Blog page documentation

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Introduction

The blog page project is a type of web page that is used to host personal or professional blogs on a welcoming format for its readers. The user-owner of the blog page is offered a flexible way of customizing the page to their liking. The management of the webpage requires programming knowledge.

Usage:

The core usage of the web page includes:

Blog display: the user populates the website with blogs, the blogs are composed of text and images.

Communiation outlet: the page provides a way of tunning the webpage so that readers can send messages to the user.

Promotion: the page offers a way to promote the user or to alter the nature of that segment to include advertisements.

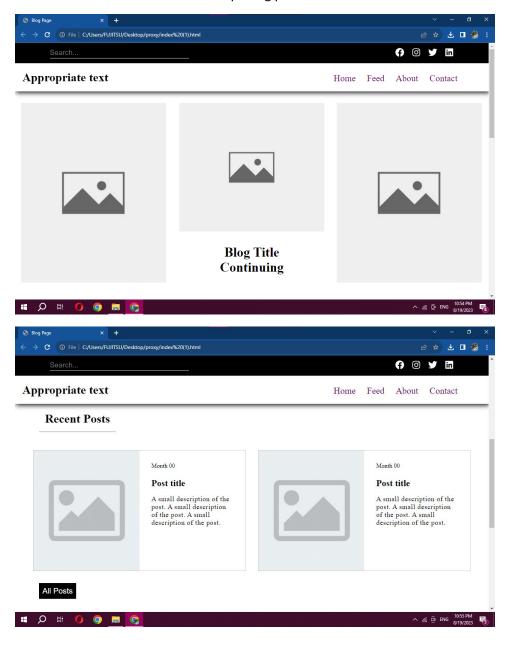
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The way it works is by rendering the HTML structure and content (in addition with CSS). The significant structure and content are defined by JavaScript. That way, the information that the user wants to be displayed can be easily changed.

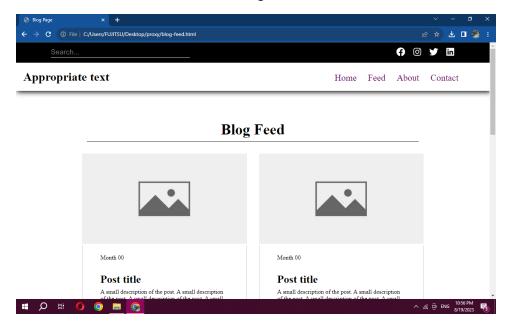
User Interface

The user interface consists of:

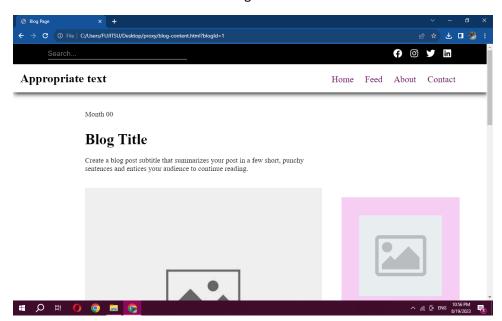
The opening panel:

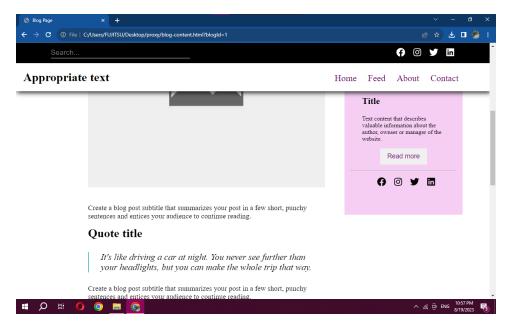


The blog feed:

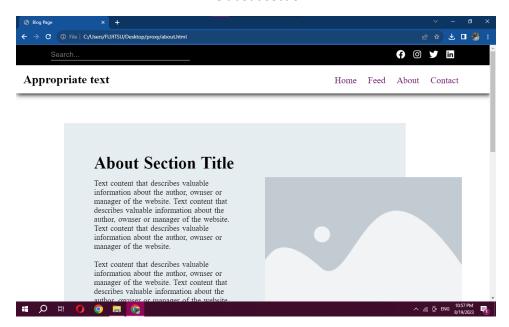


The blog content:





The about section:



The user interface is customized for smaller screen sizes (phones & tablets) and includes animations, for smoother transitions and a better experience.

