Assignment 5 Reflection

Discuss 3 to 5 user interface bugs you found in your heuristic evaluation. Be sure to include your design for fixing those bugs, annotated screenshots are ok.

H2-3 User Control and Freedom

When selecting an item and going to the details page, the only way to go back to the ordering page where you see all your options is to either user the browser back arrow or hit the "order now" in the navigation bar. This gives the user a lack of control to fix their actions if they realize they don't want the product they're looking at. To fix that, I added a "go back" option at the top of each product details page. The change is outlined with a blue box.

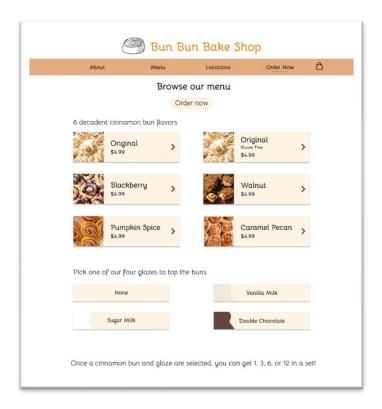


H2-4 Consistency and Standards

I realized that on a lot of other food company websites, the "order now" was separate from the "menu" page, or they only had an "order now" page and no "menu" page. In my original design, the "menu" link and "order now" link led to the same page, which does not match with the standards set by other websites. As a result, I added an "order now" option in the navigation bar, and the "menu" link no longer links to the same page as "order now."

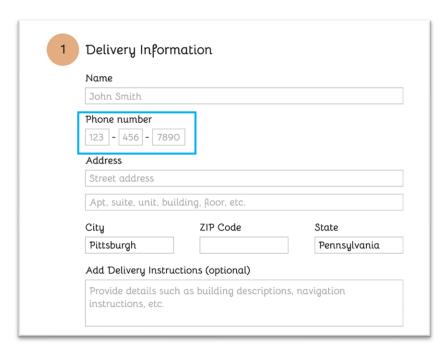


Furthermore, I built out the menu page to show the difference between "order now" and "menu" pages. The "menu" page gives an overview of everything, including the glazes and how amounts work. The "order now" page only gives the rolls.



H2-5 Error Prevention

I broke up the phone number entering into three separate input squares. Originally, I had one input square with a generic phone number pre-inputted so that the user knows the format. However, I felt it was still unclear and that breaking it up into three squares leaves much less room for error.



What challenges or bugs did you encounter in the process of implementation, and how did you overcome the challenges?

One of the biggest challenges I faced was trying to figure out the best way to organize the grid structure on the site. I thought using the usual "display: grid" would work, but then I thought it would get messy with the class names. I reviewed the Codecademy content we did for a prior homework assignment and thought the flex grid format would work well. I needed to review it though so I looked through Codecademy to help jog my memory.

I was also having issues with the image placement. I would change things in the CSS, but then the images wouldn't move. Perhaps it was because I was manipulating the text instead? I'm not sure. But once I converted the containers to flex grids, it solved the issue.

I faced tons of instances where I didn't know how to do something, so liberal Googling and Stack Exchange usage really helped me complete this homework assignment.

How is the brand identity of your client reflected through your design choices? What kind of look and feel did you design for them and why?

I don't know much about the client because I wasn't provided details about them other than the products they serve. So, I surmised that they would want a warm, friendly vibe to their brand and site since they are a small bakery company. As a result, I chose a warm, orange-brown tone inspired by the color of cinnamon and dough. The font I chose was "Bellota" because it is friendly and legible. The design choices convey a sense of humanity and friendliness, which is something desirable when selling comfort food.