

2.5.10 Reflection

This lesson gave us a chance to experiment with some of the newer and cooler features of CSS, and made the Run Buddy landing page truly stand out. This greatly improved the user experience and gave legitimacy to Run Buddy as a modern company.

Granted, that doesn't mean we should apply shadows and gradients to every element on the page. Too much "wow" can be noisy. Used selectively, however, these visual tricks can add depth, highlight important information, and make the page feel more interactive and interesting.

In the next lesson, we'll look at another hot topic in the world of the web: animation. But first, let's revisit some of the highlights of this lesson:

- We added shadows with the `text-shadow` and `box-shadow` properties.
- We made elements transparent using `rgba()` values and `opacity`.
- We made the header "sticky" while accounting for Safari support with the `-webkit-` vendor prefix.
- We used pseudo-classes like `:hover` to style different states of an element.

- We used pseudo-elements like `::before` to create custom form buttons.
- We used `z-index` to change the stacking order of elements.
- We implemented CSS variables (aka custom properties) to consolidate our color values and optimize the codebase.

Wow, those are a lot of new skills! The good news is that you don't have to memorize them. They're always a quick Google search away.

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