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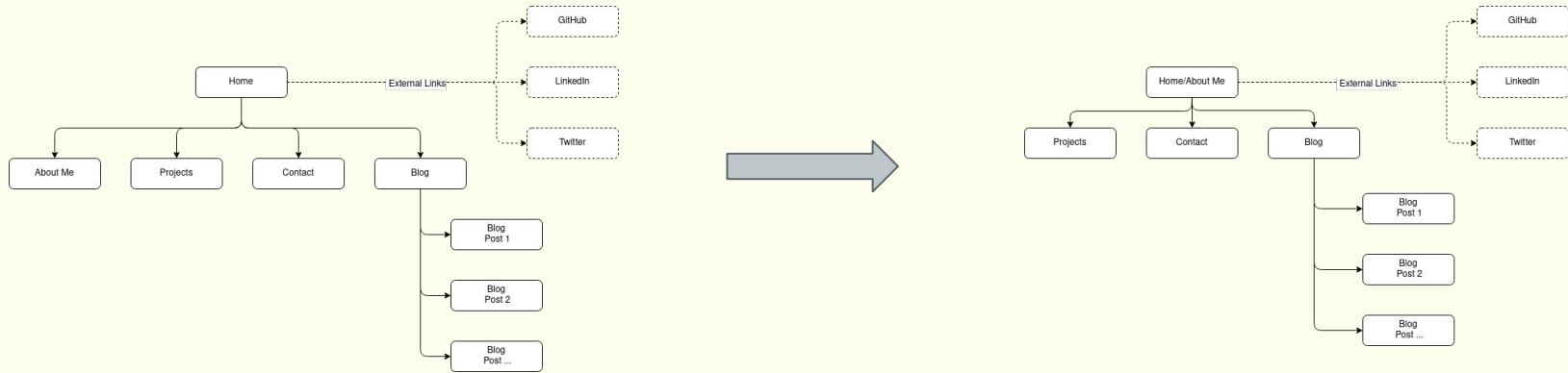
**Portfolio  
Presentation**

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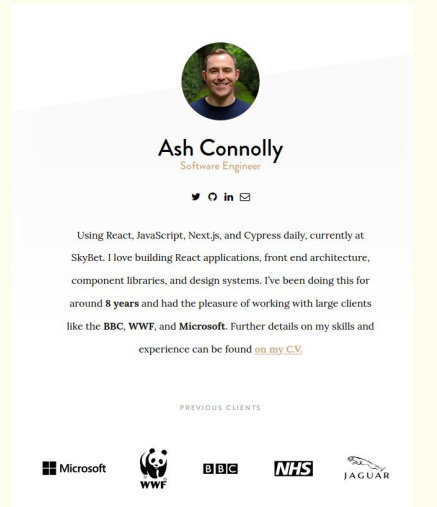
# Sitemap

- Started with a sitemap to give me an idea of what the overall layout would look like.
- The initial idea was to have all pages link from the home page (with blogs as an exception).
- However whilst wireframing, it became apparent that my design could easily merge the landing page and the 'about me' page into one.
- A later sitemap was produced to reflect this change, conceptually all 'home' links are available on every page.

