

Portfolio Website Report

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Overview

The purpose of this portfolio website was for me to display my work online and learn about web development. I wanted my design to look professional and easy to navigate while still having a bit of fun with it. The objectives were to learn about the tools I'll need, see how others approached projects like this, start following along with a tutorial, and redesign it to make it unique (see fig. 1).

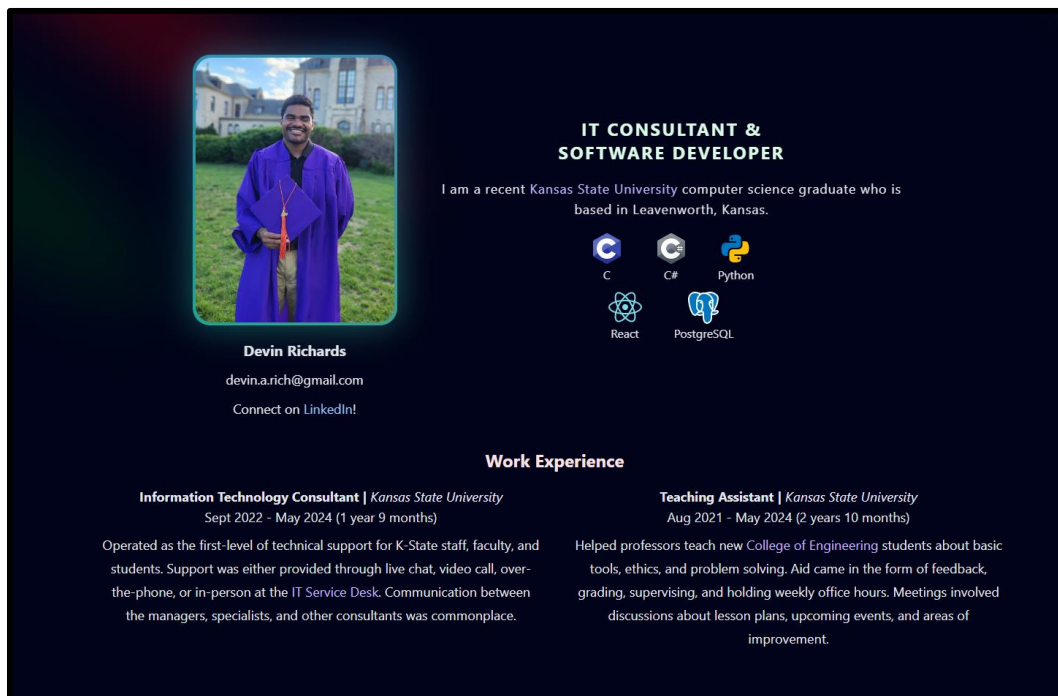


Figure 1 Completed Website

Target Date

This project was started on September 20th. I was aiming for it to be completed by September 25th for a total of 6 days. However, this endeavor had taken roughly 13 days to finish for reasons that are explained in the "Challenges" section of this report. The website was instead completed by October 2nd.

Time Spent

The first week was dedicated to completing a portfolio website tutorial from YouTube (JavaScript Mastery 2024). After finding a stopping point the website redesign (see fig. 2) took 1 day to draw. Implementing it took about 2 days but subsequent changes to the design were conducted over the course of 4 days. To gain insight into what to change I watched a youtuber for a few hours review the portfolio websites of his viewers and provide them feedback (Anthony Sistilli 2024).

