# DESIGNING A ONE HEALTH WEBSITE

TIPS FOR USER-FRIENDLINESS AND VISUAL APPEAL

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## SYKDOMSPULSEN WEBSITES



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### **QUALITIES**

- Interactivity
- Complex network structure
- Variety of media

### **CONSTRAINTS**

- Variety of users and user's skill
- Shorter attention span
- Developer's skill / budget

Keep it in mind to make a great platform

## STEPS OF WEBDESIGN



Define your project



Know your users



Design your website



Make the website



Visual design

## WHAT IS A WEBSITE?

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### **CSS**

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}

p {
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## **KNOW YOUR PROJECT**

- Usually you already know but still useful to define it better
  - Why are you making a website?
  - What is the main objective?
  - What is the scope?
  - How long do you have before delivery?
  - How long will it be used?
  - Any constraints on platform, material, media, nature of content?
  - Do you have all your content already or will more be added over time?

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- learning sections, educational videos...
- real-time air pollution map, annual nb of deaths...

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- more sensitive and higher resolution data
- list of publications

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**Jan,** 63yo General Practitioner

Curious about
respiratory diseases +
wants to give good
advices to his patients
+ not very good with
tech

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- more advanced learning material and scientific graphs (yearly death graph)



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Jakob, 40yo Ministry of Health Official

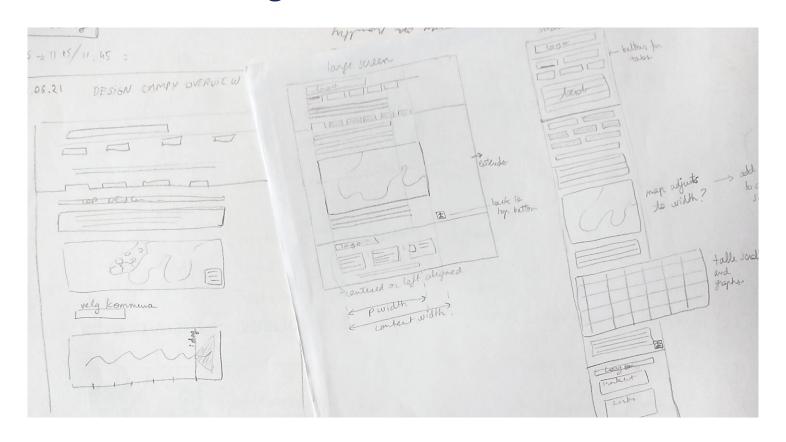
Wants to be able to alert the press and population quickly when there is a risk + has zero time

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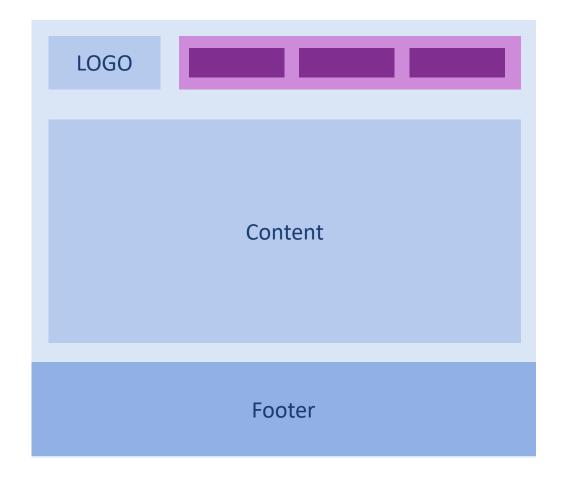
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- very clear alert system
- downloadable graphs for the press

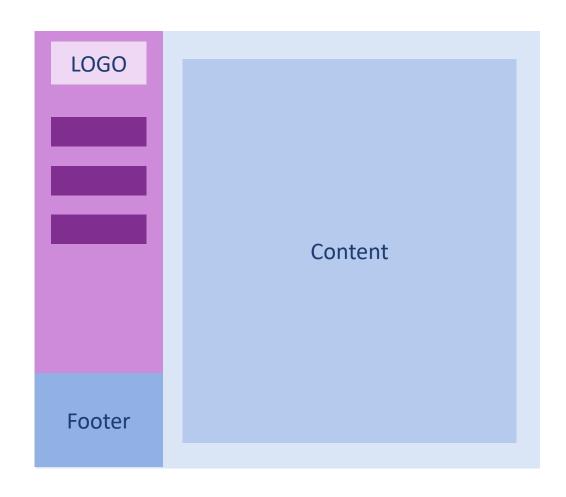
- How to **structure your content** in the most efficient way? What is the easiest way for the user to access the information they seek?
  - Which type of content?
    - Photos, graphs, tables, texts, videos...
  - *In which order?*
  - Which layout?
    - Single page, multiple tabs, sidebar, top navigation menu...

