

index.html

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1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html lang="en">
3      <head>
4          <meta charset="UTF-8">
5          <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
6          <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="ie=edge">
7          <title>Mack's Structural Project</title>
8          <link rel="stylesheet" href="styles/main.css" type="text/css">
9      </head>
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11     <body>
12         <h1>Trying My Very Hardest to Build My Own Mini Residential Project and Make a
Webpage For It</h1>
13         <nav>
14             <ul class="horizontal-menu">
15                 <li><a href="#Introduction">Introduction</a></li>
16                 <li><a href="#Site-Selection">Site Selection</a></li>
17                 <li><a href="#Design-Considerations">Design Considerations</a></li>
18                 <li><a href="#Structural-Calculations-and-analysis">Structural
Calculations and Analysis</a></li>
19                 <li><a href="#Problem-Solving">Problem Solving</a></li>
20                 <li><a href="#Conclusion">Conclusion</a></li>
21             </ul>
22         </nav>
23         <section id="Introduction">
24             <h2>Introduction</h2>
25             <p>As I have far too much time on my hands, I have decided to create my own full
mini residential home project, compiling the whole project on my own HTML5/CSS live
server, coded from scratch. This project will take into consideration all technical
elements (assuming I haven't missed any) that would come with a real-life project as
a Structural Engineer – minus client consultation.</p>
26             <p style="text-decoration: underline;">My aim with this project is to: </p>
27             <ol>
28                 <li>
29                     gain a deeper understanding of residential structural engineering and
its whole process.
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32                     Improve my design software skills explore apps such as AutoCAD, aswell as
improve my knowledge and efficiency.
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35                     learn some fundamental programming by documenting all of my progress on this
site.
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38                     To see if I like it!
39                 </li>
40             </ol>
41             <p>The project will be based around the construction of a residential bungalow.
For the project, I will be simulating the role of a Structural Engineer; therefore
I'll be taking care of the roof, wall and foundation calculations to ensure the
bungalow is structurally sound and can comply with the local building standards.</p>
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42    <p><em><i>Disclaimers: geotechnical reports are imagined to be outsourced and
typical values are assumed for this project to make life a little simpler.</em></i>
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43    <p><em><i>As this was a beginner project, I opted to oversimplify the design
parameters so I could get a broad taste of everything. I am aware this is an
unrealistic design and there is often an awful lot more that goes into residential
house design. I am also aware that I have missed a few structural considerations in
the form of live loads such as furniture, aswell as other house features such as the
windows and above lintels, the floor, and moisture management. Often, a lot of the
strength and stability values were well within local code values anyway, and no
calculation was necessary. </em></i></p>
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45    <article id="Site-Selection">
46    <h2>Site Selection</h2>
47    <ul>
48        <li><strong>Location:</strong> The site is located in Falkirk, where the climate
comes under 'temperate maritime'</li>
49        <li><strong>Soil type:</strong> It will be built on till soil, meaning the soil
will be compact, with poor drainage, and comprised mainly of stones, clay, silt,
sand and gravel.</li>
50        <li><strong>Topography:</strong> Perfection. God has reached his hand on earth
and carved out an inch perfect excavation for a concrete strip</li>
51        <li><strong>Local Standards:</strong> I went with the most relevant local
standards I could find (whatever google threw at me)</li>
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53    <ul>
54        <b>Load Assesment - </b>BS EN 1991
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56        <b>Structural Design - </b>BS EN 1992-1996
57        <hr>
58        <b>Ground Conditions - </b>Not my problem
59        <hr>
60        <b>Everything Else - </b>chatgpt
61    </ul>
62 </ul>
63 </article>
64 <section id="Design-Considerations">
65     <h2>Design Considerations</h2>
66     <h3>Architecture</h3>
67     <p>The bungalow was instructed to be 7450 x 7600 mm in size with a hip roof
that would offset 500mm over the eaves. Before I carried out the 3D modelling of the
house and the structural calculations, I drew the floor plan shown below as a basis
to follow. From there, I modelled the house in 3D:</p>
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69     <iframe src="img/Final Floor Plan 3D.pdf" alt="Description" Class="positioned-
image2"></iframe>
70     <iframe src="img/Final Floor Plan 2DWF.pdf" alt="Description" Class="positioned-
image2"></iframe>
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72 </section>