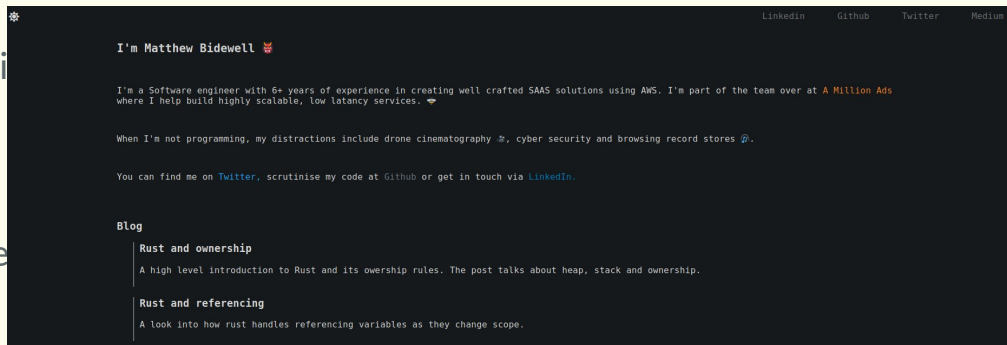


# Inspiration

- Once the sitemap was complete I went to look at example portfolio's. Some key examples include:
  - <https://ashconnolly.com/>
  - <https://matty.dev/>
  - <https://smakosh.com/>
  - <https://jhey.dev/contact/>
  - <https://dask.netlify.app/index.html>
  - <https://bronwyn-carr.netlify.app/>
  - <https://bronwyn-blog-site.netlify.app/>
- In my opinion, the best examples were quite simple and relied on minimal graphical elements.
- After some browsing, I decided to pick a 'theme' to base the design around and keep everything looking consistent!



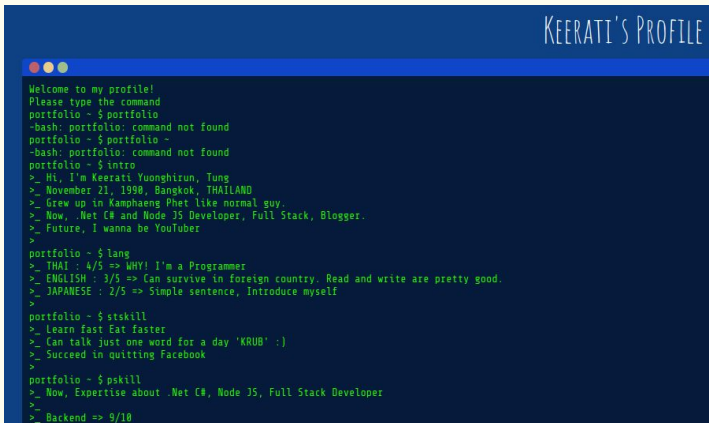
Screenshot Source: <https://ashconnolly.com/>



Screenshot Source: <https://matty.dev/>

# Inspiration

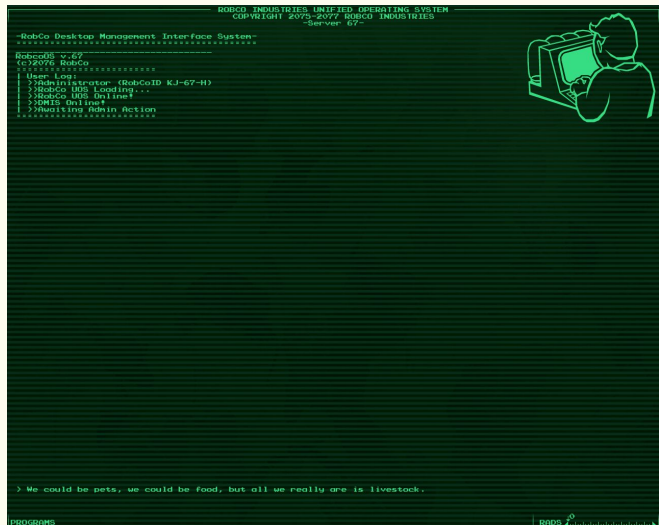
- Original Idea was to have a background image with a screen and isolate the text within the screen.
- This idea however didn't translate well to mobile, and resulted in a lot of wasted screen real estate.
- This reminded me of the game fallout, and the terminals you would access in that.
- Some more browsing and I found a cv on github that was written as a terminal app.
- I settled on 'terminal' as my theme.



<https://github.com/handtevada/portfolio>



Photo by Kari Shea on Unsplash



[https://www.reddit.com/r/Fallout/comments/1r5i8n/a\\_1280x1024\\_desktop\\_background\\_based\\_on\\_the/](https://www.reddit.com/r/Fallout/comments/1r5i8n/a_1280x1024_desktop_background_based_on_the/)

