

Finishing Touches

Hello and welcome to the final lesson, inside the full website creation module. In this video, I will be editing a few additional elements fixing a few issues. Basically, just putting the finishing touches to this website to make sure the final result meets my fake clients' expectations. From my experience, it is almost impossible to build a great-looking site without going back and forth and tweaking some elements. As much as I try to make everything look good and aligned correctly as I go. By the time I finish and create all the necessary pages, some decisions I made at the beginning, no longer fit or would not be the same now. I would say that this is the price we have to pay when designing in Divi. If I do it the old-fashioned way, create a graphic design, a full-page layout in Photoshop or Illustrator first so that I know how the page has to look before I start then it makes working with Divi much easier and there could be no going back and forth. If working on a real project, I would typically do it both ways. I would create a home page layout beforehand and maybe even additional layouts if there are other very important parts of the website client is focusing on. And then for the rest of the pages, I would design them as I go.

Initial Preparation

Here, my initial preparation was not that detailed. And that is why it requires a little bit more tweaking at the end. And while I do think it should be helpful if you follow along all the lessons in this module, and try to create the same site yourself, making it pixel to pixel exactly the

same as my example, was not the point. I just wanted you to maybe pick up a few helpful tips along the way as your recreating the same page. That is why in this video, I won't be showing you which values I'm using when changing some of the settings, I would just like to give you an overview of the changes I wanted to make. You can always download this final version and poke around if you'd like to check some specific settings.

Site Overview – Identifying Changes and Fixes

So first I would like to go page by page and let you know my thoughts and list the things I want to fix or change. Then we are going to work on the few additional tweaks. And finally, I will show you how the site could look if we've added some color to it. So looking at that Home Page I wouldn't change much. There is the issue with that button on hover having the same color as the background. So I would adjust this. And also, the zigzag here is using the dark version unnecessarily. The default one has this color and since we have a white background here, the light version could be here as well.

In-between Screen Size Fix

But one thing I will do that may affect that homepage is remember when sometimes I was adding- setting the row to full width so that the section uses the 35 pixel padding for desktop, just to address that screen size where it's smaller than 1200 being 80%. It doesn't change the desktop to tablet yet this could fill the entire available space and I did that for many rows. And I think I will want to change the default preset and then on tablet, it would go to 80% and on phones on to 90% that would align that header with each row content and then with the footer as well. So I will edit the preset for my rows. Both the default one and the last in

a section preset I have inside row settings and then I will see if that needs any additional adjustments. Ok, so, inside the Builder, I'm editing this row preset, changing the width of each of my row presets, and then I also need to adjust the padding inside the section preset. So the default section preset, right and left padding for desktops and none for mobile.

Button Edits

I am also changing the background color for that 'See All Services' button and I'm removing the dark zigzag CSS class from that zigzag. So this also needs some space here. I do like the way it looks now. I also removed the default animation on the icon from the blurb module.

Testimonials Edit

I would also like to use these blurbs this column grid here to add links to that specific part of the services page section because it already used has that hover effects. It kind of indicates that you can click on it. In the Builder to add a link, we have to use the column because the column is using the white background here. Here in the column settings, we would need to add a link and we cannot use the dynamic content here because we have to specify the anchor link. The URL is services and then this could be logo. And here, web design, social. And in the second row, as well. And now on the services page, we would need to add these IDs to the row. So this would be would have ID logo. And web design. And all these different names for other rows. I want to go to copywriting. It kind of scrolls from the bottom, which isn't very isn't ideal and then this icon here would be problematic. I would like to limit the length of that row. instead of using bottom padding on these rows, I would add top padding to the next row. I'm replacing the bottom padding with the top padding so that when we limit the scroll of the icon to the row, it will end exactly

the, at the same moment when the text ends. Could use the same padding as the section actually. Instead of the section padding will leave that on the row, but then we have to remove that top padding from the section. My ID logo is using some CSS from Divi so it isn't the best name for a row ID I will change it to branding. That was causing some misalignment the default logo image in the header has ID of logo as well, and there is some CSS in the Divi stylesheet, that targets that. Maybe not the best idea to use that as the ID for our row as well. That will scroll to the correct section.

