**CSIS 1280: Project Log**

**June 24, 2020**

About

I have been passing through YouTube videos to get a better idea on various website design and styles. I wanted to create a simple personal website but that was elegant at the same time. Furthermore, a modern design that is easy on the eyes. I encountered a simple YouTube tutorial video where the YouTuber created a simple webpage that had a background image, bio picture, and bio description.

DarkCode. “Creating a Simple Personal Website Using HTML and CSS.” *YouTube,* uploaded by DarkCode. Jun 14, 2017, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XmhtbcMWEY&list=LL&index=8&t=0s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XmhtbcMWEY&list=LL&index=8&t=0s).

I appreciated DarkCode’s design so I wanted to incorporate. I noticed that the YouTuber incorporated a type of watermark effect or transparency in its website design, and I wanted to incorporate that into mine. I found it interesting how the YouTuber altered the visual style of the font by changing the size, letter spacing, and line height.

I also expanded on the original design by incorporating my own digitally drawn bio picture. This drawing was made for my WordPress site. I used the Mischief-free drawing app and a wacom tablet to create the drawing. I included a background image of Kilimanjaro as a reference to my home country of Tanzania.

NiseriN. Kilimanjaro landscape in the sunset. Getty Images/iStockphoto, NiseriN, [s3.amazonaws.com/bucketeer-4de657b8-6d51-4a8d-9fee-1b876d2bfe98/magazine/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/06105253/Mount-Kilimanjaro.jpg](https://s3.amazonaws.com/bucketeer-4de657b8-6d51-4a8d-9fee-1b876d2bfe98/magazine/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/06105253/Mount-Kilimanjaro.jpg).

I included a portion of my Linked In About section into the bio description of my website. I made a few additions such as including my past and current education, as well as my career goal as a heading.

I followed w3 school’s approach when it came to the general design of my navigation bar. I changed the colors and included a transparency effect.

How TO - Responsive Top Navigation. (n.d.). Retrieved June 24, 2020, from <https://www.w3schools.com/howto/howto_js_topnav_responsive.asp>

I wanted to include social media links in my personal website so I also followed w3 school’s approach. Although, I wanted a simplistic design so I used a black and white design. I specifically included social media icons that linked to my Linked In profile, Tumblr page, and WordPress Website.

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Experience

This section includes my employment history or work experience. I drew inspiration of the structure from my Linked In profile and I emulated that, while blending it with the desired style of my website. The images were from the Linked In website; except for my sales assistant position, as I was working for the family business during that time, and my insurance intern position. I simply got an image from google to use for the job description to maintain a consistent design.

About Us. (n.d.). Retrieved June 25, 2020, from <http://micglobalrisks.co.tz/about-us-2/>

Taswin.tariban. (2019, July 05). Sun generic logo and symbols. Retrieved June 29, 2020, from <https://www.vecteezy.com/vector-art/619157-sun-generic-logo-and-symbols>

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Home

At this moment in time, I was not sure what kind of home page to create. I drew inspiration from my WordPress for the content. I enjoy drawing fictional characters for leisure so I wanted to include that kind of creativity in my personal website. The drawings I did are posted on my Tumblr. I am very new to web development, and at this time, JavaScript. I watched the YouTuber create a simple timer based slideshow. I appreciated his simple explanation and clean code so I decided to incorporate it in my homepage.

Traversy Media. “Simple JavaScript Slideshow in 5 Minutes.” *YouTube*, uploaded by Traversy Media, Feb 15, 2017. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YQ4svkETS0&list=LLdfjK5ObU3bSZPLRC31g0oQ&index=2&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YQ4svkETS0&list=LLdfjK5ObU3bSZPLRC31g0oQ&index=2&t=0s)

I also decided to include a table in the homepage that explained which HTML, CSS, and JavaScript skills I used in the creation of the personal website.

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General Addition

As per class instructions, in order to cite my images appropriately akin to a web developer, I included URLs in the alt part of the img tags in my HTML files. For my social media icons in the footer and universal background image, I simply included the respective URL links in my CSS style sheet.

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About

According to the marking rubric, it is required to add some form of multimedia to our website; this includes video. Instead finding an ambiguous video on the internet, I decided to create my own video using some of my own artwork. I adjusted the ‘about’ webpage structure to accommodate for video. I then made some small adjustments using a media query when the webpage is smart phone size. I used iMovie to create the video and extract it in the mp4 file format. My video is about characters that inspire me. The content includes drawings of those characters, along with quotes and lessons I learned from them. In class we briefly talked about how it is dangerous to use the intellectual property of others, therefore, I found a website that hosts free audio tracks that can be used for content creation.

Tissot, B. (n.d.). Creative Minds: Corporate Royalty Free Music Motivational. Retrieved July 20, 2020, from <https://www.bensound.com/royalty-free-music/track/creative-minds>

I wanted to include an audio track because a silent video would be quite boring. I made sure to cite the composer of the song as per the instruction on their webpage.

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General Addition

I wanted to include webpage transitions when moving to different pages of the website. This required knowledge of CSS animations. After getting a simple introduction from the class lecture, I came across a simple tutorial in the context of webpage transitions.

Dom. “ Create Transitions/Animations on Page Load with HTML & CSS - Web Design Tutorial.” *YouTube*, dcode, 25 Jul. 2020, [*https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zWB219zf1og*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zWB219zf1og).

The design from the above video was simple and sleek; in turn fitting with the theme of my personal website. Specifically, I implemented the keyframes and animation properties to create a fade effect when moving between webpages. Specifically, the animation property was included in the middle section tags of each webpage as those sections contain the main content.

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I used the Mischief-free program and my wacom tablet to quickly create a poster image for my video tag. I included this because upon webpage load, the video looks quite plain prior to pressing play.