

Steam & Serve

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Steam & Serve is a platform where I share two of my life's greatest pleasures: gaming and cooking. As a busy college student, my packed schedule often leaves little room for pursuing hobbies. My Steam library overflows with untouched adventures while my fridge echoes emptiness. Hoping to reignite my passion for gaming while exploring different cuisines, Steam & Serve provides a space for others to follow my latest game reviews and explore accessible culinary dishes.

Personas:

- 1) Gamers (People who are looking for new games to play, researching reviews, or are hungry)
- 2) Amateur cooks (People want doable recipes that require limited resources)
- 3) College Students (People looking to expand their hobbies or find easy ways to pass time)

Comps:

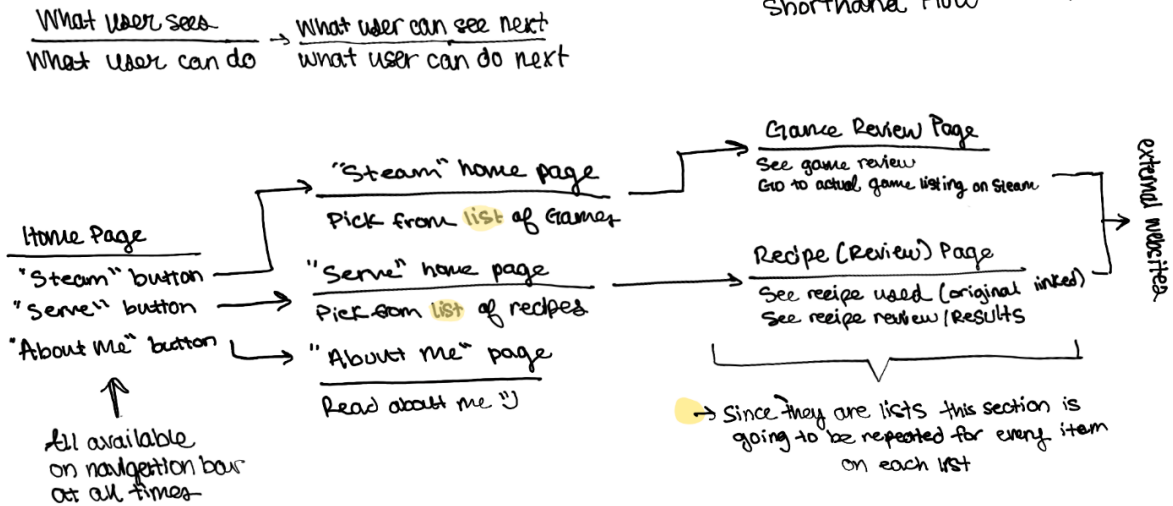
- 1) <https://bytes-and-bites.com/> - Similar idea, except it's a tech/recipe blog.
- 2) <https://gamingfoodie.wordpress.com/> - Same idea, except 9x more food than games

Design

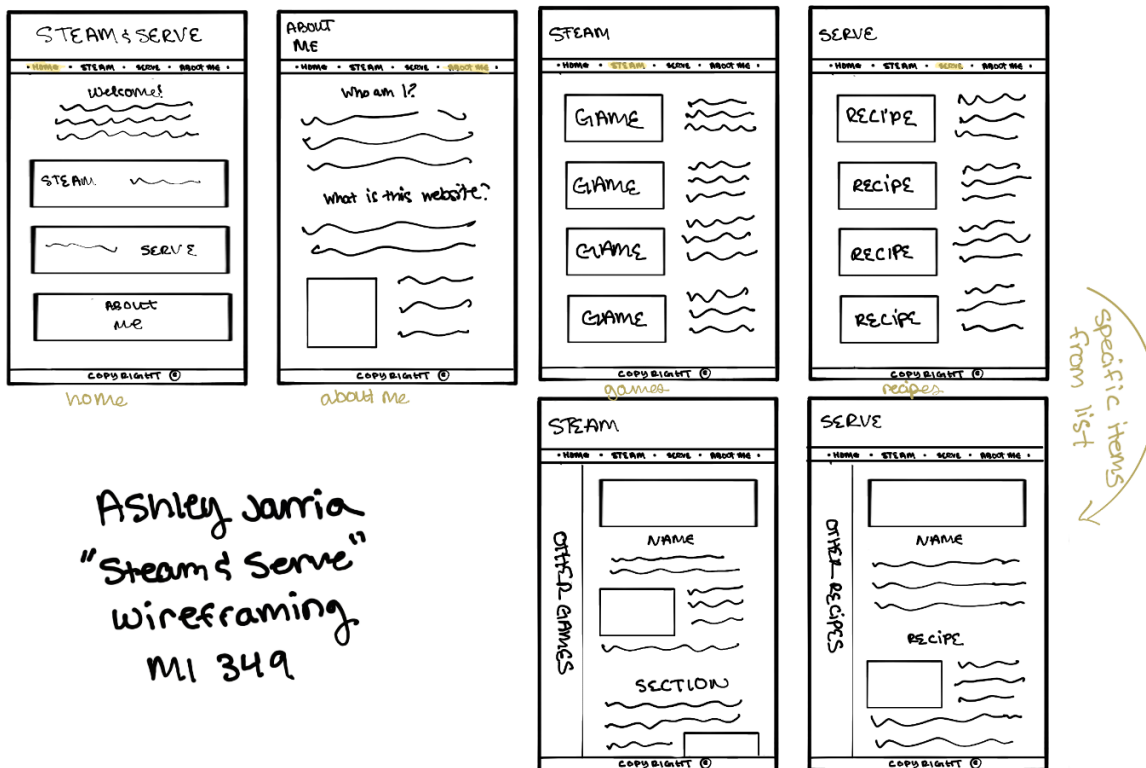
Shorthand Flow – Describing the interactivity flow between website screens.

