

Creating My Portfolio

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Agenda



Introduction



Sitemap



Website
Overview



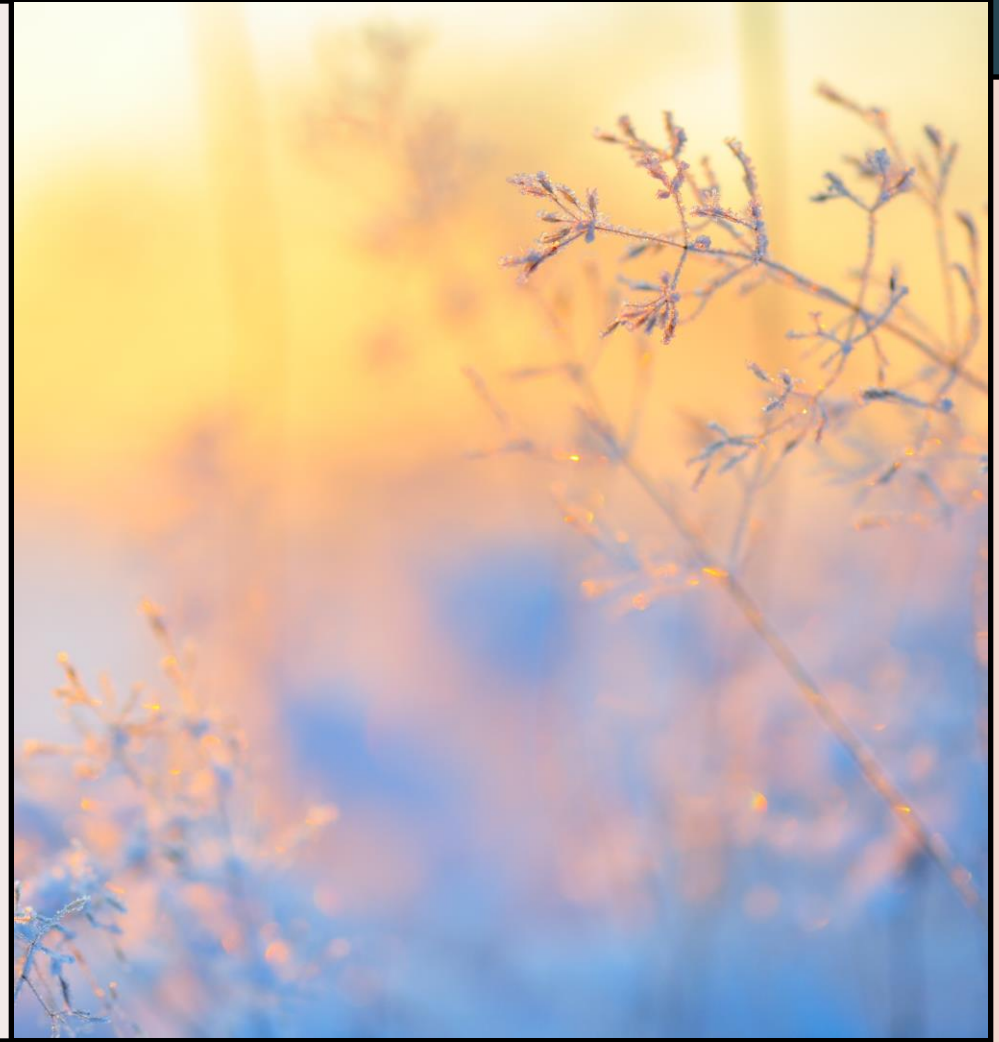
Process
Review



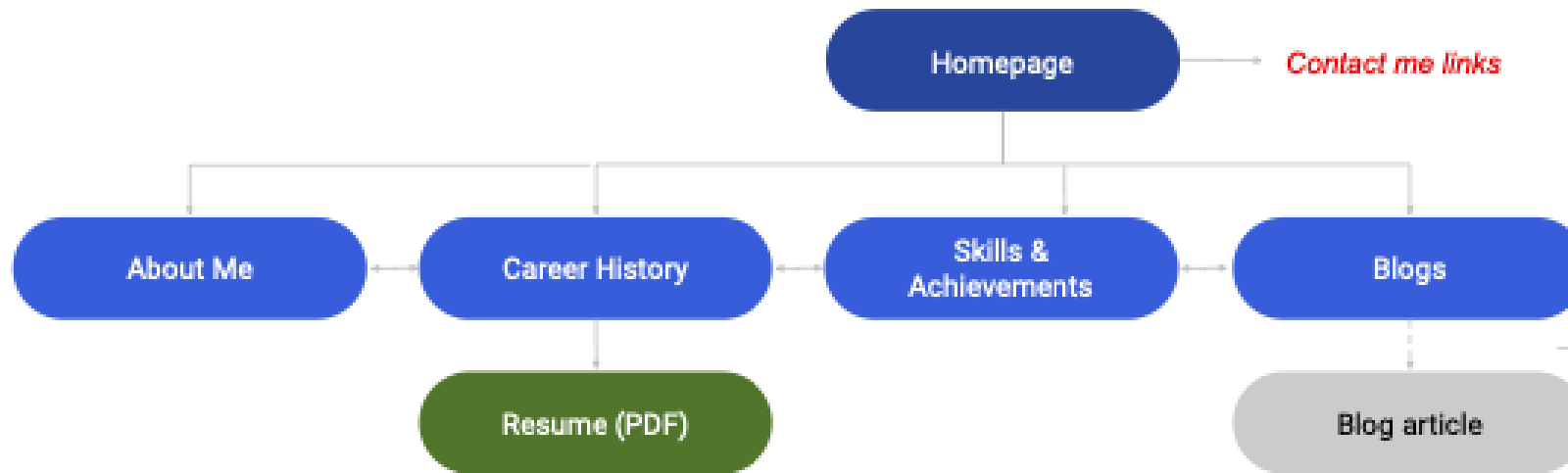
Reflection

Introduction

My aim was to create a simple and easy to navigate portfolio website that showcased my creative and technical skills. The key factors were delivering visual appeal, informative and interesting content that looks great on all device types.



Sitemap



The overall theme of the website is: **simplicity**

The website has been structured to enable the pages to be navigated in any order the user wishes.

