



Kyle Meyer - Portfolio



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Breathtaking Design.

The main thing I wanted to convey in my portfolio was my design aesthetic. I am a person who generally values design over functionality, within reason. I wanted to show that I can create a modern and stylish website.

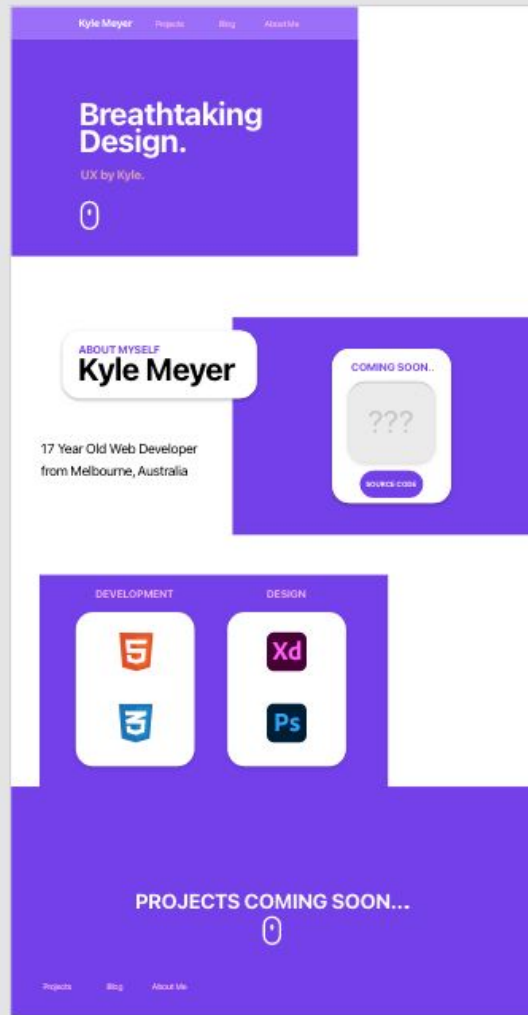
What I could've done better with my design:

- More text, descriptions, who I am
- Better use of space on desktop screen sizes.
- Consistent design with certain elements

Explaining my thought process behind my wireframes

Mobile & Desktop

Designed on Adobe Xd



Homepage Wireframe

Keeping visual hierarchy

Giving brief information about myself

Showing the technologies / languages I used

Keeping it simple, but beautiful

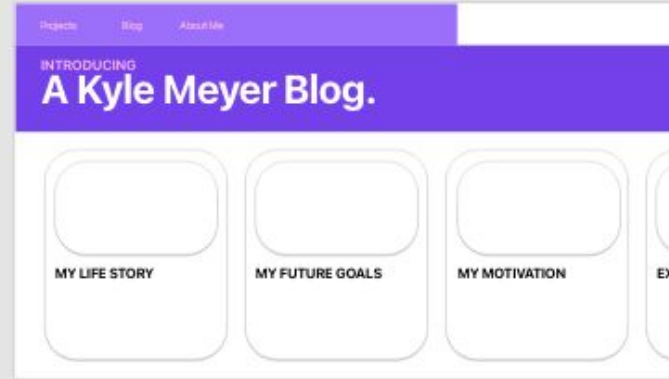
Blog Wireframe

A nice large title

Simple modern tiles to access stories easily

Keep it simple

Web 1920 - 2



iPhone 13, 12...