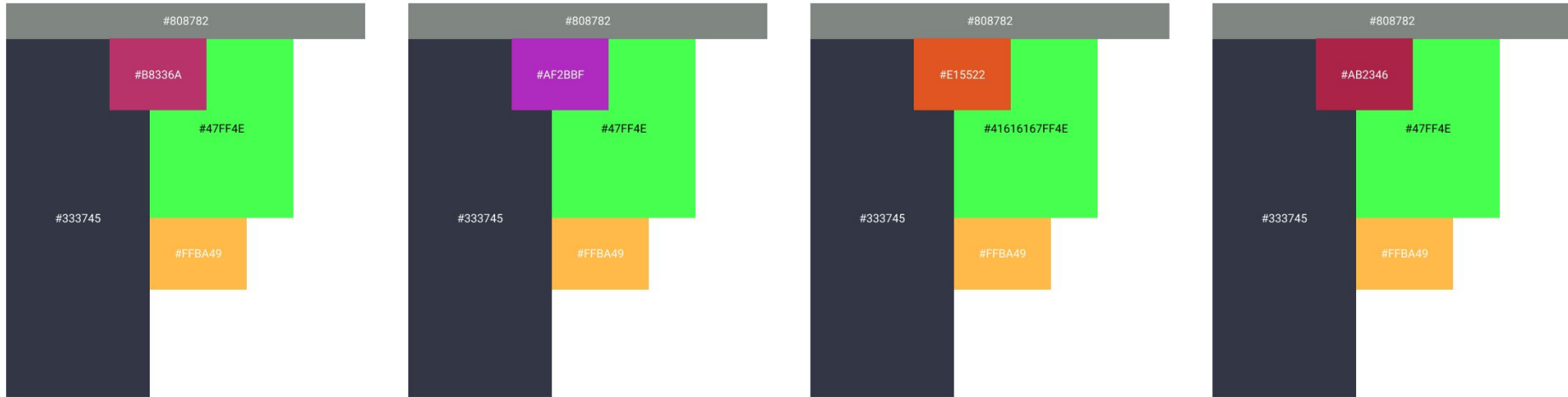
# Wireframing A

- Started by drawing the essentials of the simplest page (On the smallest available screen size)
- Chose the green by eyedroppering a photograph of an old terminal.
- The Blue by taking a subtle, high contrast colour.
- The original 'card' style appearance didn't really fit the theme, and wouldn't array well, so I stretched the box to form a perimeter around the entire document.
- I then added a light grey to simulate the edges of the terminal.



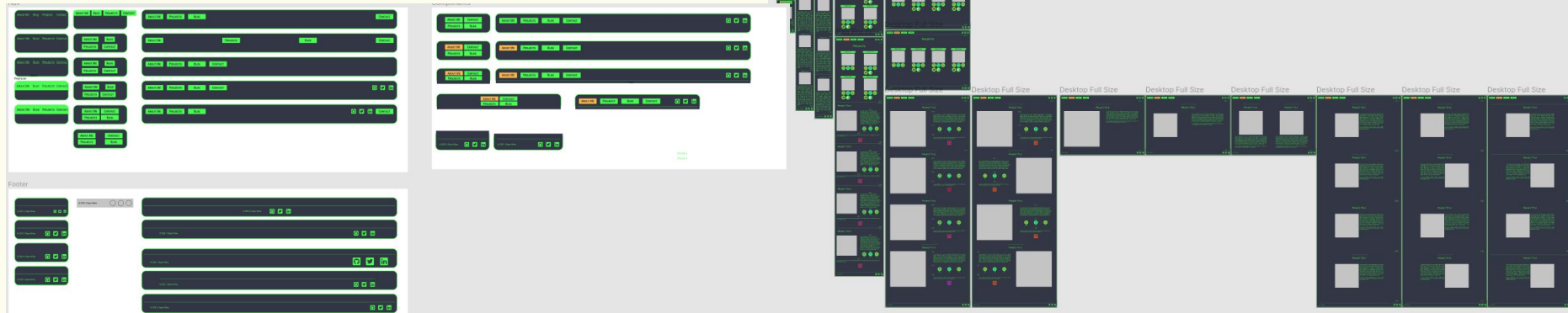
# Colour Palette

- The colour palette was determined throughout the wireframing progress with the help of <https://coolors.co/>.
- I started with the green (although I did pick a darker shade after receiving some feedback).
- The blue and grey were chosen to contrast and serve as a background.
- The yellow was chosen fairly quickly as a good 'highlight' colour.
- The real challenge was choosing a good 'call to action' colour, finding the right balance between contrast and cohesion took some time. I eventually settled on the Maroon in the first image.



