

Creating a README

How to put together a well documented README for your projects

README.md

WHY make it?

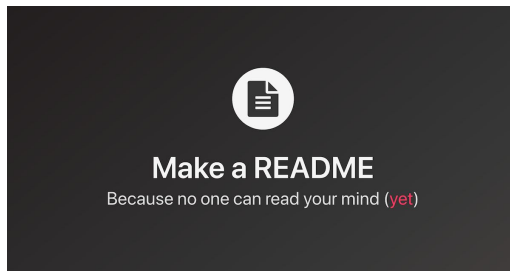
- Communication with Assessor
- Credit your sources
- Explain the design and development process
- Demonstrate your testing
- Show your thought process

How is it made?

- Markdown language
- .md file extension
- Created and lives in your project folder

What is it?

- A document that explains your project
- Displayed when your github repo is viewed
- A crucial part of the development process



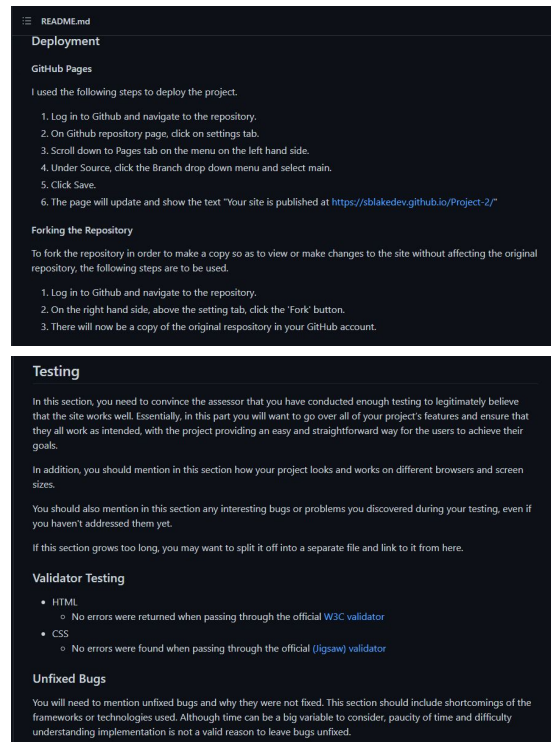
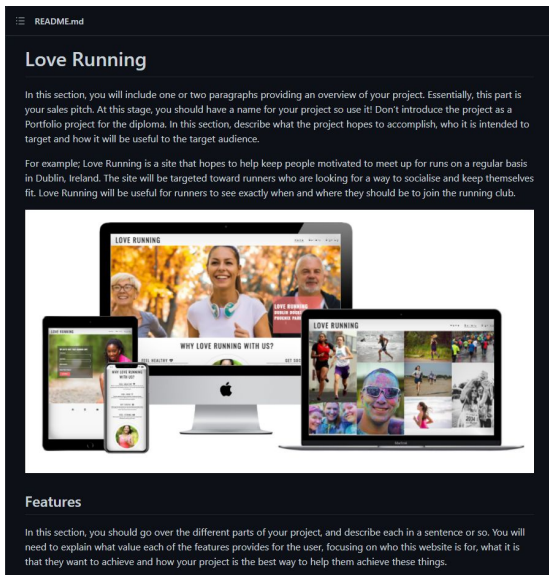
What is required in it?

- Project overview
- UX with user stories
- Manual testing
- Deployment
- Crediting sources
- Knows bugs
- Future features

README Sections

Important readme sections

- List of features
- UX/UI
- Testing
- Deployment
- Citation of **ALL** sources(code, images, text)
- Future features
- Known Bugs