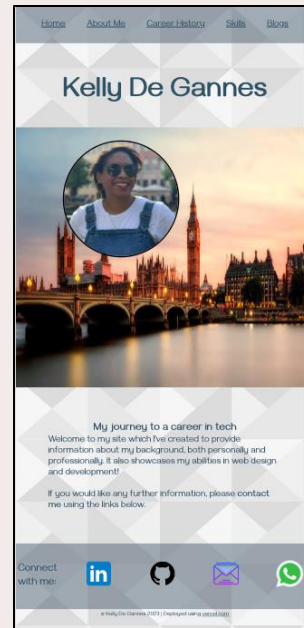
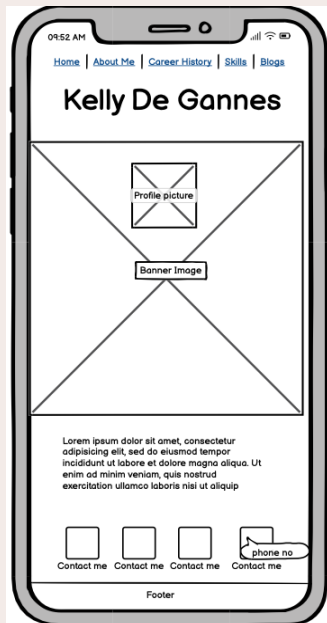
The navigation bar has been included at the top of each page to allow for skipping ahead to a later page or returning to an earlier page with ease.

Blog articles not included in website at this stage, sitemap shows future/planned execution

Homepage

Homepage elements

Mobile view



Components

Navigation bar

- Shown on each page
- Background/text colour changes on hover



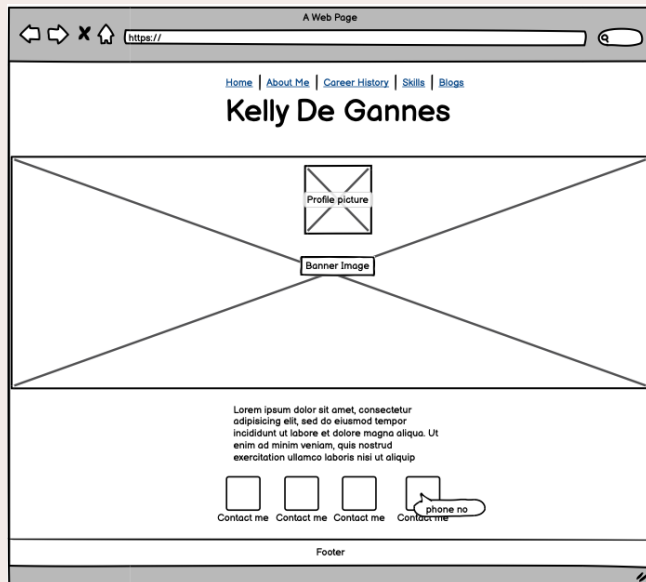
Hero image

- London skyline background
- Profile photo styled to be circular, with bold border



Homepage cont.