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Shorthand Flow MI 349



Wireframing – Rough sketch of different pages listed in shorthand flow



Comp – Formatted version of wireframing, displaying different webpages and information within them

Home Page

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Welcome!

Text describing website/navigation

SteamText about Steam Category w/ Background Image

ServeText about Serve Category w/ Background Image

AboutText about About Category w/ Background Image

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About Page

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What is this Website?

Describe Website/Why I made it

Who am I?

Biography

Favorite "Steam"

My Favorite Game

Favorite "Serve"

My Favorite Food

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Steam Page

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Games & Reviews

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Specific Game Page

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Game Name

Game Review

Scores

ImageRating

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Specific Recipe Page

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Other Recipes

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Recipe Name

Recipe Review

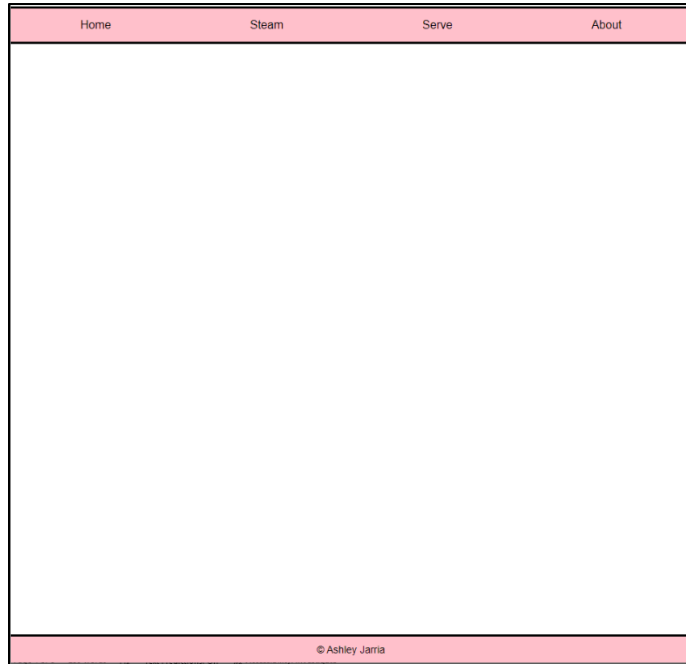
Recipe

Ingredients/Instructions

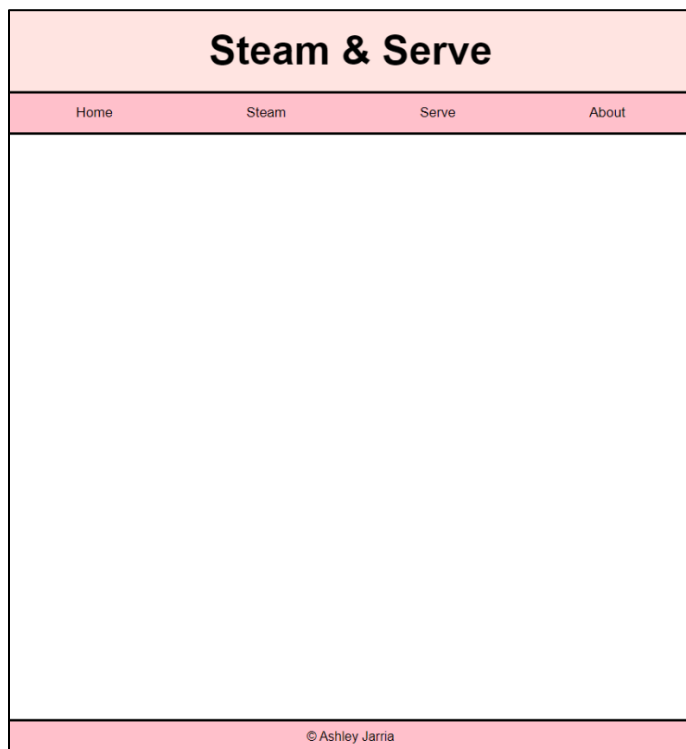
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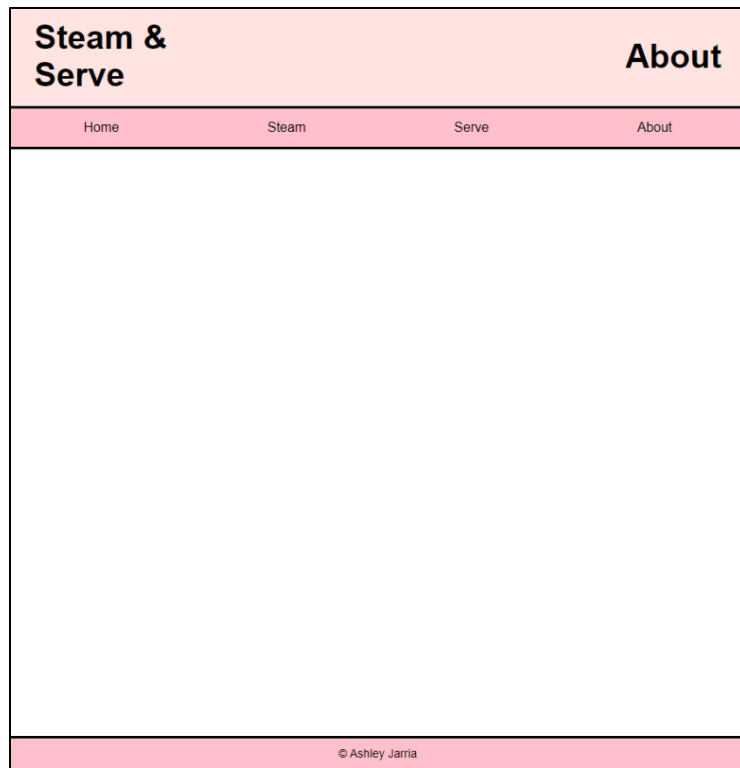
Development Process



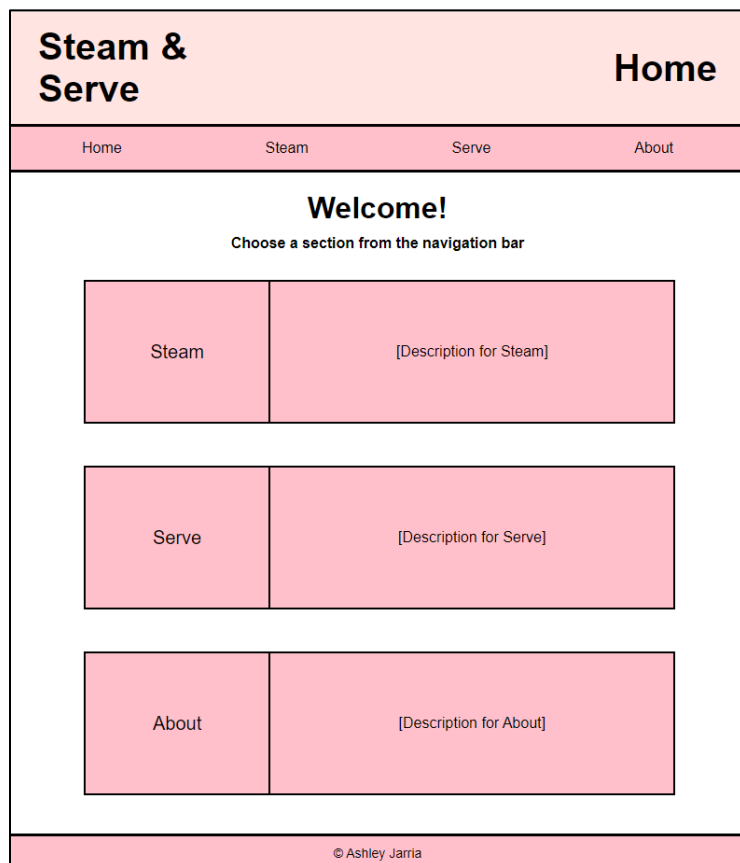
1. Started with Navigation Bar and Footer. Used a flexbox for the navigation bar to make 4 hyperlink sections that lead to different pages.