List of Features

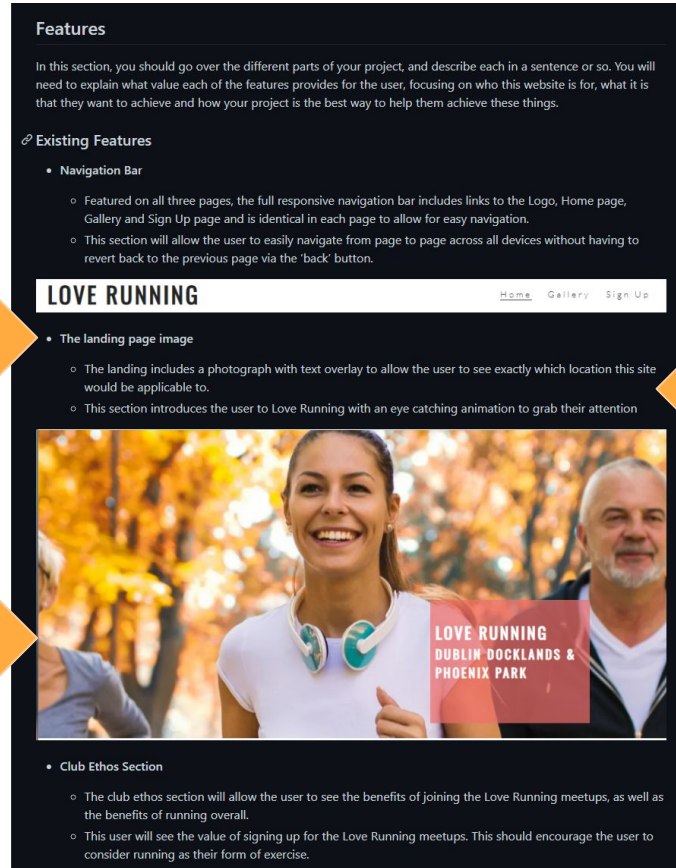
Structure of features section

- Feature name
- A description about the feature and how it works
- Screenshot image of the feature

Feature

Image

About



UX/UI Section

This section is for showing your

- site goals
- design thought process
- planning and wireframe design

The sections you should have here

- Site Goals
- Design choices
- User stories
- Wireframes
- Database structure(PP3, PP4, PP5)
- Anything else you want to add that relates to UX/UI

UX

Site Goals

The goal of GbgZoo.se is to offer a large selection of reptiles and amphibians for users to purchase as well as provide them with detailed care information. It is also the goal to make it easy for users to check their past orders and update their information easily. The site should be easy to navigate as well as aesthetically pleasing. Administrators should be able to easily add products and care guides.

User Stories

As a Shopper:

- I want to quickly find a new pet reptile or amphibian.
- I want to be able to easily sort and search for a specific animal.
- I want to easily find care information about my animals.
- I want to be able to login to the site.
- I want to be able to create a profile.
- I want to be able to add a review for an animal.
- I want to be able to Edit and Delete my reviews.
- I want to be able to add animals to a shopping cart which keeps a running total of all the animals in my cart.
- I want to see my previous orders and user information on my profile page.
- I want to be able to easily purchase my animal using secure checkout functionality using my credit/debit card.
- I want to be able to select the quantity of animals when adding them to my cart.
- I want to be able to recover my password if I have lost it.

As the site Administrator:

- I want to be able to add new animals.
- I want to edit existing animals.
- I want to be able to add new care guides.
- I want to edit existing care guides.
- I want to be able to remove reviews if need be.

Wireframes

To see all wireframes created in the UX stage [Click Here!](#)

Writing the Testing Section

The testing section should be used to

- show the assessor you have tested your site well
- show that your site is responsive on multiple devices
- test user stories
- show that your code passes validation
- list any unfixed bugs in your code

Testing

In this section, you need to convince the assessor that you have conducted enough testing to legitimately believe that the site works well. Essentially, in this part you will want to go over all of your project's features and ensure that they all work as intended, with the project providing an easy and straightforward way for the users to achieve their goals.

In addition, you should mention in this section how your project looks and works on different browsers and screen sizes.

You should also mention in this section any interesting bugs or problems you discovered during your testing, even if you haven't addressed them yet.

If this section grows too long, you may want to split it off into a separate file and link to it from here.

Validator Testing

- HTML
 - No errors were returned when passing through the official [W3C validator](#)
- CSS
 - No errors were found when passing through the official ([Jigsaw](#)) validator

Unfixed Bugs

You will need to mention unfixed bugs and why they were not fixed. This section should include shortcomings of the frameworks or technologies used. Although time can be a big variable to consider, paucity of time and difficulty understanding implementation is not a valid reason to leave bugs unfixed.