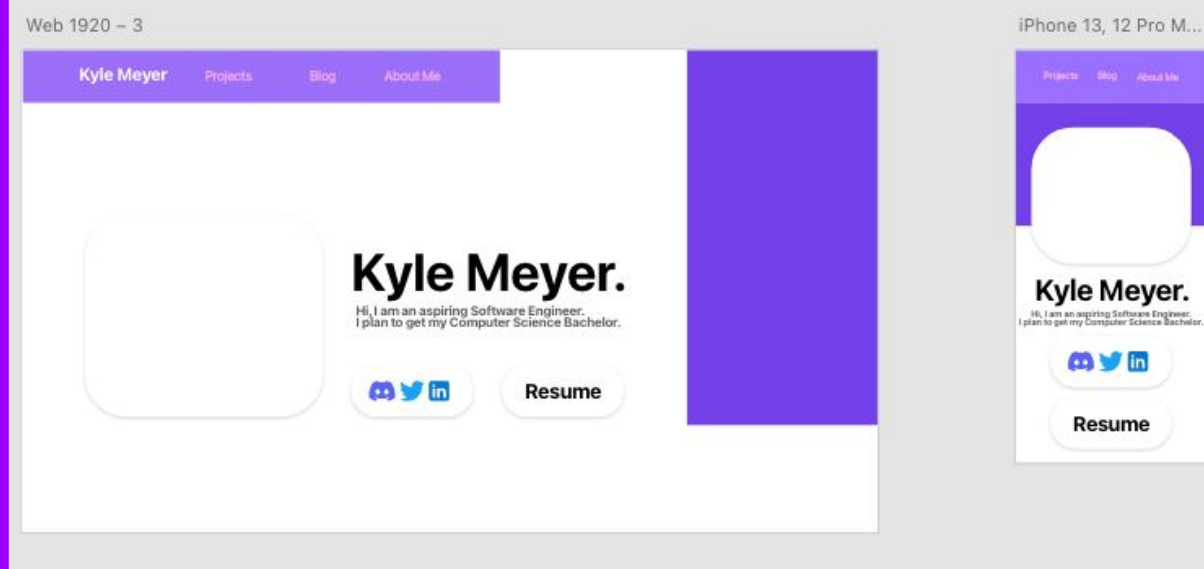


About Me Wireframe

Name, Photo, Description

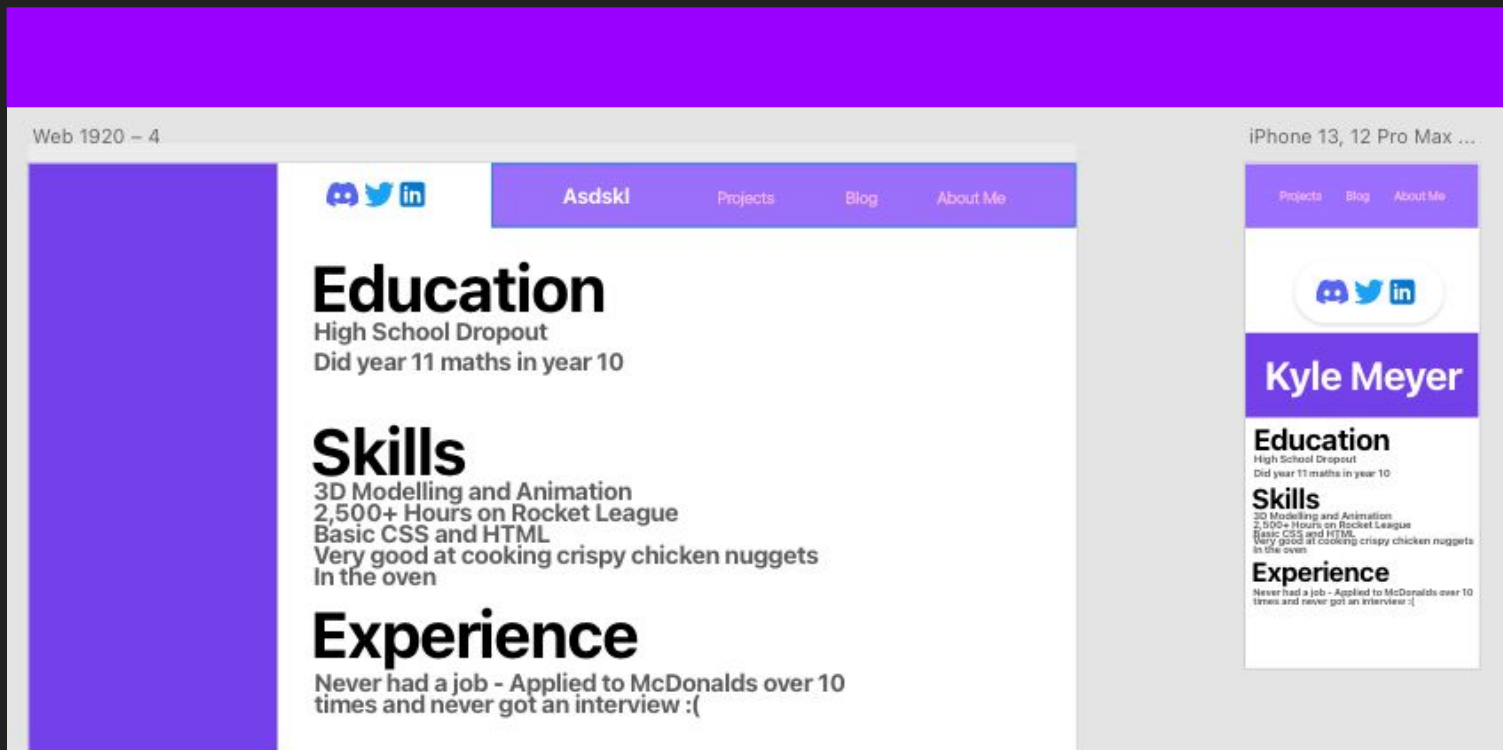
Quick access to resume

Simple one page card on mobile to send with nfc business card



Resume

Nothing that special, just had a little bit of fun with it. Getting those social media icons after the navbar was quite the pain though.



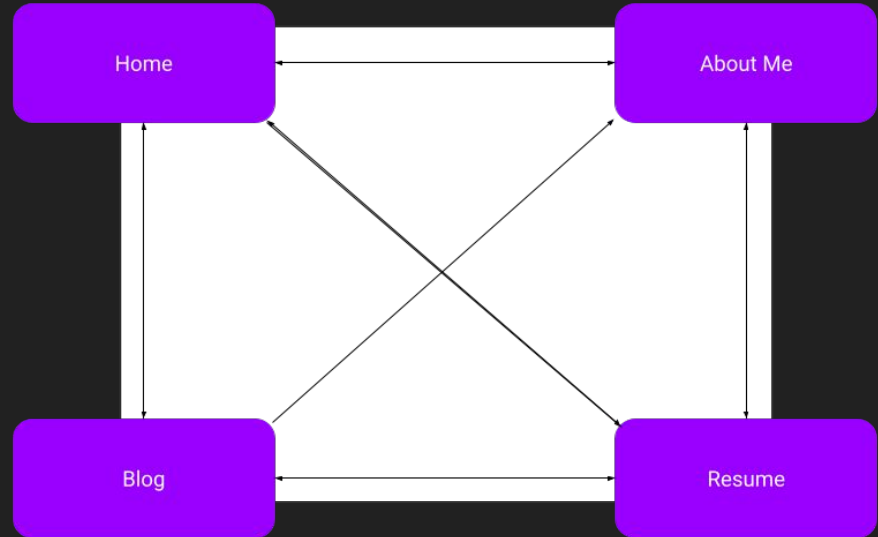
The structure and sitemaps of my website

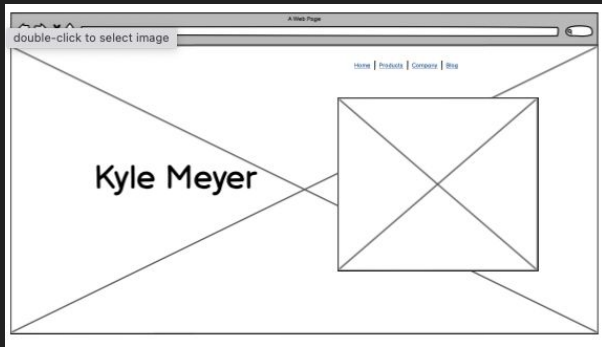
I wanted my navigation for the portfolio to be very clear. I wanted all pages to be accessible no matter which page you are on. This is a thing that has annoyed me in the past from other websites.

I wanted my homepage to be a longer scrolling page, to show off my design ability, while other pages are more practical and show exactly the information that employers would want it. I don't want employers to have to think about where they can find specific information about me.

Sitemaps

- Access every page from current page
- Non-confusing layout
- No reason in this case for certain pages to be hidden behind others.





