TODO: Contact Form UI/UX Cleanup

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Status: Completed Core Changes

Completed Tasks ☐

- [x] Identify problem: verification question looks like a button
- [x] Redesign verification section styling (remove button-like appearance)
- [x] Change verification question from `<div>` to semantic `<p>` tag
- [x] Simplify verification label and input styling
- [x] Clean up form container design (Wikipedia-style borders)
- [x] Simplify all input field styling (borders, colors, focus states)
- [x] Update heading style (h2 with bottom border)
- [x] Redesign submit button (cleaner, simpler)
- [x] Improve form message styling (left-border design)
- [x] Create `.readonly-field` class for logged-in users
- [x] Update contact.php to use new classes
- [x] Verify no linting errors
- [x] Test page loads on localhost:2025
- [x] Verify CSS cache busting is working
- [x] Create documentation in public/ folder

Testing Tasks (For User) ☐☐

- [ ] Visual inspection of contact form design
- [ ] Test form submission with verification question
- [ ] Test mobile responsiveness (< 768px)

- [ ] Test as logged-in user (readonly fields)
- [ ] Test as guest user (editable fields)
- [ ] Verify error messages display correctly
- [ ] Verify success messages display correctly
- [ ] Cross-browser testing (Chrome, Firefox, Safari)

Future Enhancements (Optional) 🚀

- [ ] Add focus visible indicators for keyboard navigation
- [ ] Consider adding subtle transitions on verification input
- [ ] Add inline validation feedback
- [ ] Consider adding character counter for message textarea
- [ ] Add "reset form" option after submission
- [ ] Consider adding CAPTCHA alternative if spam increases

Design Principles Applied 🎨

- **Wikipedia-inspired aesthetic**: Clean, minimal, functional
- **Reduced visual clutter**: Removed unnecessary backgrounds, borders, shadows
- **Clear hierarchy**: Typography and spacing create natural flow
- **Semantic HTML**: Proper use of tags (p, label, input)
- **Accessibility**: ARIA attributes, focus states, color contrast
- **User-friendly**: Clear labels, helpful placeholders, obvious actions

Key Changes Summary

1. **Verification section**: From button-like to plain text question
2. **Form fields**: From rounded/shadowed to sharp/bordered (Wikipedia-style)
3. **Colors**: From primary blue to neutral greys with #3366cc accents
4. **Spacing**: Tighter, more compact without feeling cramped
5. **Typography**: Less bold, more natural weights