Testing Section Requirements

Manual testing of your features

- Test each feature of your site using Feature > Expected Result > Action Taken > Result
- Document every feature test with a screenshot

Feature	Expect	Action	Result
Home Navbar Button	When clicked the home page will open	Clicked Home on the Nav bar	Home page opened when clicked
Form submit button	Form submits when submit button is clicked	Clicked the submit button on the form	The form successfully submitted on click
Social link icons	Social link icons open relevant websites in a new tab when clicked	Clicked the social link icon	The link opened a new tab and to the correct site
Hero image	The hero image will zoom in on page load	Refreshed the home page	The hero images performs the zoom effect correctly

Manual testing of user stories

- Test user story by using the site
- Document the results of each test
- Add screenshots to supplement tests

Expectation:

As a visitor, I want to understand the main purpose of the site.

Result:

As a visitor, I understand that this is the website for a local running club offering meetups and group runs.

Expectation:

As a visitor, I want to be able to navigate easily around the site and sign up for runs.

Result:

As a visitor, I see that I can click the signup page and fill in a form to join.

Expectation:

As a visitor, I want to be able to find information about current events.

Result:

As a visitor, I can see the 5 events planned by the club on the home page.

Automated testing

Automated Tests are

- Not required to PASS
- Important to learn
- Faster to find and fix bugs

```
tests > test_unittest.py > ...
1 import inc_dec # The code to test
2 import unittest # The test framework
3
4 class Test_TestIncrementDecrement(unittest.TestCase):
5
6     def test_decrement(self):
7         self.assertEqual(inc_dec.decrement(3), 2)
8
9 if __name__ == '__main__':
10     unittest.main()
```

Should I use automated testing?

Pros	Cons
Can speed up development	Steep learning curve
Easily test multiple features at once	Time investment to learn testing library
Faster to identify bugs	Not required for this course

Deployment

Why have the deployment section

- Show the assessor you know how to deploy your project
- Show future collaborators and clients how to use your software
- Have a record for your future self as a reminder of how to deploy on the platform

What to have in the deployment section

- Detailed list of steps taken to deploy
- Deploying to Github Pages/Heroku
- Creating/connecting a Database
- Deployment requirements(env.py, Procfile, Requirements.txt)
- Cloning/forking the Github repo
- Connecting static files from AWS

Deployment

This section should describe the process you went through to deploy the project to a hosting platform (e.g. GitHub)

- The site was deployed to GitHub pages. The steps to deploy are as follows:
 - In the GitHub repository, navigate to the Settings tab
 - From the source section drop-down menu, select the Master Branch
 - Once the master branch has been selected, the page will be automatically refreshed with a detailed ribbon display to indicate the successful deployment.

The live link can be found here - <https://code-institute-org.github.io/love-running-2.0/index.html>

Citation of Sources

Crediting Sources

- Always credit ALL sources
- Images
- Code
- Text
- Link to relevant site
- Authors name/pseudonym
- Link to actual content

Credits

In this section you need to reference where you got your content, media and extra help from. It is common practice to use code from other repositories and tutorials, however, it is important to be very specific about these sources to avoid plagiarism.

You can break the credits section up into Content and Media, depending on what you have included in your project.

Content

- The text for the Home page was taken from Wikipedia Article A
- Instructions on how to implement form validation on the Sign Up page was taken from [Specific YouTube Tutorial](#)
- The icons in the footer were taken from [Font Awesome](#)

Media

- The photos used on the home and sign up page are from This Open Source site
- The images used for the gallery page were taken from this other open source site

Future Features

Features you did not add yet

- You ran out of time
- You weren't sure if it was viable
- Weren't comfortable implementing

Features Left to Implement

- User profile picture which displays in the navbar when logged in and on user reviews.
- Model and page for animal care products.
- Option to select home delivery or collect in store.
- Custom error screens such as 500, 404 etc. Django defaults are currently being used.
- Remove unused fields in models, I've had many issues with migration so I didn't want to mess with that so close to submission as it works currently and don't have time to fix if an issue crops up.

Summary

As you can see the README is a crucial part of your projects and writing a well-documented README is a skill. By the time you graduate you will be comfortable with markdown and writing good software documentation.

The README should be started with your project and never as an afterthought. This way you can add any bugs that crop up and ideas you may have a long the way.

The README is your direct line of communication to the Assessor within this course and to a potential client/collaborator in your career as a developer. This is a powerful tool for communicating your ideas and process and should be treated with the utmost importance.