Where To Go From Here

I'm really glad to see you come this far.

Thank you for following along.

So what next?

Where do you go from here?

Below I have highlighted the concepts (and personal advice) I think make up the logical next steps for you to take in your CSS career.

1. Build a lot of small things.

Just before you go ahead to purchase another book, course, or see another youtube tutorial, take a deep breath and pause for a moment.

Ask this. What is the true value of knowledge?

The true value of knowledge is in its use i.e the application of knowledge.

The first step to take isn't to greedily get on some other CSS program, but take the time to rinse and repeat what you've learned here.

Build the projects yourself (without me teaching you), and tackle the challenges again.

You've done that?

Then, go ahead and build a project that interests you. Say, a personal website

or a portiono.

You may be tempted to say to yourself, "aw, I do not know enough to build that". That's wrong!

You'll be amazed what you can do when you challenge yourself to a project.

2. Master Flexbox for layouts in CSS

Flexbox is the emerging standard for modern CSS layouts.

So, you want to build two-column websites such as this:



Or, you want something a little more traditional:



Whatever your layout desires, your best bet is Flexbox.

To learn flexbox well, I have written an amazing course here for you. It is free!

Understanding Flexbox: by Ohans Emmanuel

3. Stay up to date

A lot of things change very quickly, and you need to be updated.

You may want to follow me on twitter. I try not to waste people's time, and tweet things of value.

Like I said earlier in the course, sometimes you need to reference a CSS property or remind yourself of how something works. Other than doing a pointless google search, these CSS references are the best you'll find on the

internet.

- (i) The Codrops CSS Reference
- (ii) The Mozilla Developer Network CSS Reference

Check them out.

4. Be Grateful for What you Know

There's a tendency to always crave for knowledge. That is a very good thing. I never get tired of it myself. From new shiny frameworks, to books and countless articles, you may be tempted to just keep going.

While this in itself isn't bad, the disadvantage comes from the feeling of not being adequate. The "I don't know anything" feeling.

That's bad.

Be grateful for what you know.

Take sometime to appreciate how much you've improved.

Appreciate yourself, and it'll be easier to pick up new things - with confidence. You will also NOT beat yourself to death when you come accross a technique or skill you do not know.

Be curious, keep learning. Just don't beat yourself up in the process.

Appreciate yourself!