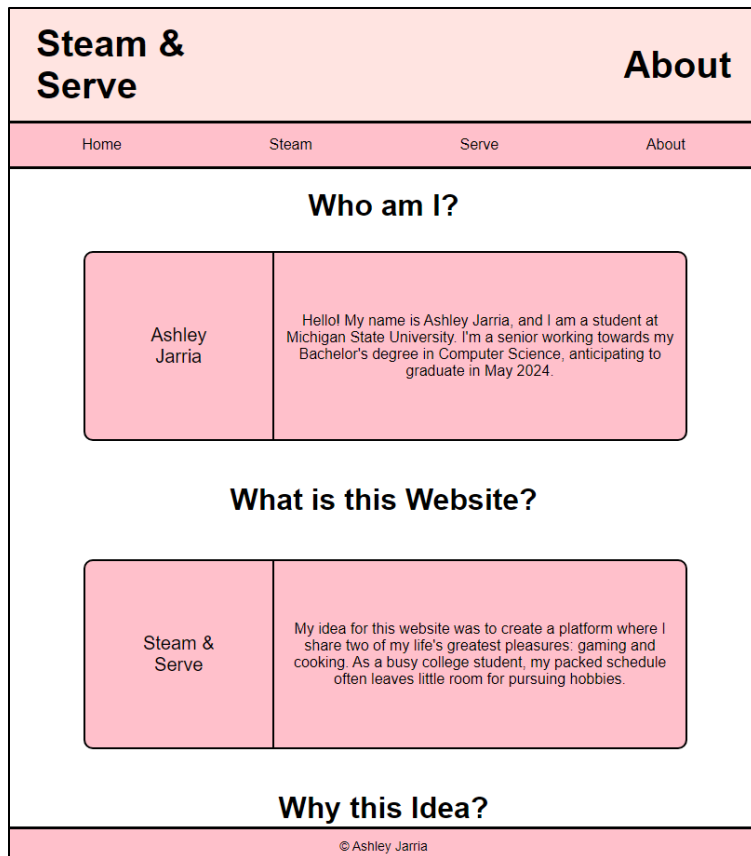
2. Created Banner with website name



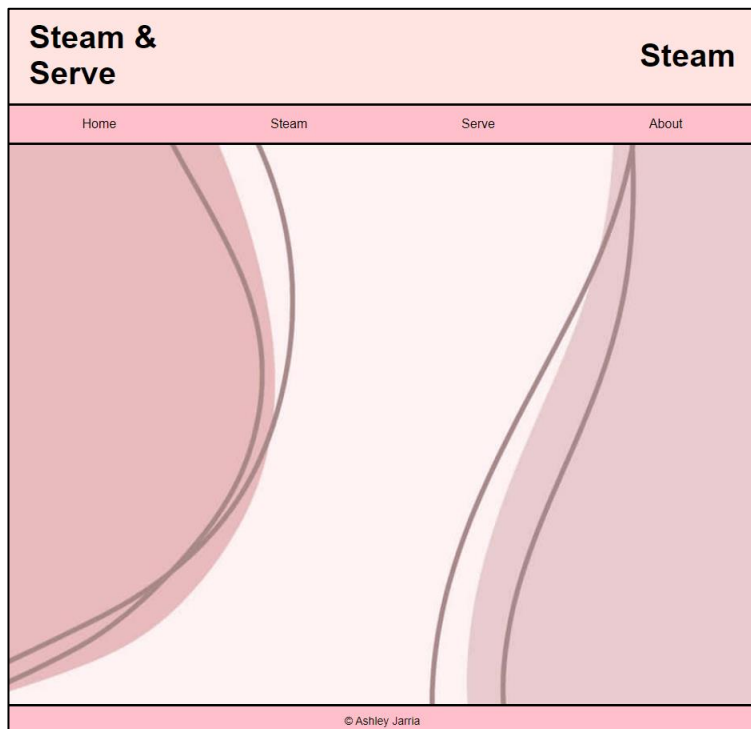
3. Made banner page-specific for each of the 4 different pages.



