Module 5: Wireframes Design Explanation

When deciding to make the wireframe for my Home Page, I knew I wanted it to be simple, yet somewhat attention-getting. I want to have a fairly large heading that will show up on each page. The header will stand out so that viewers are sure to see it clearly and know whose work they are viewing. At the top, I placed tabs for each major subject of my portfolio (Artist, Writer, Videos). These are at the top, and titled simply to make the space easily navigable for visitors. I also included a possible search bar to make it easier for viewers to find what they are looking for if they want something specific from my site. To make the design a little more exciting and attention-getting, I decided to make the Home, Resume and Contact tabs separate from the top bar as colorful circle buttons. I feel that these are important tabs that should stand out from everything else on the page and easily spotted. I also included the "About me"/Intro section on the home page in the middle so that visitors will not only grasp an understanding of who I am, what I stand for or get an idea of my style as a PW major, but also for what my portfolio says about me overall. I placed social media at the bottom of the home page to give those interested in discovering more about me or contacting me further with easy access. On each page, I plan to keep at least two or three distinct colors along with differentiating shapes (circle buttons, square text boxes, etc.) to ensure that there is contrast among the elements of my site. I also want to keep the header and footer in sync on each page. Also, so that my site has a sense of unity, I am going to display repetition by keeping the fonts and color scheme along with the header all the same from page to page. When designing the layout of my pages, I kept alignment in mind as well and used a grid guide to place my elements with purpose and neatness. Lastly, I used proximity by keeping the tabs at the top near one another because they are related (all are major pages of the site). I also made sure to keep unrelated elements apart such as the info text section from the social media links at the bottom.