

Assignment 8 – Reflection

Part 1

- i. My website serves as a personal site that I can use professionally to showcase things such as my experiences, my personal story, and my personal thoughts with the blog. I am not planning on being a designer, so I did not put “projects” like traditional portfolio websites. I wanted this to be a fun website where I can show others my other passions that don’t fit within a resume.
- ii. Overall, the information I convey on my website is who I am, how I got to be where I am today, what I am currently working on, and what I am interested/passionate in. I convey my professional experiences mostly, but I also put my hobbies and other fun stuff I like to do.
- iii. I made it interesting and engaging by including a number of links to activities I am involved in so they can learn more about them and find specific mentions about me. The overall design is also fun and casual with the use of emojis and typography. The blog is also supposed to be engaging as I believe I have a lot of unique thoughts, and I’ve begun compiling some topics I want to write on. For this project, I did not get to write all blog posts, but some are there to capture my intentions.
- iv. The target audience is mainly for my current connections who want to learn more about me or potentially learn from my experiences with the blog. This could also be for the professionals who want to see a more casual side of me.

Part 2

Navigation Bar

- Click on desired links on top right of the page to go to another specific page (My Story, Experiences, Blog)

Home Page

- Text with clickable links redirecting users to external pages (the ones underlined)
- Click on logo to go back to home page

Experiences Page

- Click on link below “Blog Post Mentions” to go to the blog post

Blog Page

- Click on one of the categories to see the blog post(s) that corresponds with it (currently more categories than blog posts to convey intentions)
- Click on reset once a category is clicked on to go back to seeing all blog posts
- Click on “Everything happens for a reason” blog

Part 3

- i. Bootstrap
 - ii. Chose to use this because in previous homeworks I struggled with formatting pages consistently with columns especially, and Bootstrap makes it easy to make the site responsive and build consistent layouts.
 - iii. Used it to easily build the layouts I wanted such as three or two columns, and it added responsiveness to my site.
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- i. Animations (sources are in the code)
 - ii. Chose to use this to make my website more engaging. The home page especially, the fade in made it seem like an actual "hello," and the typing animation allowed me to describe myself in multiple ways.
 - iii. Used it on the home page to make the typing animation, fade in of the "Hi, I'm Nadia."
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- i. Javascript slick
 - ii. Used it because it made carousels responsive and friendly, and it was easy to customize with its various features. At first I had the dots below, but slick made it easy to remove and instead make it automatic.
 - iii. Used it in My Story where the images of my headshot would change automatically.

Part 4

Most of the original design and intended animations were implemented on the site. One thing I changed was my logo in which I decided to not have an animation involved, just the static image, because the animated words was already enough animation for the home page.

Another animation I added was to the "Hi, I'm Nadia!" introduction as I added a subtle fade into the page which conveys the hello I want to be slightly more seen.

I also added a footer at the bottom because I noticed that many self-designed and developed websites have them.

Part 5

One of the biggest challenges I had was really the structuring and paying attention to each div, span, class, etc. For example, on my home page, I have a lot of different text that I want to make a different color and add a link, so it was easy to get all my classes in the wrong place and mix them up to make them not turn out the way I wanted to. I had to be patient and go line by line to make sure it was the outcome I intended for it to be.