# Wireframing B

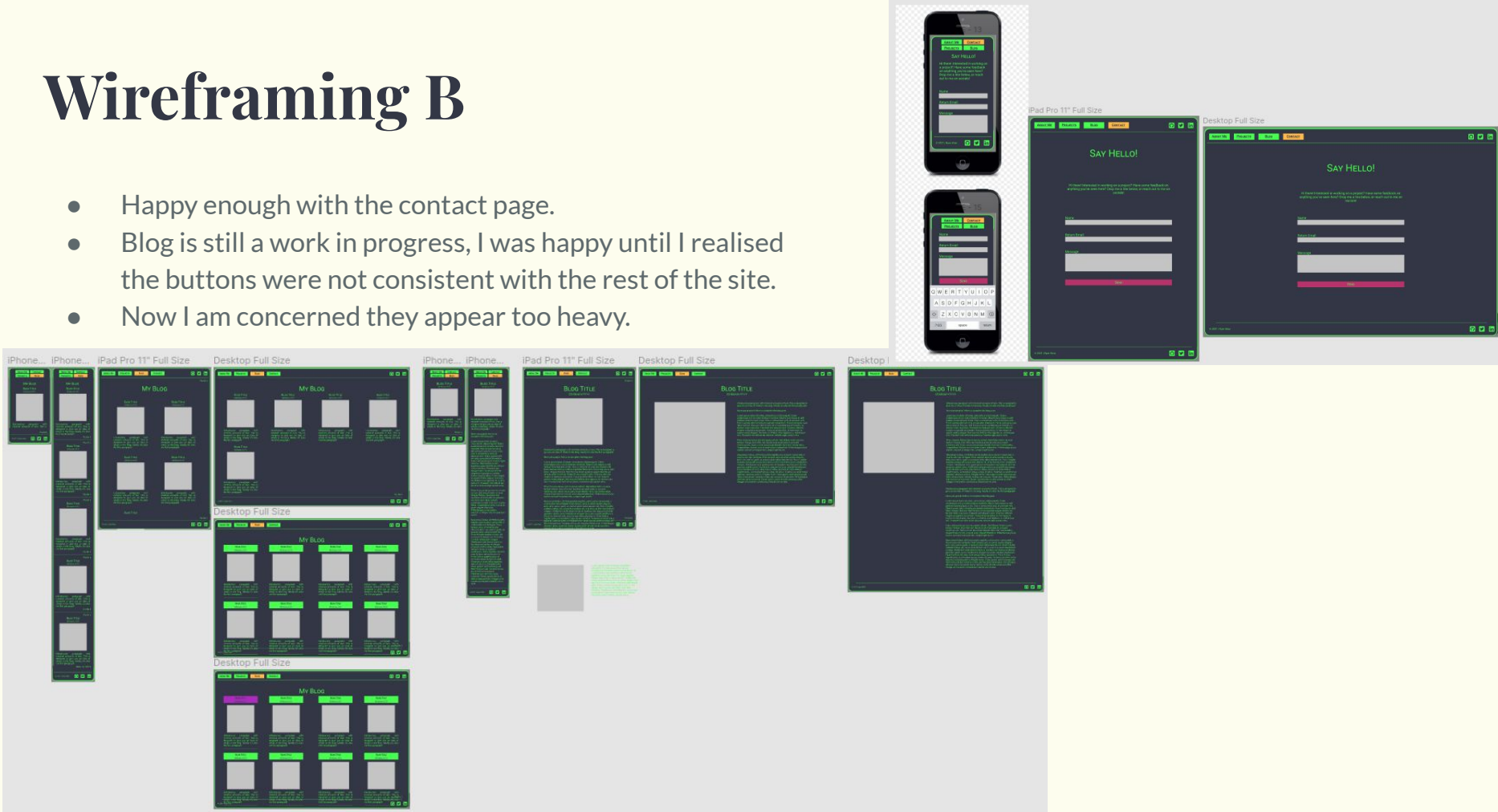
- The next phase was rapid prototyping.
- I trialled idea's making lots of small tweaks and viewed the outputs side by side.
- Not all of them were kept!