Testimonial Alignment

And now, what another thing I would like to change here, Is the alignment of these testimonials. When the testimonials are not inside the white box inside the background, they could be aligned where the row is. So the the padding here is unnecessary. I created a separate new preset, I called it full-width testimonial and for that preset I removed any padding from that module, and then I applied that preset to other testimonials inside the section. I do like how this page looks, and then on mobile, we do need to fix the alignment here. I change the CSS, I wrote earlier to decrease the top margin from the testimonial author and meta and there was still a misalignment because the columns have bottom margin on mobiles. To fix that column the margin I will add a helper class to my row. I will call this no-column-margin. And inside my CSS, I am targeting all rows with no-column-margin class and columns within these rows. So `et_pb_column` within, `no-column-margin` parent will have `margin-bottom zero`.

Hero Section Fix

One problem with that hero section is that when the screen is small and

that word doesn't fit in the same line, it will jump to the bottom causing the page jump which can be seen when we read the page further down so that can't be happening and we can fix that but adding a breaking br tag breaking space, so a new line only on mobile, we can do that with adding a CSS class to that br. And also looking at it at smaller desktops, this zigzag is barely visible here. I would like to display it before the P tag but inline here just underneath the title. We would need additional zigzag CSS class to make it block instead of inlined and with negative margin. Similar to what we have for centered text, but I don't want this to be centered, just simply aligned to the left, but without any negative spacing. First the line breaks. Here just after the web stuff before our span, we can add a br with a class mobile-break. If we use custom CSS to make sure that our mobile break is not visible. So display: none and is visible only for mobile so for tablets, for example, and here display: block, and this also needs a space here. After that br add a space for oh maybe I've added before that br tag. And for the desktop version because it is also causing that problem on just before it goes to that tablet breakpoint. We could use the full-width row and then just simply limit the width of the paragraph text - just the paragraph, not the heading. We could type it directly in here, so style and then max-width 650, right? So that would make this give that all full width for our heading and then limit the width of the paragraph itself. For the zigzag. Again, back here, we have our maya-zigzag-before, and let's do zigzag-block. Here's our zigzag and now, if the if it's inside a zigzag-block will display it block like this without that auto here. So 0 0 and then we can use the same margin-bottom. Yes, that should work fine. The last thing is to move that class to our paragraph and not our H1. That should do it. This required a lot of going back and forth but I am happy with the final look and now we can go on to the next page.

Main and Single Portfolio Pages' Edits

And here on the main portfolio page, I only really needed to increase some spacing in the header section and then change the zigzag color. For the single portfolio layout I also am very happy with how it turned out, except for this row with issue the section has that 35 pixels padding even for tablets. So, I needed to remove that.

About Page Edit

Now on the about page, I've replaced the blurbs similarly to how we edited them for the home page. I change the color of that call to action, and I also changed that testimonial module to the new full-width preset. But for the hero section, since we changed the default preset of the row, this first row is now full-width. We really no longer need that code with added to make it bigger. We've increased the size of that image with transform, and if we remove that, scale part, it will actually work better. I will do just that. And other than that, I think that page is looking great.

Blog Page Screen Size Fix

Next on the blog, I do not have anything to fix, except for on very small screen sizes, because we've set that grid item to be 350 pixels at minimum. Below that screen width it will overlap so we do not want that. On screen sizes, let's say 400 and below we have to make a change that grid column layout. Here on our pagination container, we have this grid template column, so we do have to change it for mobile. For screen sizes smaller than 400 the grid template column only really needs 1fr. So here, this should now be fine and on the single post page, I would only change that font-weight here on the small meta text. We are using the medium font-weight in different places like testimonial, author name or

even on the main blog page. So I will just change this to medium instead of bold and other than that, I think it looks good.