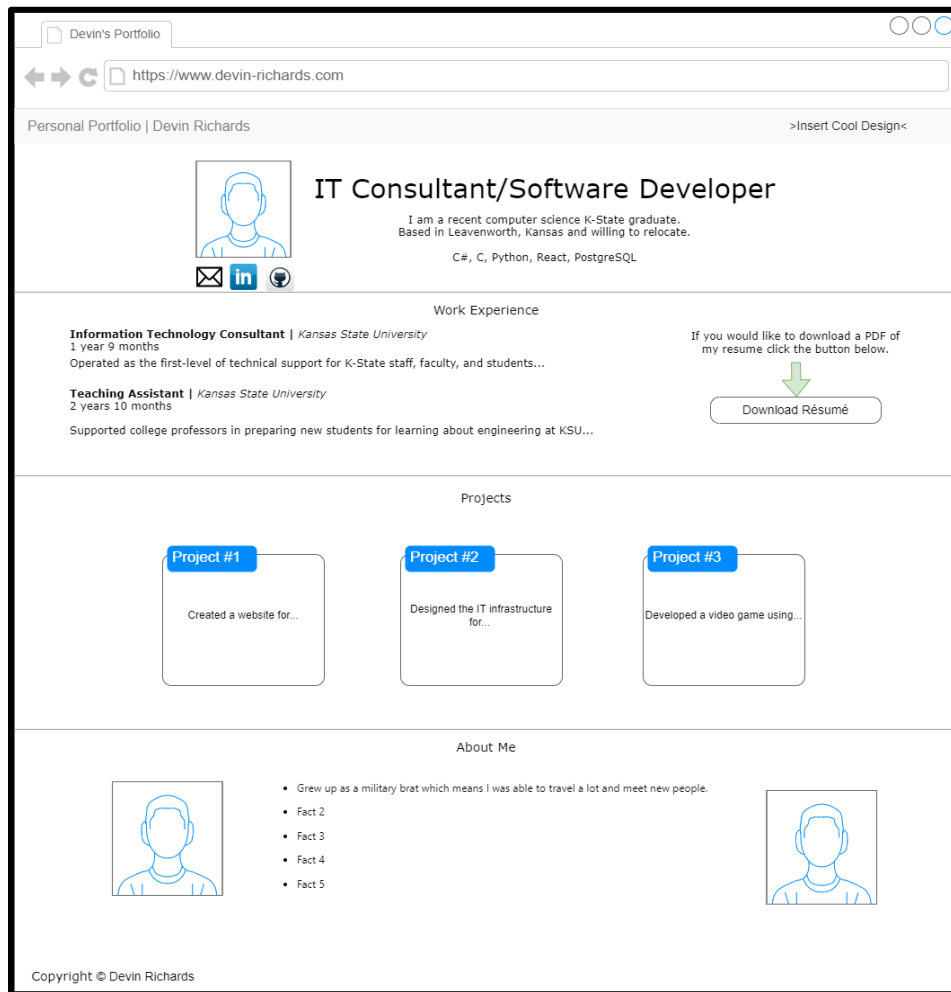


Figure 2 Website Redesign

Challenges

Most of my challenges came from learning what Next.js, Tailwind CSS, and Framer Motion had to offer. Navigating the logic of how the components in the tutorial video interacted with each other took a little bit of time for me to understand. The most time-consuming tasks usually involved figuring out how tailwind code affected the layout of my website which usually involved me having to inspect elements (see fig. 3).

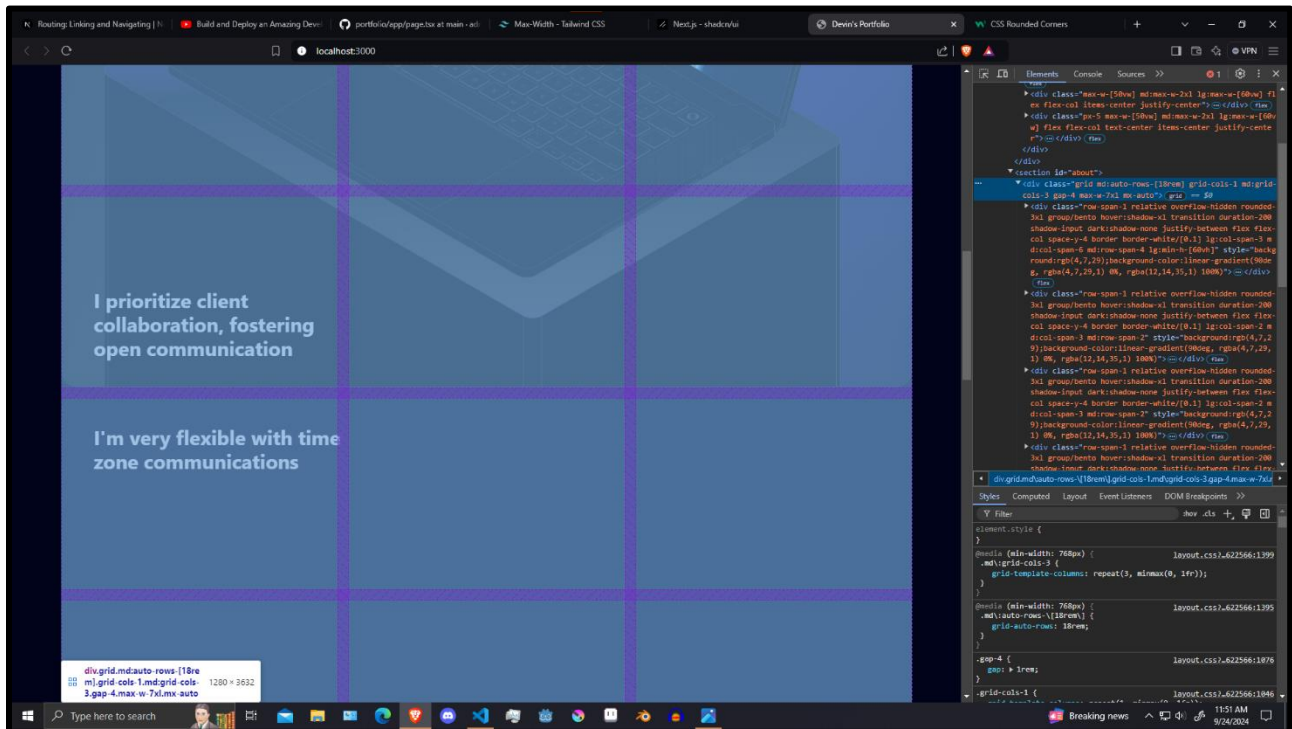


Figure 3 Inspect Elements Screen Capture

Comments

I would start barebones next time I design a website instead of following along with a tutorial since I now know the basics. The tutorial was very helpful for just getting started and diving into using the tools. It was about halfway through the video that I realized it looked more like a website for selling software solutions which is when I decided to start implementing my own personalized changes. Overall, this was a satisfying learning experience, and it's something that can be updated as I continue to work on new things.

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