4. Added welcoming text and instructions on how to navigate each page. Added block templates with a title and content sections to later describe each aspect of the website.



5. Scrollable About Me page with same blocks as Home page listing certain aspects of the website.




6. Added background image to webpages.

7. Transferred game post from my m349-blog assignment into the new format. Added Game Review to Steam page.

"Steam" Post - Grounded

[Ashley Jarrin](#)
Oct 29, 2023



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Mushroom Risotto

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[Original Recipe via AllRecipes](#)

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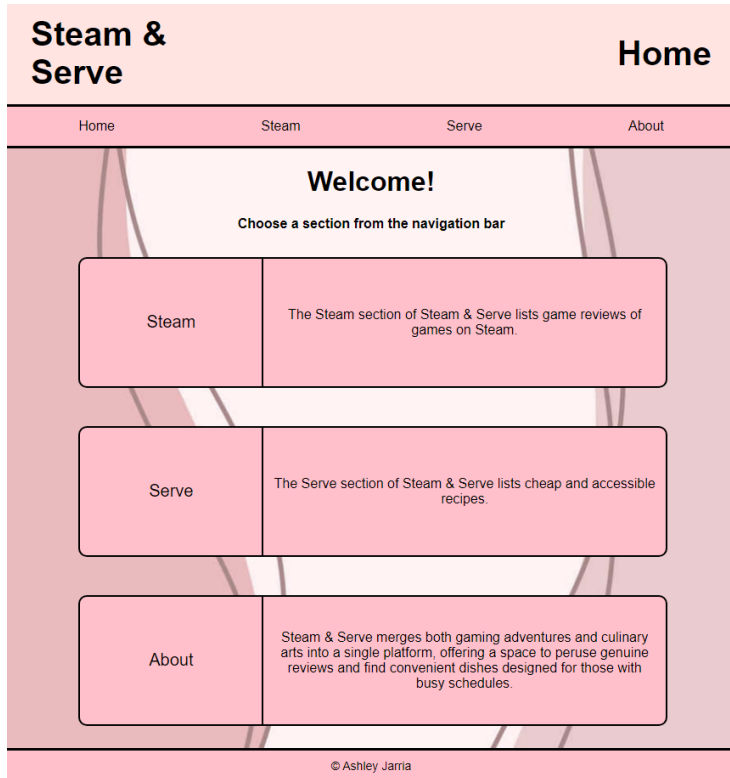
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Mini Bella Mushrooms	4 oz	\$1.75
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Abrorio Rice	1 1/2 cups	\$2.50
Dry White Wine	1/2 cup	\$1.00
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It's very similar to the website I linked above, but I made some minor adjustments to better fit my taste. The biggest change is that the original recipe uses 2 pounds of mushrooms. I cut it down to about 1/4 of what they suggest because even though I love mushrooms, the amount they use feels very heavy and becomes overpowering. I like my risotto to have the rice itself be the main attraction.

The original recipe also states that the rice itself takes around twenty minutes to cook. This is never the case for me ... I always end up sitting in front of my stove for around 30-45 minutes. Maybe my apartment's stove isn't of the highest quality or maybe I don't set the temperature high enough, but spending this much time on a dish I love is no burden to me. Since this recipe ends up making ~5 portions (relative to how big my bowl is), that's five days where I wake up in the morning excited knowing that I get a delicious meal for dinner. 10/10

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9. Finished details on the Home page.

Copywriting

Home Page

Steam - The Steam section of Steam & Serve lists game reviews of games on Steam.

Serve- The Serve section of Steam & Serve lists cheap and accessible recipes.

About - Steam & Serve merges both gaming adventures and culinary arts into a single platform, offering a space to peruse genuine reviews and find convenient dishes designed for those with busy schedules.

About Page

Ashley Jarria - Hello! My name is Ashley Jarria, and I am a student at Michigan State University. I'm a senior working towards my Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, anticipating to graduate in May 2024.

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Steam Page

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Recipe Page

Risotto Recipe/Review:

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