

Assignment 3 Reflection

Throughout the 3 assignments in this course, I envisioned creating a portfolio website for my front end development career, and reflecting on it I would say I completed this task. After finishing assignment 1, I had expectations of creating this website to showcase my skills, projects, and professional experiences in the field of front end development. Now that I have completed the website, I would say that it did not disappoint.

Although the website is not super advanced and isn't the most “presentable”, it serves as a good start to my front end development career and it highlights what I can improve on in the future. I have also realized my strengths in front end development, which I would say is the function of a website. This means that I am much stronger in JavaScript than I am in HTML and CSS. This is partly because I have a more mathematical/engineering background than a creative background, and therefore leading to a website that is not the most creative, but functions pretty well. In the future, I plan on even getting more creative as and progress in all aspects of front end development to become a strong web developer.

In terms of the design of the website, I would say the strengths are a user-friendly navigation bar and engaging content like memojis and relevant images. I would say the biggest weakness is my projects page. This page does not really serve much purpose yet to the website, as I just created it to fulfill a requirement in the first assignment. For assignment 1 and assignment 2, I made minimal changes to it as it is not relevant to the assignment and is more just for personal use.

The purpose of this website was to use it to connect with other peers and companies to get in touch with work in the field of front end development. Although this website can achieve this purpose, I don't think I will be using this specific website. Instead, I will make a new website and improve it using HTML, CSS, JS and React to achieve this purpose. This website just serves as a starting block to my future in front end development.

Overall, I enjoyed the assignments in this course and found them to be very educational. However, I did find some of the parts to be unnecessarily long and not very enjoyable/worthwhile. An example of such is the prototype part in assignment 1 where I had to create a prototype for 4 different webpages, which took quite a while when I could just follow along with a website that is already published online and that I took inspiration from. I would also suggest being a bit more clear on some instructions, like for example the accessibility parts in assignment 2 and 3. I ended up using lighthouse to check for accessibility, but initially I was lost on how I was supposed to present the accessibility of the website for submission. Putting the criticisms aside though, these assignments have drastically improved my web development skills and I believe that I now have a good foundation to build websites, thanks to this course.