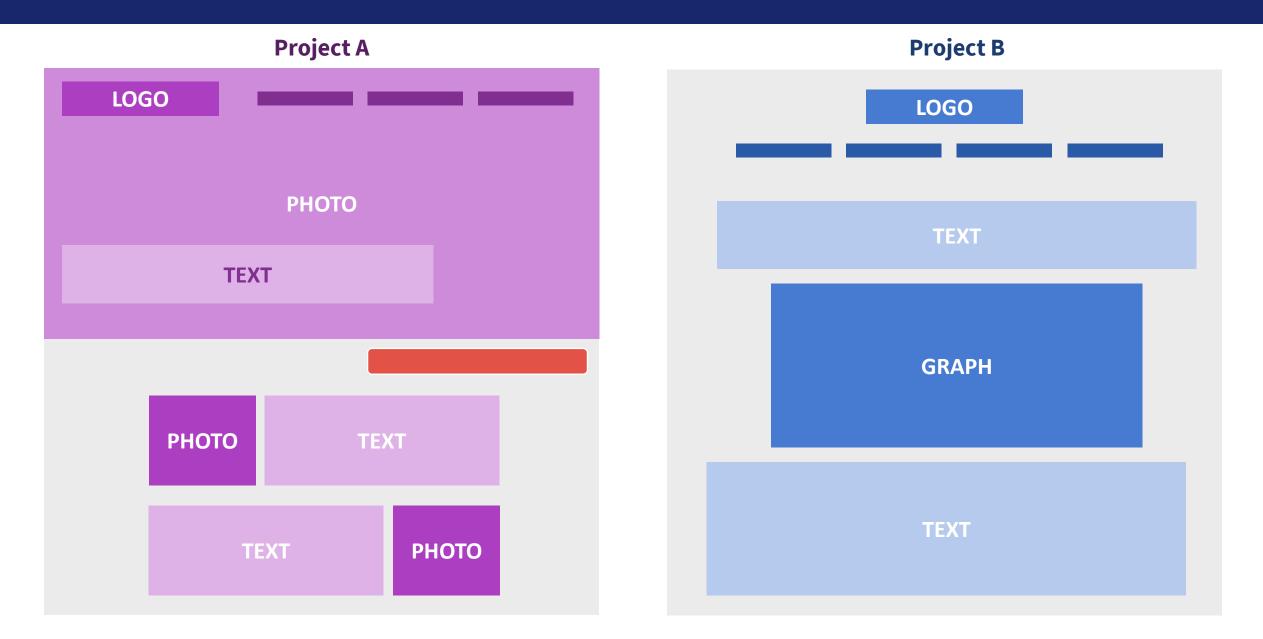
• Wireframing = designing the flow of content without the distraction of colour, images, details...



 You can be creative, but don't try to be original – people have expectations on how to navigate a website







# WEB DEVELOPMENT

• No time to get into this today ©

### **PLATFORM MATRIX**

Output Technology	Static webpage	Online "web app"
Software environment	<ul> <li>E.g. notebooks (Rmarkdown, Jupyter,)</li> <li>Integrated data</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>E.g. PowerBl, ArcGlS, Google Analytics</li> <li>Easy to use but less control</li> </ul>
Self-written code	<ul> <li>HTML, CSS, JavaScript</li> <li>Independent (but static) data</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>E.g. RShiny or HTML/JS frontend + server backend</li> <li>Full control, steepest learning curve</li> </ul>



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example:

Sykdomspulsen with or without CSS

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- Fundamentals of design
  - Hierarchy, white space, contrast, repetition, balance, alignment, ...
- Tools of visual design
  - typography, colours, shapes, composition...

## **FONTS**

Font family



SANS SERIF contemporary, clean, digital

MONOSPACE
technical, old-school,
code on screen

• Mix across font families, not within (or don't mix at all)

### **FONTS**

Font Hierarchy – lead the eye with font size and font weight

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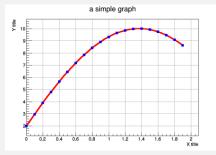
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## Allows some breathing room and better processing of information