73 <section id="Structural-Calculations-and-analysis">
74     <h2>Structural Calculations and Analysis</h2>
75     <p>This was my first time carrying out load calculatons outside of structural
mechanics and mathematics in College, so I just winged it as best as I could.</p>
76     <ul>
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78 <li><strong>Roof Calcs:</strong> I started off with the roof. I knew was to be a
hip roof with a bogstandard 500mm overhang. To mimic the scenario of maintaining as
traditional a build as possible, I opted to design for a welsh slate roof supported
by rafters and ridge board at a typical 30&deg; slope as opposed to the more modern
method that uses trusses. With all design limitations established it was time to
carry out my calcs:
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83 <li>I started off figuring out the correct rise with respect to the 30&deg;
slope, then I calculated the hip run from the effective span, then the ridge length
which would be 1000mm. I then carried out my load calculations which would determine
my final choice of rafter size at 4.88mm. Then, all that was left to do was find the
maximum bending moment, the maximum shear force, and the moment of inertia, to
ensure they met minimum safety requirements found in BS EN 1990</li>
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85 <li><strong>Wall Calcs:</strong>Then, working my way down, I moved onto the wall
calcs. These were to be 300mm thick solid brick walls with a lime-based harling
finish. The cavity wall was to be made from concrete blocks and plasterboard to
house mineral wool insulation.</li>
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87 <li>After learning quickly from my roof calcs, I realised things could get messy
quickly, so I made an organized list of what to carry out chronoligcally. You can
see the list in the folder above. In summary, I started with finding dead loads,
then live loads, then wind loads and snow loads to find ultimately the total load
per load bearing wall. Then came various other calcs and checks using terms and
symbols I had never used before, such as  $\sigma$  for finding compressive strength and  $\lambda$ 
for the slenderness ratio.</li>
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89 <li><strong>Foundation Calcs:</strong> Finally, it was time to carry out the
calculations for the foundations. At this point there wasn't too many new things I
had to do or new parameters I had to work with. I just had to make sure the
foundations could bare the loads and meet the local building standards. Once I
rounded off the factor of safety and settlement analysis, I as a "structural
engineer" could down tools (or calculator in this case).</li>
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91 </ul>
92 </section>
93 <article id="Problem-Solving">
94 <h2>Problem Solving</h2>
95 <p>What's important as engineers is that we are assessed based on our ability to
think critically and overcome problems as opposed to being assessed purely on the
size and glamour of our projects. I have included this section to go over some of
the problems I encountered whilst carrying out this project. Due to the simplicity
of the project, these problems were by no means mega, but are still worth noting in
my opinion.</p>
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97 <h3>Drawing/ Modelling redesign</h3>
98 <p>I never actually intended to design for a rectangular based house in the first
place. I had followed a tutorial for an indian residential home, which I carried out
completely (as I didn't know enough 3D modelling skills to design my own at this
point) and ended up reverting to a more simplistic model that I could complete
easier. The original floor plan can be seen below</p>
99 <iframe src="img/Old 2D.pdf" alt="Description" Class="positioned-image2"></iframe>
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100 <iframe src="img/3D take 1.pdf" alt="Description" Class="positioned-image2">
    </iframe>
101 <p>I found it valuable to learn some reverse engineering here. Although it looked
    fairly simple to carry out some simple touch ups, and honestly it wasn't that hard,
    as someone with minimal CAD experience I was forced to think on the spot and
    improvise.</p>
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103 <h3>Calculation errors</h3>
104 <p>As a first-timer, naturally, I ran into some miscalculations. Most notable of
    which were in the roof calcs. A few negative numbers later I was able to back track
    and figure everything out before moving on. All in all I felt the whole project
    improved my foundational maths and physics skills, most notably strengthening my
    understanding between weight/mass parameters and how they relate and convert to
    eachother.</p>
105 </article>
106 <hr>
107 <section id="Conclusion">
108     <h2>Conclusion</h2>
109     <p>This project was super insightful for me to get a better understanding of the
    whole spectrum of engineering. It was super educational and more importantly was an
    enjoyable experience! I made the full live server using VScode and wrote in
    languages HTML5/CSS which was thoroughly enjoyable. Below I have attached
    screenshots of all the code I wrote to make the website.</p>
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113 </body>
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117 </section>
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119 </html>
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