# Wireframing B

- Happy enough with the contact page.
- Blog is still a work in progress, I was happy until I realised the buttons were not consistent with the rest of the site.
- Now I am concerned they appear too heavy.



# Designs in Progress

## About-Me

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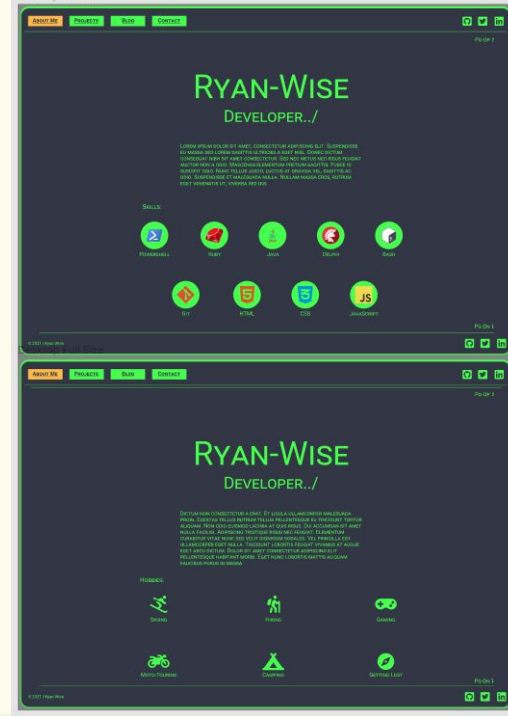
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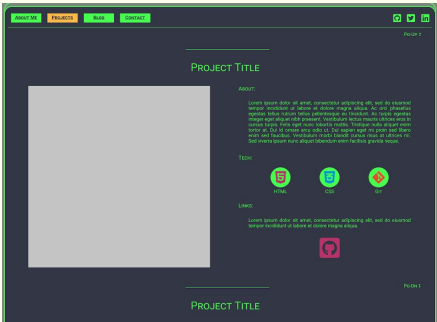
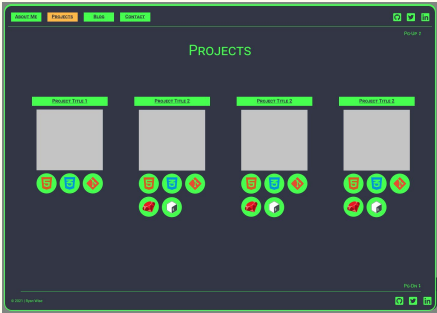
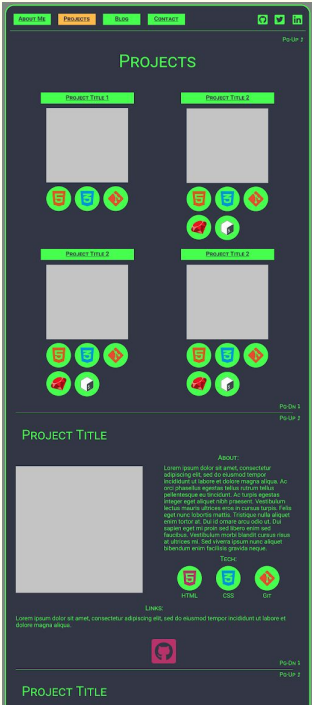


Desktop Full Size



# Designs in Progress

## Projects



# Components

## Header & Footer

Designed to be responsive elements they transition between mobile, tablet and desktop with minimal use of media queries.

## Socials

Social Links appear on the footer to conserve space on mobile, but transition to the header when enough screen real estate becomes available.

## Buttons

All buttons and links use consistent styling to ensure their use is clear.

## Skills & Hobbies

Skill and Hobby Icons are designed in a flexible array so that elements can be added or removed without need for further styling.