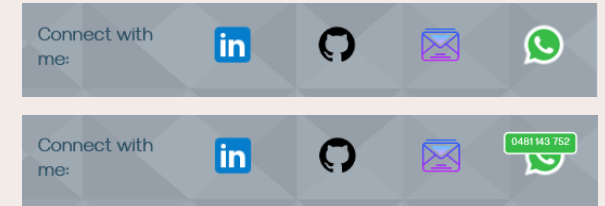
Desktop wireframe



Components

Contact me bar

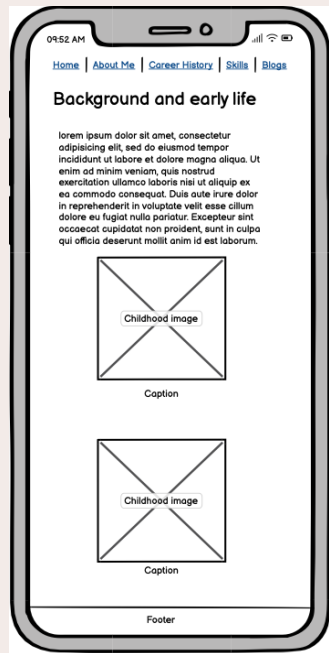
- Shown on bottom of homepage
- Linked
In & Github links take user to my page (opens in new tab)
- Email – opens user's mail client pre-filled with email address
- Phone number appears on hover



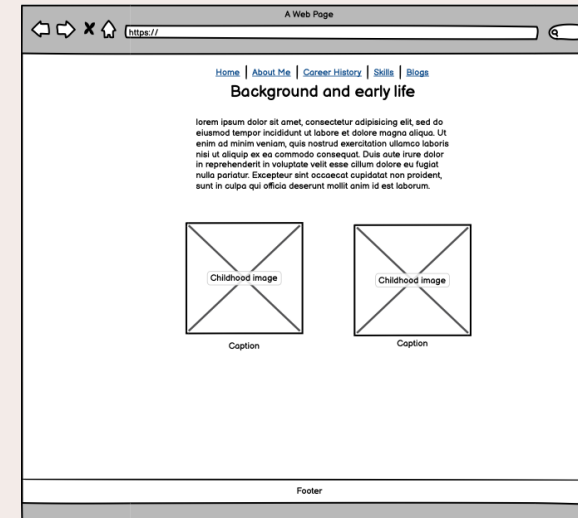
About Me

'About Me' page elements

Mobile view



Desktop wireframe



Components

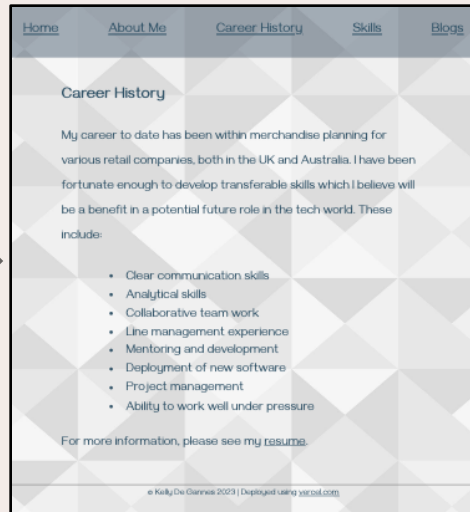
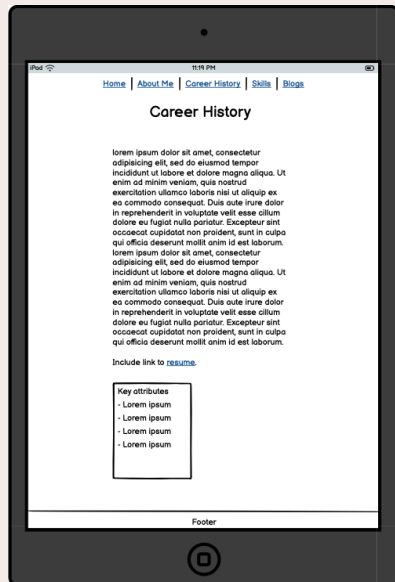
Text / photo display

- Visual appeal of images
- Images shown as single column and centred on mobile/tablet devices
- Images shown in two columns on desktop screens
- Captions used to add context to images

Career History

'Career History' page elements

Tablet view



Components



Core skills list

- Draws attention to key information

Link to resume

- Font colour changes to pink on hover: creates visual appeal and a call to action

