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Wireframe Explanation

Landing Page Wireframe: I think it is pretty useful to have a picture of myself or some type of image on the landing page to help the viewer identify me and kind of put a "face to a name" which would be useful to any future employers. I also think it would be helpful to have some type of content or little blurb next to my picture describing things like attending MSU, my interests and maybe briefly explain other experience or even something like areas of interest in research. I want the header and navigation bar, as well as the footer to be pretty much the same on every page, so I would assume that the landing page would have less content but just be very simple and crisp. Not overwhelming to the new viewer.

3 Portfolio Pages Wireframe: I want to use this same page layout for all three of my portfolio pages (Writing, Design and UX Projects) which would probably be each their own page, but cohesive in the way the thumbnails and description are played out. I think this will make it easiest for someone that is just scanning through my body of work, to have a similar format and style across all three subject areas. I also think I might want to use jQuery (or attempt to) to have a little "Expand" button next to each pdf link, but below the project description. In my head I had the idea of each description being about 2 paragraphs (the first being a brief over view and the second giving a little more detail about the process, etc.) and the first paragraph for each project would be immediately visible and you could hit expand which would then lengthen the description so the viewer could earn a little more before opening the actual pdf file. I want to include the thumbnails next to each project because not only does it make it a little more visual, but as I learned from my alumni interview, a viewer is more likely to click on a project if they have a little thumbnail preview to entice them visually. The expand button would also show more projects to be shown at once, so the viewer is not indefinitely scrolling through projects.

Contact Me Page: I like the idea of creating an in-page email system (I would definitely have to figure out how to do this) because its really easy and a lot of people don't like having to open their default mailing system when a link to an email is attached. However, I think on the side, to the left of the mailing system, I would like to just post my contact info, so they would additionally have my phone, and email if they wanted to open up a different mailing system. I might also put my mailing address, but mail isn't all that efficient and giving an address on the web is a little creepy.

Resume Page: Similar to the way my portfolio pages are laid out, I think I want to either have a thumbnail (which is kind of boring aesthetically) or maybe several images representing some of my experiences listed in my resume? I need to think about that a little more, but on the left I would like some visual images and then on the right hand side have a little bit more in-depth description of some of my key experiences (hopefully I have a lot by the time I'm a senior) and then below have a link to a printable/viewable pdf version of my resume. I just think if I posted my resume pdf and thats it, it might give too much of a superficial view of my self, and as a portfolio is an opportunity to kind of sell myself, I want to take the opportunity of explaining what I got out of some of my experiences.

Blog Wireframe: I was questioning whether I even wanted a blog page, but if I do, I think I want it to somewhat model after tumblr, where there could be an "archive view" like on tumblr where it only really shows the images from previous posts so people can go back and find a past post more easily, and then an optional timeline view which would be the default I think where images are shown to the left or maybe even the right, and content or the post it self will be written in the middle with the Title and date at the top. I think this type of layout would be very flexible because I like the idea of having a lot of visual differentiation amongst posts because its a little more visually interesting and creative which is essentially why I want the page to begin with.