Wireframe Design Decisions



- Started making my wireframes with Balsamiq
- Had nowhere enough detail to create a website
- Most of my design ideas still had to be formed in my head
- Switched to Adobe Xd
- Could create exactly the website I wanted end up with
- Gave me enough time to think about containers, flex, spacing to create what I needed
- After restarting with Xd I improved 10000%

What I learnt while developing the website

Containers are the key to success. I was using margins and other random align tools before I got an amazing explanation about containers from Glen, and my life changed. I gained a massive chunk of understanding about how to build the website and created a much better project after learning more about containers.

Wireframes are a lot more important than I anticipated. Unlike other graphical projects, it's good to plan a lot.

Font choice is much more important than people think. Using SF and Roboto instead of some random decent font improved my website look a tonne.

When you are in the zone, keep building. Even if its 1am. I never have the same flow the next day.

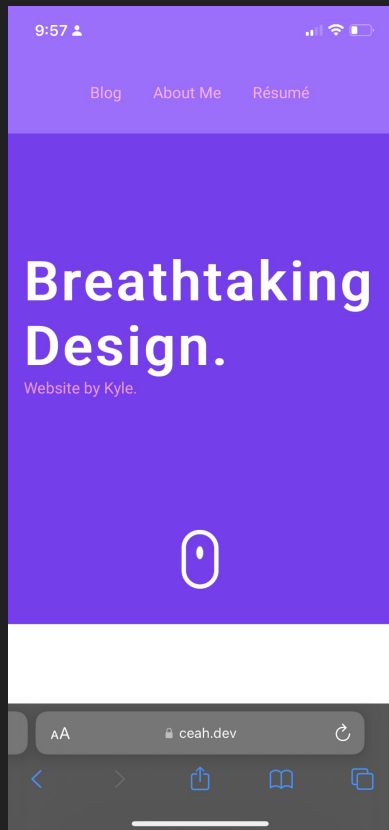
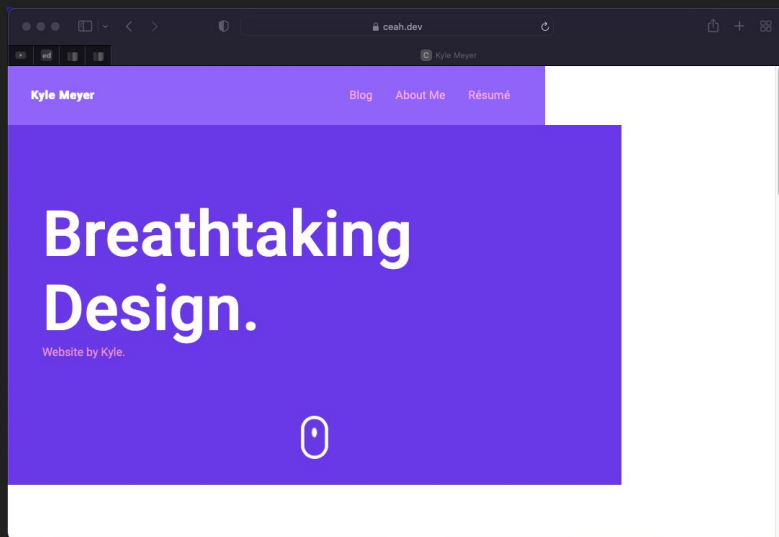
Mobile Versions...

My least favourite part of development.