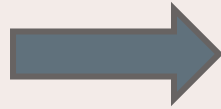
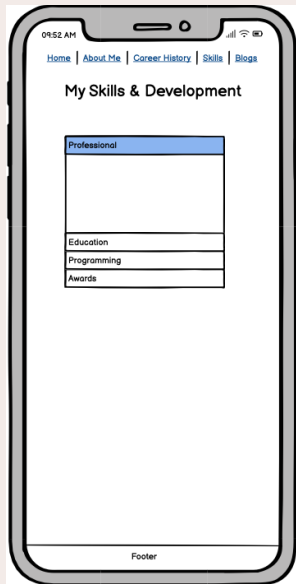
Footer

- Shown on each page
- Minimalist styling (small font size, font family and colour in line with rest of site)
- Link to deployment platform

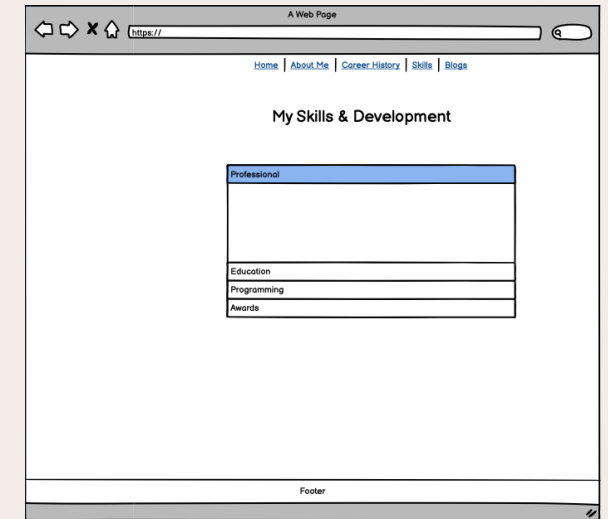
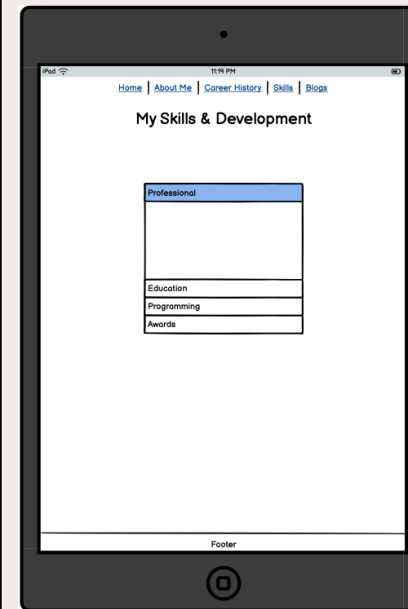
Skills

'Skills' page elements

Mobile view



Tablet / Desktop wireframe



Components on 'Skills' page

Skills List

- Bright green background colour used to symbolise beginnings, growth, optimism
- White font colour for simplicity

Programming Languages

Web Development

Professional Software

Education

Awards & Accolades

Transition effects

- Transition effects applies when hovering on header:
 - Background colour changes from green to white
 - Font colour changes from white to green
 - Title position moves from left align to centre
- List of associated items becomes visible
- Returns to original state when mouse removed

Programming Languages

- Java
- Python
- JavaScript
- Visual Basic (VBA)

Web Development

Professional Software

Education

Awards & Accolades

Transition effects

- Transition effects applies when hovering on list:
 - Hovering mouse over each skill highlights each one in pink
 - Gives visual feedback to the user
 - Draws attention to item encouraging user to engage

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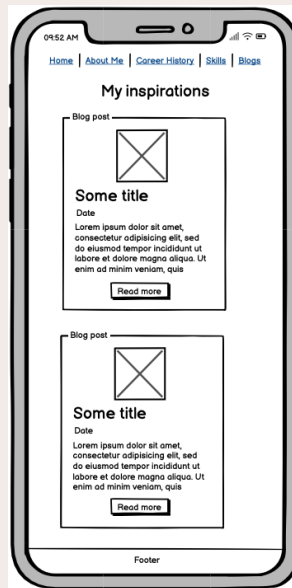
Awards & Accolades

