

Final Website and Project Report

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Introduction

Subject

When we almost finished the Rafting Site project, we started the project for the second half of semester, where we needed to build a new website as our personal project.

For this project, I decided to build my own personal site about me. The purpose was to create a site to share my experience, and help people know me.

The whole site consists of a home page, and other two subpages. In the about me page, I wrote my professional and academic pathway, and a little of my personal life. The second child page is a blog page. I think the word blog explains itself, but in this page I wrote a first article about my favorite superhero.

Audience

For me, it was a little difficult to figure out an audience for this website. Like I mentioned in the site plan, the audience I hope to bring to this site are people who want to know about me, about my experiences, or seeking a professional who does what I do.

The Website

The website is hosted and available in the following URL:

<https://leandroap.github.io/wdd130/leandroap/index.html>

Goals and Objectives

When I was planning the website, the first thing that came to my mind was that this site would be like a digital business card. In a limited way, it surely fulfills your goal.

If someone wants to contact me, the site provides the address of three different social media sites where they can do it, and my email address. This information is available on every page of the site.

Design Process

As I look at the site's final version, and think about what I first envisioned for it, I can see some changes.

For the home page, I thought of a clean layout with a blue background, and a big picture. The layout is clear, and I have a big picture, but I changed the background to white, and needed to change the text color. Even with these changes, the style guide was preserved.

Continuing on the home page, I change more than once the nav bar. I tried to remember how it was the first time, but I can not remember all the changes without looking at the git history, but I like how it is now.

I changed the background color, the hover color, the hover behavior, I added and remove some borders, and I add some text shadow.

Something I did not know during the wireframe time, was that I needed to have the link to the site plan in every single page, so I added it, and changed it more than once too. Something new is the font size effect, a bottom border, and an icon indicating that it is an external link.

In the first version of the about me page, I did not fill it with the whole real content. I started with "Lorem ipsum" text, but in the final version there are precise information about me.

Another thing I did not plan to have, was what I did during Week 12 assignment about the how-to activity about web components. I added the "Scroll Indicator" and "Scroll to Top Button". What also was changed more than once after the first time. I changed the color, and replaced the text in the Top Button for an icon.

To use an icon in the button, included in my project, the "Font Awesome". In the first time, for the social media icons, I included it inside the project, but later I learned how to import it from an external resource, like the Google fonts.

Along the way, I need to use some JavaScript to implement those components. First the JS was in the HTML file, then I moved it to a JS file, and included the source path in the HTML file.

How the blog page was the last one, I already did it really close to what I imagined in the first time, but something I improved during the process was the print feature in my "to share" section. In the beginning I just printed the whole page, but then I learned how to configure it better using the CSS, and just to print part of the content page.

Conclusion

In the section above, I cover most of what I learned during this project, but if I could summarize, I would say that I learned a lot about CSS that I did not know before.

Without any doubt, the front-end development skills I had learned in this class will fill even more my "tool box", and as I reach the end of this class I feel a hundred percent more confident than I was in the beginning.