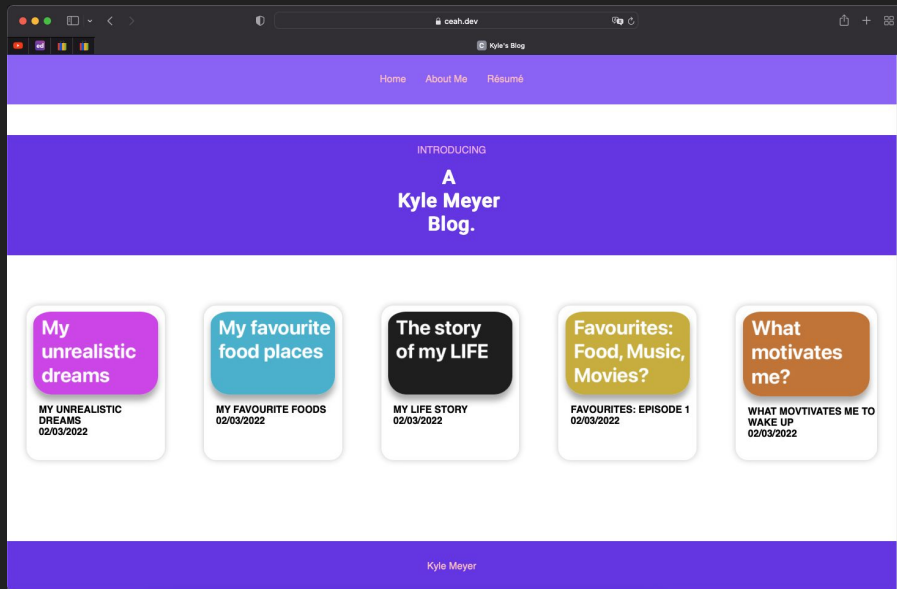
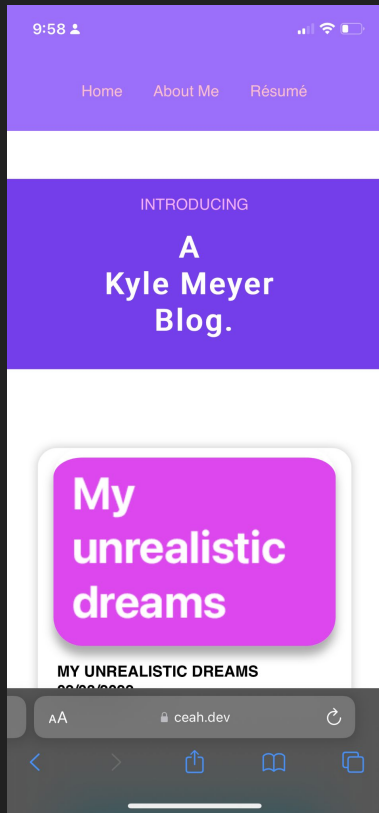
Home Page

- Navbar had to shrink to middle
- Design more centered, content turned from columns to rows



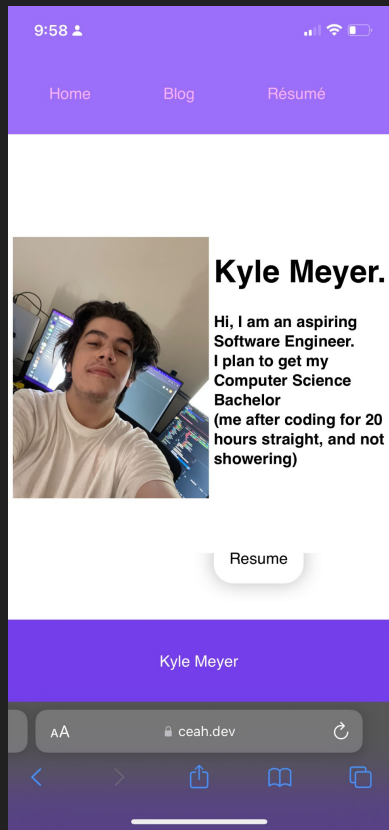
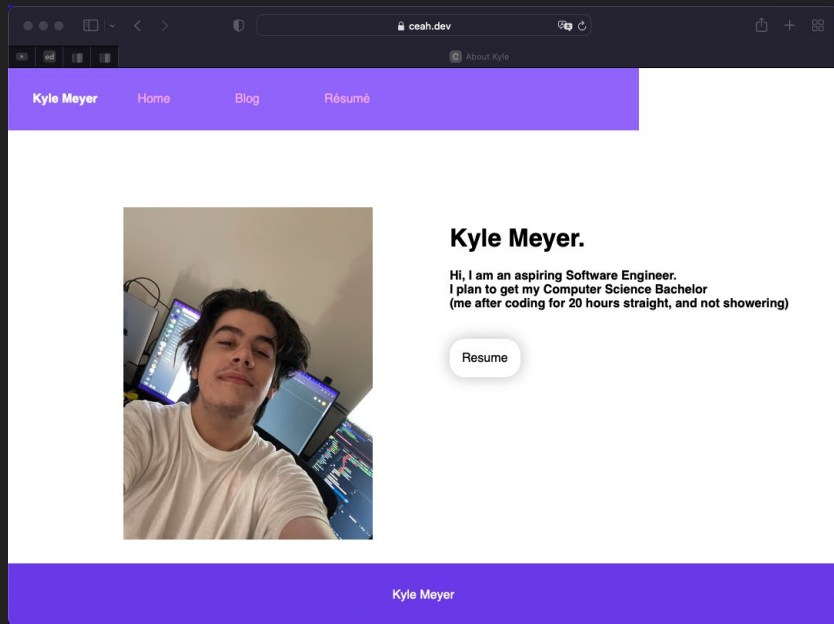
Blog Page