Blogs

'Blogs' page wireframes

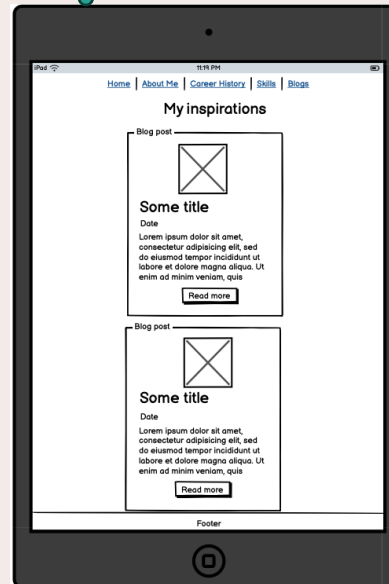
Mobile wireframe

1 column



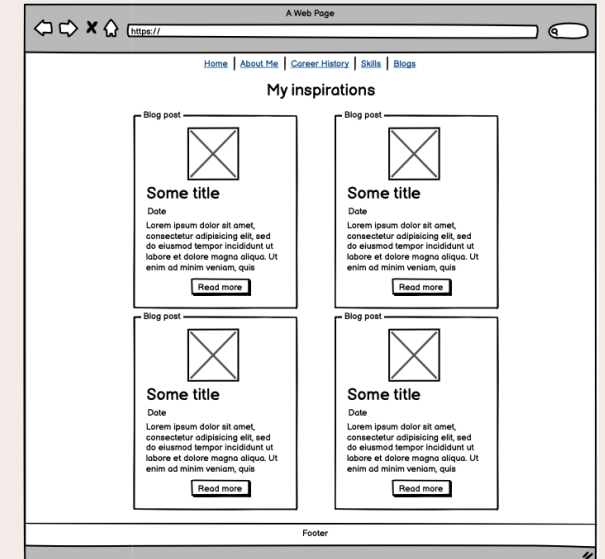
Tablet wireframe

1 column



Desktop wireframe

2 columns



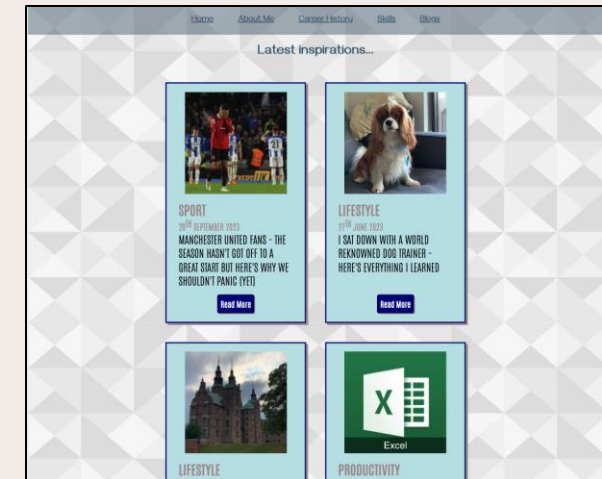
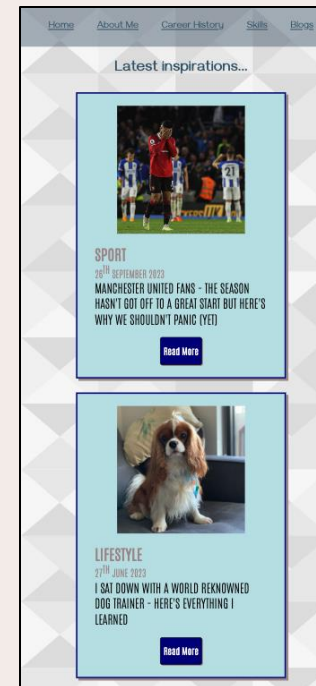
'Blogs' page elements

Blog components



- Each blog has an image shown first to draw attention
- The blog's category and publish date is shown
- A description of the blog follows
- The last element is a button which will lead to a full article on the subject
- The blue tones have been chosen specifically to tie all elements together, with the border and the button colour matching.

Screenshots



Process Review

Creation

- Brainstorm of the aesthetics: colours, fonts, textures of the website
- Wireframes to provide a blueprint
- Write code for content (HTML) and styling (CSS)
- Focus on end-user and ease of navigation

Refinement

- Reviewing content live and making adjustments where needed
- De-bugging problems (e.g. layout / transition effects)
- Cleaning code to remove duplication or redundant portions
- Commenting code to provide context for myself or other developers

Critical Analysis

Learnings

What have I gained?

- Solidified understanding of Github
- Deploying website using Vercel
- Implementing transition effects

Challenges

What went wrong?

- Not creating a new repo for the assignment at the start
- Spending too long on trivial aspects (backgrounds/font styles) in early phases
- A lot of time spent on de-bugging

Successes

What went well?

- Overall look at feel of site
- Using multiple folders to help keep workspace organised
- Concise coding method to maintain D.R.Y. concept from the start

Opportunities

What would I do differently?

- Create a new Git repo at the beginning!
- Understand the benefits of wireframes (I created these retrospectively)
- Reach out for help when faced with challenges



Thank you

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