

## My-Portfolio Final Report

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<https://mholmes755.github.io/wdd130/my-portfolio/index.html>

My purpose of this site is to showcase the skills that I've acquired in the field of coding and programming. That is accomplished by displaying different pages with different coding languages associated with each page. For example, one page is dedicated to python, one to html, etc. As my skills in programming grow, other projects will be displayed as well as more languages. My intended audience will primarily be potential employers. Although I may choose to show the website to more than that. I want this site to be a living showcase of the skills that I have to use in partnership to resumes and cover letters for job applications and advancements within jobs I may hold.

With this website I hope to convince my audience that I have sufficient skills to take on certain projects and jobs to increase my income. I want to demonstrate my proficiency in multiple languages. With the displayed projects using different techniques and methods to accomplish tasks, they will clearly show that I can do a lot with a variety of different languages.

The design for this project came rather quickly. The header and the footers were the easiest to configure. I primarily based them off the header and footer from the White-Water Rafting website that I made earlier in my WDD 130(Web Fundamentals) class. Their layout is almost identical to their inspiration. The header and footer make a big difference in the appearance of the website. If they didn't match or if they had extraneous things that should be in the body, it would throw off the flow and aesthetic of the entire site. So, I made them both as simple as I could to hold the website together.

For the body of the home page, I wanted to introduce who I was and why my website existed. Since my primary audience would be potential employers, I wanted them to be able to know who was doing the good work on the website. Soon I'll be adding a "Contact Me" tab in the footer so that employers can get ahold of me after viewing the website. The point of the main page was more to inform than it was to impress. The pages with my projects, however, had a little more thought on the aesthetic put into them. I'm sure that I'll want to change the design and layout as my skills improve, but for now I like where it's at. I wanted every page to have a similar feel, so I kept a main paragraph at the top of each page to introduce what it was about. The purpose of this was to help the viewer not get confused or disoriented as the pages changed. I wanted to be able to display as many projects as I could while still making the page look neat and I thought that a grid would be an excellent way to do that. A brief picture of the project would be great and a direct link to my code I thought would be the best thing to add so that viewers could see exactly what I'd done and how.

I appreciated this project because it put me into a position where I had to apply the skills I had learned in an original and practical way. I had always wanted to let my code serve a useful purpose aside from making small projects that I couldn't see the application for outside the classroom. This project helped me to see the principles I had learned paying off exactly where I had hoped to see them pay off. I now have a stronger determination to work in my classes and on my projects to learn the principles of HTML and CSS. I know that those principles are what will help me be creative as I build websites and complete other projects in my career. I've also had to think about pleasing the eye of the consumer. Everybody

who sees my website will either unconsciously or consciously judge the website based on how it looks. Colors matter of course and I knew that, but in making this site I realized that the flow and content of the site must be pleasing to the eye as well as professional to attract the attention of the audience that I want. This new awareness will help me to consider my audience and what they're looking for much more so that I can provide a greater visual experience so I will appear a better match for the job I'm applying for.