

C.R.A.P Design Principles

When adding CSS to my existing website, I made use of the C.R.A.P design principles to engage and encapsulate the viewer. Here are some of the aspects from C.R.A.P I used in designing the visuals of my website. Throughout my website, I've included many examples of contrast to make certain elements stand out. One of these examples include my name; Ivan Zareski, on the main title screen. To promote contrast, I've made the text background a dark green and the text itself white. With a normal background of light green, this added focus to my name. Since this is a personal website, I want the viewer to know my name, hence why I used contrast in this section. Another use of contrast was the colour of my text boxes to background. Throughout my website, the main chunk of information is enclosed within white text boxes. Against a green background, this helps the reader focus in on the words, and aids in the flow of reading. It's also visually appealing and adds some variety to my website. The colour scheme of my website was another C.R.A.P principle I used. The colour scheme I used is a wide range of greens, from dark to light, and black & white. I wanted my website to portray a calm and relaxed feel, which is why I chose those colours. They aren't too in your face but give a nice and simplistic visual experience. The shapes in my website are another use of the C.R.A.P principles. Using a universal selector, I've added bevelled edges to every element. Most of the containers on my website follow the same style regarding their use of curvy shapes. For elements such as tables and the navigation bar, the circular curves work well with the calm look I'm going for. Another principle is alignment. I made sure that my website was visually aligned in the centre of the page. This makes my website appear less cluttered, by giving the viewer breathing room on either side. Whenever I included backgrounds for tables and other types of text boxes, I made sure they were aligned on either axes for a consistent and professional feel. Repetition is another design principle within my website. Containers such as ordered and unordered lists helped me in providing information efficiently and effectively. Throughout my website, I made use of decorative dots in the form of a PNG image that acted as a separator between sections. This gives the reader more empty space, and tells the reader when a section ends and a new one begins. Overall, using the C.R.A.P design principles helped tremendously to improve the visuals of my website.