Contact Page Review and Adding Hover Effect

The last page we need to check is contact page. And here I don't have any edits as well. That was mainly fixes we needed to add. But there is one thing I would want to add, which isn't really a fix, but I just wanted to make it look nicer. We have this fun hover effect on our header and in the footer and we do not use it anywhere else really, and I thought that this section, it would be nice to display it here below the title because now it doesn't have any hover effect. I think that this animation, when where it slides in from the side would work better here, and then when we hover over that title, that is exact could slide in and kind of overlap, both title and image here. This was our mini blog, I think. Yes, that's maya-mini-blog. Let's try adding after element, after our H2 here, H2 enter title inside maya-mini-blog, there's our blog. So this and after and now we need to find our footer hover effect, so that was added to the before element, but it will be similar. So we have something like this. I will paste that here for a moment. So for our after element, we need this. Right, so and then that would be on article hover. That's not needed. Let's see, let's see how that looks. When we will hover over the article, it has to show and it will change the left position. But first, where is it? So it has left negative 60. I think we can make it longer for sure. So width let's try with 100, let's try that. And we'll see. There's our zigzag. Our H2 is not relative. Here position: relative, that would put that zigzag in here and we could definitely change the opacity to 1 and maybe also use negative bottom value and increase the size of that a little bit. So like 20 pixels. Like this. And then we could speed up the animation a little bit. And change the width. And negative position. That's on hover,

left negative 80. And I've added these modified values from the browser inspector into my stylesheet, then I check the mobile version and added a media query. That basically changes the width and height, and also the bottom position of the zigzag for mobiles. That was one thing. I wanted to add that hover effect other than that I don't see any problems or we could change the color of that zigzag here. That would be in the Theme Builder. For all posts, it doesn't need to be dark.

Back to Top Button

Another thing we could add is the back to top button so to enable that we do have to use the Divi theme options and here we can enable back to top button. so once we save this. And now, this shows that back to top, and I do like to change the appearance so it matches the rest of the page, let's see how we can target that. This is before span with the before. Span is the main element before is the icon. The color is on the span so on the `et_pb_icon`, `et_pb_scroll_top`. So that's our selector. And now if we add our own styling, so let's try the right is 0 pixels. All right let's try moving it a bit away from the right side. Right 10 pixels like this `border-radius 50%`. It uses font size 30 pixels and padding 5 pixels. We can increase that padding to 10 pixels and change the background. Like that. And then maybe we can change the icon as well. That would be the before element. And content. To know what value we have to use for the content. We can check that article from Elegant Themes that shows all the available symbols in the elegant icon font and I just want to use a standard top arrow so that would be `back /21`. I will add this as my back-to-top button styling.

Alignment Fix

And the final adjustment I need to add is on the home page where the

blurb grid switches to that list view the parent container is using flex that basically pushes the icon away. If you look at this last blurb, you'll see that the icon is much smaller than this one here, and the text is misaligned, it won't align correctly if it doesn't know the width of that. Because if the content inside fills the entire meant to be full width then it displays differently than when there isn't enough content to fill that space. To fix that we basically need to define the width of that container. Now that we know that this blurb image has 50 pixels width and also right margin, we can specify the blur container to have a width of 100% minus 70 pixels so it can be only as wide as the available space it has. So, and now that would make all these icons equal and all these titles aligned correctly. Inside our blurb grid, so for small screen sizes, when this changes to list here, we have our blurb container inside our maya-grid. Like that. That looks much better.

Blur Effect on Safari

And the final adjustment, I promise that the last thing is that blur effect behind the navigation. I mentioned that it doesn't work in safari and actually it does work in Safari if we use the webkit prefix. But it doesn't work in Firefox. But it is a good news because if it works on Safari that means it will work on most of iPhones. If we find that backdrop filter property to make sure we cover every browser that property can be used on. We just need to add additional version with the webkit prefix. So - webkit - backdrop - filter and the same value. That will make it work in Safari. And that is it. I won't be making you going back and forth with me any longer I just wanted to show you the whole process because even after you added all the content, it is a good idea to go back to the start and take a closer look on the pages you've built so far. Having that overall look on the website will always bring some issues

that happened, some tweaks, and things to iron out and especially if you check it on your actual device on your phone, on your tablet, different browsers, etc. I promise you, I will show you how that would look if we've added a little bit of color to it.

Adding Color

That's our grayscale version. And I was just preparing this colorful version and it's not like it's just a matter of replacing the global colors because here, our global colors are important for the structure, you will always need to use grays even if you do decide to add color. I had to choose which elements I want to add the color to and then I just either edited the preset or updated a CSS value. And basically adding color at the end lets you do this more intentionally and only added when it's really necessary. I do like the gray version just as well. But as you can see like here adding just a tiny splash of color just in a heading. Makes this section already much nicer really. And the colorful call to action button it is super easy to notice in the main navigation.