

Home, About Us, Admin

The Home, About Us, and Admin pages have similar designs. They all have similar headers and footers and use the same colour palette. The Home page has a slideshow of images to introduce users to the site. This slideshow automatically scrolls through four images. Then it has some written instructions for the user. Finally, before the footer, the Home page has a Categories section that features all of the different blog types. The About page has two main sections. First the About Us that explains what our website features and what the goal of the website is. Then it has an FAQ section to answer new user's questions. The Admin page has three main sections. First, quick access links that compose of links for the admin to different subpages. Then A website information and visual summary section that tells the admin information about the website and visualises it. Finally, a section that is almost identical to the Home page's Categories section. In all of the pages, the first section uses a jade green colour. This includes the slideshow (Home), the About us and FAQ header (About) and the Website Information and Visual Summary (Admin). It then uses a mint colour for the main information and a dark grey colour for information right before the footer. The About page does not use dark grey. All these pages have a max width of 1200px.

Sign Up, Login, AdminLogin, Create a blog

The SignUp, Login, AdminLogin and Create pages use forms to get the data from the users. They all have the same background, colour palette and layout. The forms check for input validation in order to prevent the users from entering incorrect information along with having submit and reset buttons. The login form asks for the username and password. It also links to forget password in case the users forget their password and the sign up page in case the user does not have an account. The admin login page is only for the registered administrators which are recognised by their specific admin reference numbers. The admin login redirects to the admin access page which contains the appropriate access links and other details. The sign up page asks for more details regarding the user like their email address and date of birth. It also asks the user to set up a username and password. Lastly, the create a blog form asks the user specific questions regarding the kind of blog they want to create like, title, description, country, category, etc. There is also an option for the blog to be public or private. All of the forms have a width of 800px.

Example Blog(The Sugar Shack)

The example blog is for the blog “The Sugar Shack”. It follows a different colour palette from the rest of the pages as this is a user’s own personal blog. The palette includes a pink and pastel pink colour. It has a similar header as other pages, however the background of the page is a 400px version of the image shown in browse blogs that repeats and covers the background. The header has a background colour of white to keep it readable. The title of the page and full description has a background colour of pastel pink. Each blog is separated from the other by a padding of 1em. A blog has a background of pink. At the top left of each blog, there is a datetime of when the blog was posted in Eastern time. Then, there is the title of the blog. This specific blog follows the format of food name, photo, introduction, ingredients, instructions/directions, as it is a recipe blog. The most recent blog has two recipes and the older blog has three. All the photos are given a specific styling. In this case, they have a height of 400px, are centred based on the article container, have a bottom margin of 1.33em, have a padding of 0.33em, have a 1px red solid border, and have a white background colour.

Browse Blogs

The browse blogs page consists of the same colour palette as and similar header and footer as the Home, About, and Admin pages, however, it is more complex when it comes to the main section. The header, with a background of the jade green colour, is “Browse Blogs”. After that, there is a section (with a background colour of mint green) with 7 buttons, 1 for select all and the rest for the different categories of blogs. These buttons are functional and when clicked, will only show blogs with the specified category. Blogs can have multiple categories attributed to them, and can show up with different filters on. Each blog preview is separated by the next by a padding of 1em. Each blog preview consisted of the main photo of the blog on the left side, the title on the top, and a preview of the description for each blog. There is a max height of 140px set and overflow is set to hidden so that long descriptions will not overflow. There is also a read more button set in the colour dark grey that will lead to each blog. Currently, only the button for “The Sugar Shack” is functional.