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Portfolio Content

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Thanks for visiting! I'm learning how to build websites and work with computers from the ground up. This site is where I keep track of my progress, share what I'm learning, and experiment with new ideas. Right now, I'm focused on front-end development, especially HTML and CSS. I'm also getting more comfortable working in Linux and writing Bash scripts to automate little tasks and customize my system. I like having control over how things work—it makes using a computer way more fun.

This site isn't just to show off (I'm still new to all this), but to document how I grow. You'll find some blog posts about what I'm learning, a contact page if you want to get in touch, and a "sandbox" where I keep random coding experiments and mini-projects. My goal is to get better every week. Even small steps count. Whether I'm styling a basic webpage or figuring out how to write a Bash script to back up my files, I'm always learning something new. Feel free to explore, and if you're learning too—cool! Maybe we can help each other out.

About Me:

Hi, I'm Damien. I'm 19, based in Illinois, and I've always liked figuring out how things work. Before I started learning to build websites, I was mostly into cars and mechanical stuff. Now I'm shifting that curiosity into tech—especially Linux and web development.

Right now, I'm learning the basics of HTML and CSS, and I'm using Bash to write simple scripts that make my system work the way I want. I use Linux as my daily OS, and I've been exploring different distros, terminal setups, and automating backups. I like working close to the system—it feels powerful and lightweight.

I haven't gotten into JavaScript yet, but it's on the list. For now, I'm focused on building solid foundations. I enjoy writing blog posts about things I figure out and putting my work into a sandbox where I can break stuff, fix it, and learn from it.

Outside of tech, I still mess with cars and guitars when I can. I like working with my hands and solving problems, whether that's in the garage or at the keyboard. I built this portfolio to track what I'm learning, not to pretend I'm an expert. If you're new to coding too, we're probably in the same boat. Let's learn as we go.

Blog:

Post 1 - What HTML Means to Me

When I first started learning about websites, I heard people talking about HTML. At first, I had no idea what that meant. But now, I understand that HTML is like the bones of a website. It gives everything structure—like where the text goes, where the images show up, and how the page is laid out. Learning HTML has been fun because I can actually see what I'm building. I like how simple it is to write something, save it, and see it in the browser right away. It feels good to make something that works.

Post 2 - Why CSS is Magic

CSS is what makes websites look good. You can change colors, move things around, and even make buttons glow or spin. It's like putting clothes on a skeleton (HTML). I really enjoy playing with CSS because you can be super creative. Sometimes it can be confusing, like when something won't line up the way I want it to. But when I figure it out, it feels awesome. I've been learning about flexbox, colors, and how to make sites look better on phones too.

Post 3 - What I Want to Learn Next

I want to get better at JavaScript. I know it makes websites interactive, like buttons that do stuff, games, or pop-ups. It seems really powerful. I've played with it a little and I want to learn more. I also want to learn how to connect websites to servers or databases someday. It's crazy how much goes into a single page. But I'm excited to learn and keep improving.

Sandbox:

This page is all about things I've been experimenting with. I call it my "sandbox" because it's where I test new ideas, mess around with code, and try out fun stuff without worrying about making it perfect. Sometimes I build small tools, like a calculator or a to-do list. Other times I try to recreate cool effects I've seen online, like a glowing button or a cool animation. These aren't big projects—they're just little pieces of learning. But every time I work in the sandbox, I pick up something new.

Here are a few things I've tried:

- A quiz app in Flutter
- A Bash script to automate weekly and monthly backups
- Creating interactive buttons with CSS
- Practice with Tables and making a calender

It's fun to break things and fix them. That's how I learn. I don't always know what I'm doing at first, but I try, Google a lot, and figure things out piece by piece. If you're learning too, I recommend having your own sandbox. You don't have to build something huge. Just start with one idea and go from there. That's what I do.

Contact:

Thanks for checking out my portfolio! If you want to reach out, I'd love to hear from you.

Whether you have a question, a suggestion, or just want to say hi, feel free to fill out the contact form below. I check my messages often and I'll try to reply as soon as I can.

You can also connect with me on:

GitHub — see what I'm working on

LinkedIn — connect with me

I'm always open to talking about code, websites, or ideas for new things to build. I'm still learning, but I'm excited to keep growing and sharing what I know.

Thanks again for visiting my site—it means a lot!

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