

# Implementing a Web Portfolio/Tool Project

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## Part 1

This is a personal website where I originally planned to showcase my projects and communicate my experiences to friends, peers, and recruiters. However, as the semester came to a close and the world completely changed to respond to the pandemic, I also made a life changing decision. Because of the threat of a virtual fall semester, I decided to take my last two requirements during the summer instead of waiting for the fall, and graduate with the class of 2020. This made me reflect on my college experience, and therefore made me want to create something that helps me relive the memories I made in the past 4 years. I didn't want to make the website extremely sappy though, so I decided to connect each story to a clothing piece that I had thrifted. Because thrift shopping is one of my favorite hobbies, I thought this would be an amazing addition on my website to show my personality. I have so far only developed the blog section of my site so that I could select specific photos and reminisce on my experience, but eventually, I will add a portfolio section on this website. The intended audience for my current version of the site would simply be friends from college, until I expand the professional aspect more.

## Part 2

1. Navigation bar- simply click on "blog", "contact" or "Ellie La" (about page) to be directed to another page of the website. "resume" will open a new tab to an old version of my resume!
2. Social media link on footer of each page- each of the icons links to various social media sites such as LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, and Spotify
3. Contact form page- send me a message by filling out the form and pressing send!

## Part 3

1. I used Animate.css by daneden, because I wanted to make my site more responsive to user input. I didn't want to do anything crazy with animations because I know it can be distracting so I subtly added it. I used it by downloading the file from daneden's github, and linking it to my html. Then, for the buttons that I wanted to animate, I added "animate: [animation name];" in the class function. It added subtle interactions in my website, so that users can more clearly see that they have pressed a button.

## Part 4

In the mock up, I wanted a full page for my resume, but I realized that this would be unrealistic because whenever I update my resume, I would have to edit my website. Therefore,

I changed it so that I simply have to link it to a shared page. In addition, I originally intended to simply have contact information and social media links in my contact page, but I instead decided to put the social media links in my footer of each page, and have a contact form in my contact page.

## **Part 5**

It was really challenging to get the header in one row, with a few buttons on the left side of the bar and a few on the right. Bootstrap tremendously helped with this, in addition to making my site responsive for multiple screen sizes. It was also really difficult to incorporate animation-- even though the steps sounded simple, for the longest time, I couldn't get the animation to actually work on the website.