## Projects & Blog Entries

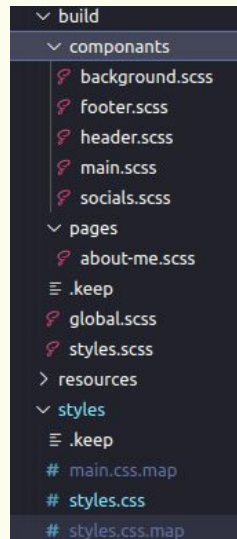
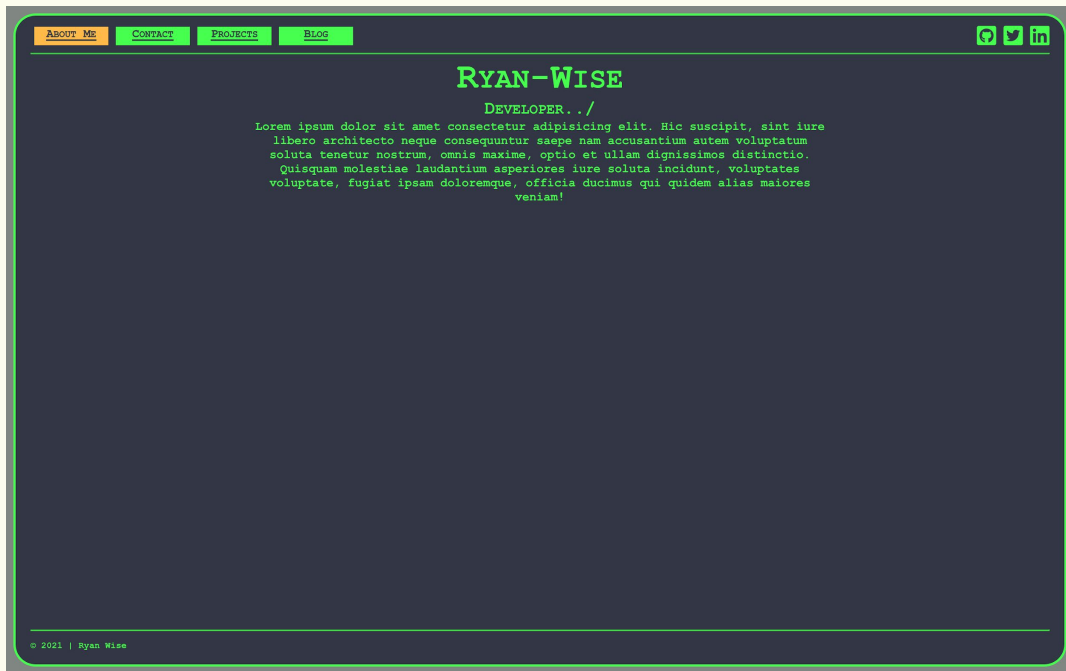
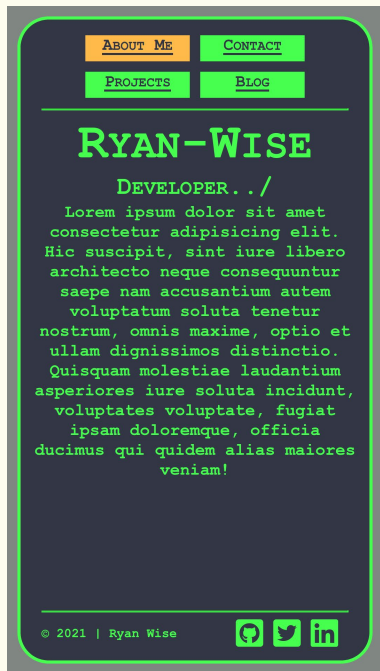
Implemented with clickable buttons to quickly navigate to them. Both Projects and Blog posts are arrayed flexibly to allow future articles to be added.

## PgUp/PgDn Links

Fixed 'PgUp' and 'PgDn' buttons help users quickly navigate to the next section on the current page.

# Progress

- Header and Footer are implemented and Fully Responsive



# Challenges

1. Picking a place to start.
2. Installing SCSS.
3. Keeping the wireframing palette organised!
4. Working on one component at a time.
5. Installing SCSS.
6. Fixing the footer to the base of the document without compromising html and body margins and padding.
7. Multiple sticky/fixed position links on document sections

# Things I Enjoyed

1. Getting started building the site.
2. Finding bugs and fixing them!
3. Learning to deploy the site.
4. Learning SCSS.
5. Pulling something together I can be proud of.

# Next Steps

- Not 100% happy with how the blog posts are presenting.
- Finish Coding the remainder of the pages.
- Subtle animations
- Grain effect over the top of the page.
- Convert/find language svg files and make them monotone.