

Unit 9 – Sonia Bhatia

Reflection

i) Which existing websites out there most inspired your web site design thus far?

There was not one website that inspired me in particular, however the content and the idea of this website was inspired by websites like babycenter.com. I have in the past visited a lot of websites which spoke about raising kids and answered a lot of questions about parenting. They all had subtle backgrounds with flowers, birds and colors of the nature. I have tried to include that in my website as well .

ii) Which parts of the design are you most proud of?

Mastering the basic code to form a basic website and managing to host it on github is what I am proud of. It may not seem like much however once the basic bones of the website are in place it gets easier to style it and dig deeper into what I want the website to look like and convey.

iii) What struggles did you encounter in your design process?

Putting my creative thoughts in code is what has been a struggle. I catch myself thinking of the code and then trying to create around it, however the process needs to be the other way around. However I am hoping to master HTML and CSS to be able to be creative and then be able to create code in HTML & CSS which conveys what I am thinking in terms of design.

iv) Which struggles did you encounter during page development?

I have had tons of issue with aligning images and getting them to be on the same size to make columns out of them. I am unable to crop them at the same size. I have images uneven making the website look sloppy and immature.

The second thing that has been a struggle is remembering the commands and how to give them value, meaning 2px/2em/ 50% or just medium solid black.

v) What did you learn from making your project responsive?

Making the site responsive is extremely critical in this day and age. What I learnt about making my website responsive is that if a website looks great on a desktop it may not look as great on the mobile platform and hence we need to make certain changes in code for it to feel and work seamlessly. One main thing would be the padding around the navs, since in a desktop we use the mouse and on a mobile we use fingers, which makes a huge

difference . The navs could just collapse into each other on a smaller screen hence the margins need to be greater, their alignment needs to be changed on a smaller screen. Essentially when a website goes from a big screen to small screen their needs to be changes made to the website in order for the elements to look and work properly and create a experience for the user that is easy and straightforward.

Review of medium.com

The website is pretty straightforward. It's a short website with not too many links so that we don't get lost in the website something that I really like.

However the website starts off looking very cool and modern with the colorful background almost telling the user that it is a website with lots of information, data and digging deeper would be beneficial to the user, it does have a lot of good information but the dry and boring background makes the journey a little less interesting. It even breaks the continuity even though the image is used in the footer one only reaches it when we scroll down.

At the first page the underline below the first nav is a mistake for it blends in with the background of the image below, it makes the image look broken or skewed.

The fonts in the blog posts seemed messed up it needs to be in a particular format so all the blog posts take the same font-family. The navs as well on the different pages have different styling making the page look like a different website all together. The sign-in/sign up page could be made a little more interesting.

This website is about people who think, the ones who want to share their thoughts ideas and write articles about things they have mastered or been inspired from, this website from the looks of it does not somehow represent those sorts of people. The site in all looks immature and could help with some more work towards the visual aspect of it.

Review of mimarch.com

The architectural company's site looks very busy and compact. The images are very impressive telling the user that the company's work is exceptionally good and the spaces they create are beautiful and functional. However the speed at which information is thrown at the user is too high, the user does not receive enough time to digest each piece of information before he gets more. There are the pictures popping up, then the quotes. It all looks like a very busy street!

There is a absence of white space between elements making the site look very compact. White spaces allow the user to relax and take in each piece of information comfortably.

The font for the logo is too small and does not catch the eye immediately, plus the font for the navs as well are small. Navs have a certain look which tells the user that it is a nav, however if some other element looks like a nav it confuses the user, which is the exact case on this website. The heading for each section really looks like a nav and the headings either need to be stuck or separate from the section, however none of the either is happening. Getting almost lost within the site is a site that is not well made after a point I forgot where I had started from. The brain was unable to retain the path it took and how it landed itself on this page, so in the future it will be tough to get back to the same page we browsed.

As a conclusion, this site has good information and great images which need to be worked upon as well as the white space.