

The power of stories...



EXPLORE...

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Preparation and Research

- Read all documents, taking notes on what my focus would be
- Organise links for website tools, decide which softwares to use
- Create initial Trello boards



Planning

- Reference other profiles and previous work
- Notepad sketches and writings
- Pencil wireframe design
- Sketch out html elements to build
- Update Trello boards with timeline of build, split into tests, actual build and review
- Create initial directories, github repo



TESTS

- Separated major features to test individually before build
- Selected background from mood, and visibility compared to others
- Overlay worked no problem, decided on animation as transition was effecting layout
- Flextest was a success
- Grid was not, though it may have enabled more control I didn't feel familiar enough to get the product completed in time with grid



Development Review

Challenges

- Having a good idea about how long things will take
- Reconsidering features mid-build
- Maintaining trello throughout build
- Commenting your code as you go, (stuck in creative mode, so many potential features!)
- Sacrificing ideals to get the product completed
- Working along-side negative self-talk, remember to keep exploring and you will find solutions!



Development Review

Ethical Considerations

- Copywrite infringements
- Ease of use - directions
- Image alt tags incase images don't load
- Client/ employer trust; authenticity...



The EXPLORE epiphany...

- I was at my lowest point in the dev, overwhelmed that it was taking twice as long
- Why did I want a natural background?
- Why did I want the text to disappear?
- Why did I want the overlay?
- Looking at what I'd written to describe myself, I realised I was playing to a narrative, instead of being myself.
- Remembering intention of the site is to show my personality, and fine details about work and attitude will be discussed once someone is interested in you
- The best way to get someone interested in you is through **the power of stories...**



EXPLORE some more;
question time!

