**My Website Journey**

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My website is called “Happy Pets”, and has a moto, “Pet Care Made Easy”. The idea of the site is to provide a single source for all types of pet care, from tarantulas to kittens. The site works by referencing other sites, since a database isn’t possible for this project, and has a directory where one can search useful pet care information for almost any type of animal. There is also a veterinary section for medical treatments, and both pharmacological and veterinary information. The idea of the site is to be user friendly, and to allow both old and young, new or experienced pet owners to improve their knowledge. One goal of this site is to help fight animal miscare due to ignorance, and to allow easy access for knowledge. <https://stephenmoll.github.io/wdd130/pet_care/index.html>

During the creative journey I discovered certain things looked better when done slightly differently to how I had originally planned in my wireframes, eg. my navigation bar arrangement, just by reorientating the navigation links I made the page more appealing. In general, I mostly followed my wireframes, but I did make a few changes too. The colour scheme wasn’t as appealing as I had wanted, so I changed the color scheme also.

I felt that the most user-friendly way to display the directory was alphabetically in two columns like a folded page, and the hero-page in a straight-forward top to bottom flowing format. This formatting not only looked appealing on my wireframe sketches, but worked well in practice. When plotting my wireframes I plotted them on paper first. Once I was pleased with the sketches then I plotted them on the computer to finalize them.

A lot of the initial course material was copy and pasting which didn’t allow much comprehension, but doing actual coding of my website’s html and CSS I quickly learned and gained comprehension of the subject. The final month of the course is where the majority of the course is learnt, by putting things into practice and actively coding ourselves. One learns from one’s mistakes, and from being forced to seek out answers. I found while doing the website I was learning something new each day.

Web development is a useful skill for any programmer, whether one progresses on to front-end development, or goes on to software development, understanding web development is a vital I.T skill. The internet has become such a prominent part of modern life that it is vital for a programmer to understand html and CSS, even if their career leads them to away from front-end development.

I found html and CSS confusing when compared to other languages, not because they are harder than other languages but rather because there was a lot of information and rules to absorb without it always being intuitive.

Another trial I had while creating my website was time, I struggled to juggle my various commitments and keep up with the weekly deadlines, but I didn’t ever give up, and pushed through.

I would like to end by thanking you for your help and kindness during this course. Merry Christmas, and I you have a good year ahead.