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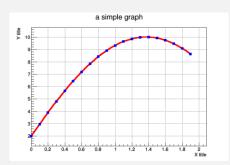
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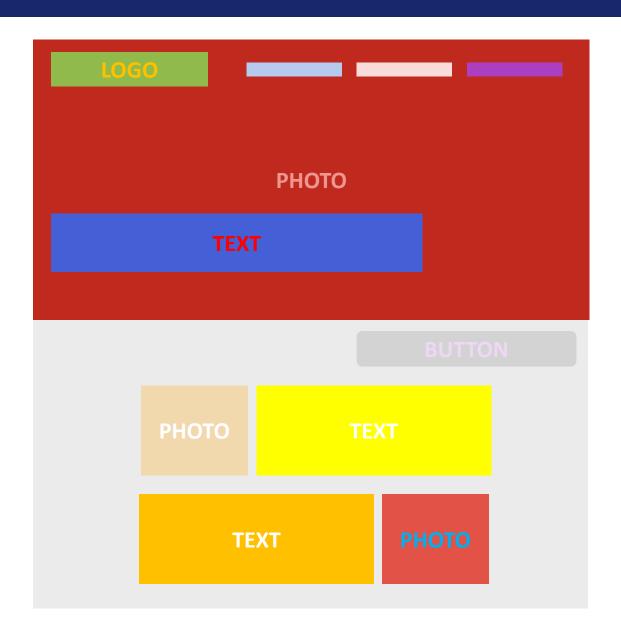
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- A good colour palette enhances the user's experience
  - Creates implicit rules
  - Leads the eye to areas of interest
  - Creates consistency with your institution and other communication media

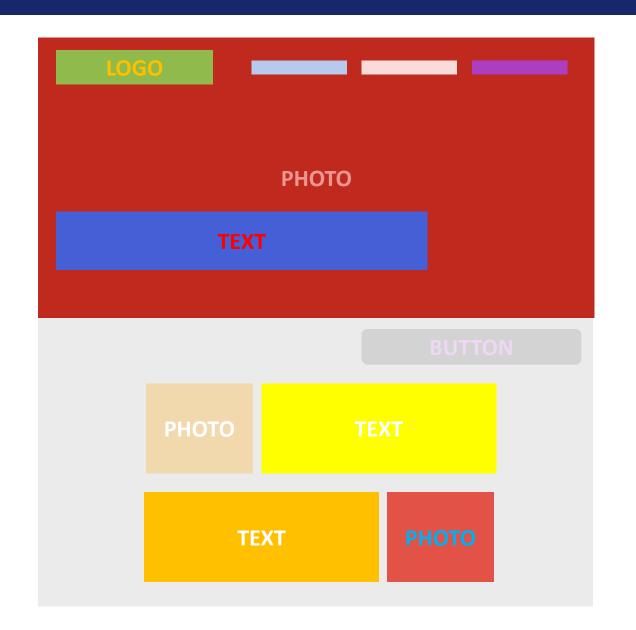
### Stay consistent!

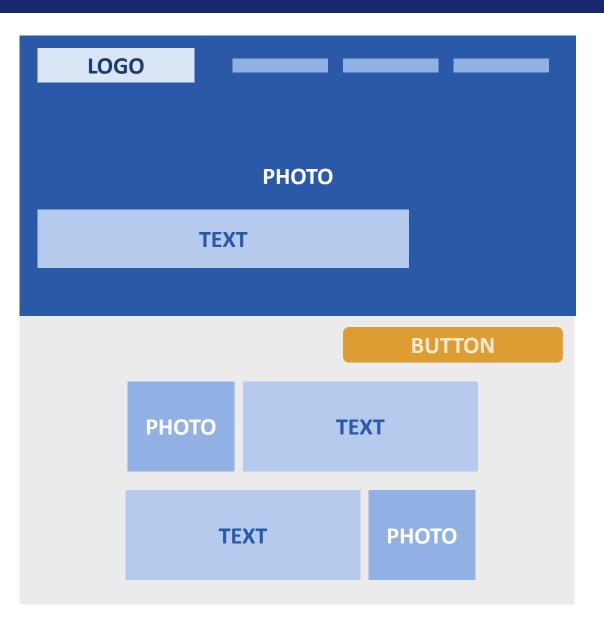
- Keep in mind visually impaired users
  - <u>https://coolors.co/contrast-checker/000000-ffffff</u>

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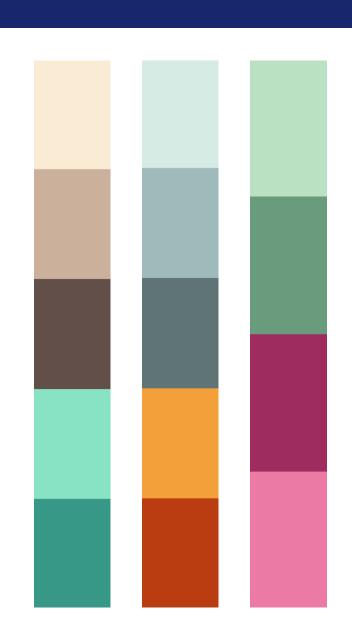




## BASIC PALETTE IDEA

- Background colour
  - White + 2-3 shades of a neutral colour (beige, grey, blue...)
  - Optional 1 contrasting colour for decoration
- Text colour
  - Black, white, dark version of the main background colour
- Accent colour (for buttons, links, important elements...)
  - Pop of colour
  - 1-2 shades

https://coolors.co/generate



# TAKE HOME MESSAGE