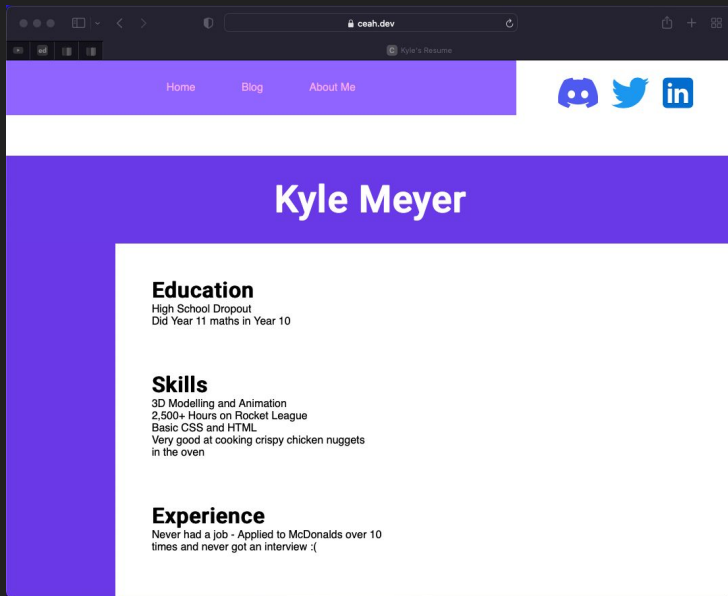
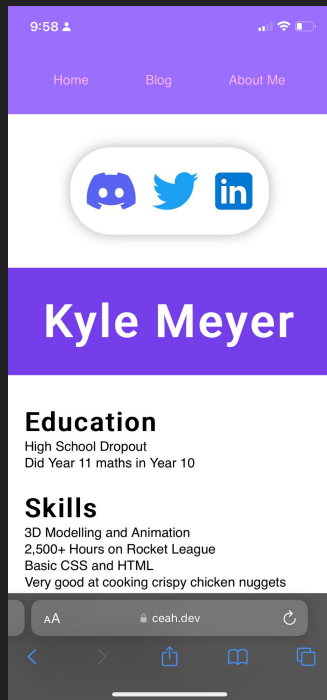
- Scaled up to web, using the more widespace to fit articles



About Me Page

- Didn't want the About Me page to exceed one page
- Reduced margins to fit pretty well, not too busy





Resume Page

- (not my real resume)
- Easy links to social medias
- Clear Resume layout integrated into website, while still using my style

Components

And how I engage my audience



Components

- Navbars

Making each page have a slightly different header/navbar, adds more flare and difference into each page, making it seem more fresh.

- Images

Made images that worked well with the theme of the website, that showed off my skills or to add styling and theme

Components

- Footers

Didn't add a footer with links on all pages, for simplicity, and pages that didn't need scrolling would not have links at the bottom and top that you can see at the same time.

- Visual Hierarchy with P and H1 tags

Subtext used with ALL CAPS and smaller text size under or on top of other text, to add small description or effect




Challenges

Extremely high expectations of what I was capable of, put me under a lot of stress.

Thought mobile screens where a lot bigger than they actually are.

Other than that it was just using over 12 hours of my day everyday to perfect my final design.



Ethical Issues

Stealing fonts.

Everything beside font and the social media logos on my website was created by me.

Favourite parts of development

Finally creating the wireframe I wanted.

Spending all the time on it.

When Glen gave me a great explanation of how to use containers.

When I finally went to ceah.dev and saw my website live.

Seeing people's reaction to my website.

LEAST Favourite parts of development

Making this powerpoint, and the readme file.

End.