Move to the example (page 13)

Production

The technologies that were used during production are:

- 1) HTML5
- 2) CSS
- 3) JavaScript

HTML Files:

- 1) index.html: includes the structure of the opening panel (wrapper elements).
- 2) blog-feed.html: includes the structure of the blog feed (wrapper elements).
- 3) blog-content.html: includes the structure of the blog content (wrapper elements).
- 4) about.html: includes the structure of the "about" segment (wrapper elements).

Note: all the HTML files have some minimal JavaScript implementations (navigation anchors)

CSS File:

1) style.css: defines the styling of the web page.

JavaScript Files:

- 1) index.js: defines the structuring and content of the opening panel.
- 2) blogFeed.js: defines the structuring and content of the blog feed.
- 3) blogContent.js: defines the structuring and content of the blog content.
- 4) about.js: defines the structuring and content of the "about" section.
- 5) global.js: defines the structuring and content of elements that are the same through all the different sections of the webpage (such as: footer and contact form).

Folder icons:

The "icons" folder is located inside the static folder and stores all the necessary icons, such as Facebook, Instagram, etc.

Folder images:

The "images" folder is located inside the static folder and is used to store all the content images, such as the blog content images, blog thumbnails, etc.

Instructions:

Follow the instructions to implement your own information and blogs to the web page.

Index:

- 1) Open the index.js file.
- 2) You first meet the content variables (required) section. The values of the variables define the content of the opening panel.
- 3) Fill the values of the variables according to the desired result.

| Variable Name | Description |
|-------------------|--|
| firstImageName | The first of the three opening images |
| secondImageName | The second of the three opening |
| | images |
| thirdImageName | The third of the three opening images |
| blogTitleName | An overall title of the blog page |
| | (middle image) |
| imgName01 | The image of the first recent post |
| imgAltText01 | The alternative text of the first recent |
| | post image |
| date01 | The date of the first recent post |
| postTitle01 | The title of the first recent post |
| postDescription01 | A small description of the first recent |
| | post |
| postNumber01 | The number of the post (look notes, |
| | page 10) |
| imgName02 | The image of the second recent post |
| imgAltText02 | The alternative text of the second |
| | recent post image |
| date02 | The date of the second recent post |
| postTitle02 | The title of the second recent post |
| postDescription02 | A small description of the first recent |
| | post |

Blog Feed:

- 1) Open the blogFeed.js file.
- 2) To generate a blog thumbnail, fill the arguments of the "newBlog" function.
- 3) Look at the example in lines 43-53 to get a better idea.

| Argument Index De | Description |
|-------------------|-------------|
|-------------------|-------------|

| 01 | The number of the blog |
|----|---------------------------------|
| 02 | The blog thumbnail image |
| 03 | Image alternative text |
| 04 | The blog's date |
| 05 | The blog's title |
| 06 | A small description of the blog |

Blog content:

- 1) Open the blogContent.js file.
- 2) You first meet the content variables (required) section. The values of the variables define the content of the opening panel.
- 3) Fill the values of the variables according to the desired result.

| Variable Name | Description |
|---------------------|---|
| articleImageName | The sidebar image (article) |
| articleImageAltText | The sidebar's image alternative text |
| articleTitle | A title of the sidebar |
| aricleText | The text of the sidebar |
| img01 | The image of the first blog suggestion |
| imgText01 | The alternative text of the first blog |
| | suggestion image |
| title01 | The title of the first blog suggestion |
| img02 | The image of the second blog |
| | suggestion |
| imgText02 | The alternative text of the second blog |
| | suggestion image |
| title02 | The title of the second blog suggestion |

To define the content of a blog, include an item to the blogData dictionary (line 119), the item has the blog's number as a key and the blogContentParser function as its value, the parameters of the function define the content of the blog.

| Parameter index | Description |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 01 | Date |
| 02 | Blog Title |
| 03 | Text Content |
| 04 | The blog's content image |

| 05 | The image's alternative text |
|----|------------------------------|
| 06 | More text |
| 07 | Quote title |
| 08 | Quote content text |
| 09 | More text (finale) |

About:

- 1) Open the about.js file.
- 2) You first meet the content variables (required) section. The values of the variables define the content of the about segment.
- 3) Fill the values of the variables according to the desired result.

| Variable Name | Description |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| aboutTitle | The title of the about section |
| paragraph | The text content of about |
| aboutImageName | The image of the about section |
| aboutImgAltText | The image's alternative text |

Global:

- 1) Open the global.js file.
- 2) You first meet the content variables (required) section. The values of the variables define the content of element that can be found in all the panels.
- 3) Fill the values of the variables according to the desired result.

| Variable Name | Description |
|------------------|--|
| facebookAccount | The URL of the user's Facebook |
| | account. |
| instagramAccount | The URL of the user's Instagram |
| | account. |
| twitterAccount | The URL of the user's Twitter account. |
| linkedInAccount | The URL of the user's LinkedIn |
| | account. |
| navText | The text in the navigation bar. |
| remarks | Footer text content, such as |
| | copyrights. |

Set up

To set up the project locally:

1) Clone the repository Or dowload the files and folders from the GitHub repository (maintaining the directory format):

| Clone repository | git clone https://github.com/leTabs/Webpage- Templates.git |
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| Repository Link | https://github.com/leTabs/Webpage- Templates/tree/main |

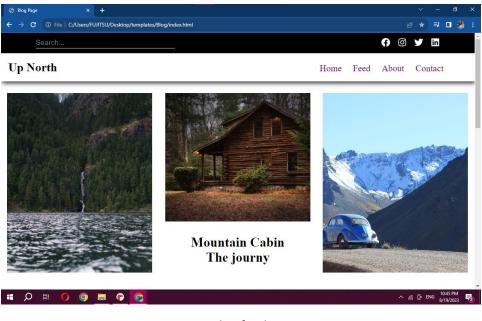
- 2) Follow the instructions on inserting information.
- 3) Run the URL of the index.html file (the directory from the root to the location of the index.html file).

Notes:

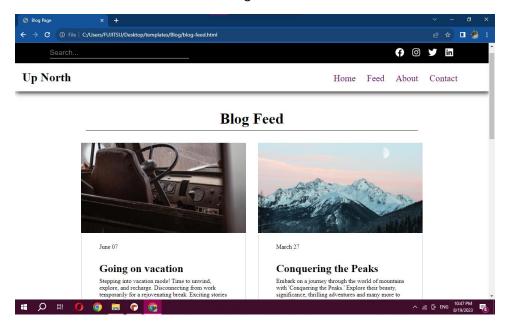
- 1) All the images need to be placed inside the images folder (directory: static/images/).
- 2) The contact form needs to be connected to a backend or an outside emailing service.
- 3) If a blog thumbnail exists and no blog is affiliated with it, the blog content will display a "The blog is missing..." text.
- 4) The variables of the JavaScript files that change according to the owner's liking are labeled as "required".
- 5) The post number dictates the post's URL address for the blog thumbnail to go into, it's advised to have the newest ones with a lower index and the oldest ones with larger. The number of a post should be the same across all the instances of that blog.

Usage Example:

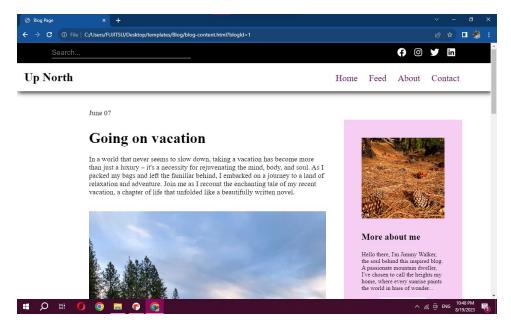
Opening panel:



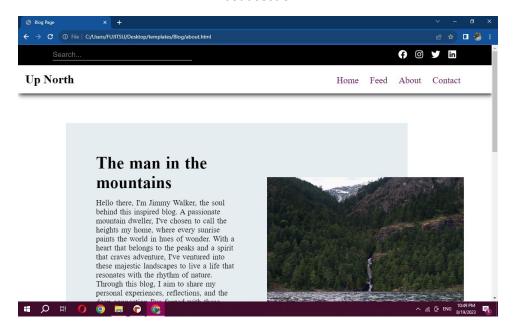
Blog feed:



Blog content:



About section:



Mobile sample:

