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<div align="center">Final Portfolio Reflection</div>

       I started off my portfolio with not much of a design aesthetic in mind. However, I knew I wanted something simple yet effective. When gaining inspiration for my portfolio, I researched some other portfolios and came across my friend Jabin's portfolio here (https://jabinlw.wixsite.com/jabinchen). His portfolio is very simple in terms of a color scheme and layout. I started off with using Figma to create a blueprint for my portfolio and it has remained relatively the same throughout my design process when building the website. In terms of design choices, I looked at simple san-serif fonts found on Google, as well as used Google Icons for some of my buttons. Poppins was my primary font throughout the portfolio, nav and titles. I used League Spartan for description pieces.

       The photos I used were all taken with my camera, either by me or my friend(s). In my case, the profile picture for the About Me, my friend Kalley Hou took it. All of my photos can be found on my Instagram, @che.ngi.

       I think I am pretty happy with my ambitions and the actual results of the portfolio. There are some inconsistencies between the pages that I would like to fix but overall it is pretty good. The page I was happiest with was my photography page since it is aesthetically pleasing and simple. The background opacity of the resume container needs to be changed to just the resume and not the entire page, so that is one thing I would like to change. I am also extremely pleased with my home page. The animations are smooth and gives a lot of life to a rather boring home page but things being dynamic and moving creates a lot of energy to the page. The Google icons used fit perfectly with the rest of the page and I honestly surprised myself with how much HTML and CSS can do.

       If I had more time, I would like to clear out all inconsistencies within the page, downscale photos so that the photography page loads faster. I would also like to add Javascript to the portfolio so that I could use it to display more photos in the photography page, possibly like a next button that loads more photos. I would also like to rework the color theory in the page because sometimes black font overlaps with the background and I have to add a white background with an opacity to resolve that issue.

       Working with grid is probably the thing I am most comfortable with in this class now. Before working with grid, I would struggle to get things placed where I wanted them but now I feel so comfortable with grid, I can create any layout I envision. However, since I focused so much on using grid, I feel like I am not as well versed with flexbox or float properties and I wouldn't mind adding them to my arsenal.

       Overall, this portfolio project was successful and I am happy with the results. I learned a lot and gained experience in HTML/CSS which was exactly what I was looking for from this class. I can confidently say that I have an advantage over many of my peers because I took this class. I typically struggle with traditional programming but with HTML/CSS and anything design related, I shine best so this class was perfect for me. Lastly, a huge upside to finishing this project is that I have a portfolio to show off and use in the real world.