
- b      Responsive
- c      Conservative color palette
- d      Easy scrolling

WHAT DO YOU WISH YOU HAD KNOW WHEN YOU HAD FIRST STARTED?

When I first started, I wish I had a better understanding of jQuery and JavaScript. I really wanted to put a lot of effort into my portfolio because I knew it was something I would be using in the future. With that in mind, I wanted to make it the best I could at the time. By having a better understanding of jQuery and JavaScript, I could have developed my portfolio much faster and at the level I wanted to show potential employers.

HOW DO YOU BALANCE PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL MATERIAL IN YOUR PROFILE?

My portfolio contains mostly professional material. Any personal material I display in my portfolio complements the professional material (i.e. personal experiences that taught me something I used in my professional experience). I'm focused on coding projects more than the visual arts, so if I believe an website or app I make is professional enough I add it to my page.

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF YOUR PORTFOLIO?

The most important thing for my portfolio, from reactions I've noticed, is the aesthetics and responsiveness of the page. Since I chose to have my portfolio displayed as a website, my users first see how they navigate it before they begin reading information.

ANY TIPS FOR DESIGNING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

Some design tips I highly recommend if you decide to create a website for your portfolio is to really filter out your content into what you want to present. After that, you'll more effectively design a layout / aesthetic that will complement yourself. For example, my skills mostly revolve around Computer Science experiences therefore I chose a more CSE-like style.