TODO: UI/UX Cleanup - December 18, 2025

Session Goal

Clean up forms and pages to reduce clutter and improve user experience with Wikipedia-inspired design aesthetic.

Contact Form (contact.php) ✅ COMPLETED

Completed Tasks

- [x] Identify problem: verification question looks like a button
- [x] Remove button-like styling from verification question
- [x] Change verification question to semantic `<p>` tag
- [x] Simplify all form field styling (Wikipedia borders and colors)
- [x] Update submit button design (cleaner, simpler)
- [x] Create `.readonly-field` class for logged-in users
- [x] Reduce visual clutter throughout form
- [x] Add h2 border styling
- [x] Simplify form messages (left-border design)
- [x] Test on localhost:2025
- [x] Verify no linting errors
- [x] Create documentation

Result: Professional, clean contact form with clear hierarchy and reduced cognitive load.

Login Page (login.php) ✅ COMPLETED

Completed Tasks

- [x] Center the login form (changed from 80% width to max-width: 550px)

- [x] Remove "Community Activity" feed section

- [x] Remove "Look what we can do!" sample PDF preview

- [x] Remove unused CSS styles for removed sections

- [x] Test on localhost:2025

- [x] Verify both sections are removed (grep verification)

- [x] Verify no linting errors

- [x] Create documentation

Result: Focused, professional login experience without distractions. Form is properly centered with comfortable reading width.

Next Opportunities 🚀

Other Pages to Review

- [ ] `forgot_password.php` - Check if it needs similar centering/cleanup

- [ ] `subscribe.php` - Review form layout and styling consistency

- [ ] `reset_password.php` - Ensure consistent design with login.php

- [ ] `profile.php` or `home.php` - Review dashboard/main pages for clutter

Form Consistency

- [ ] Audit all forms site-wide for consistent styling

- [ ] Create reusable form component styles

- [ ] Document form design patterns in style guide

Wikipedia-Style Design System

- [ ] Create central CSS variables for Wikipedia-inspired colors

  - Text: #000000

  - Links: #0645ad

- Visited links: #0b0080

- Borders: #a2a9b1, #e0e0e0

- Focus: #3366cc

- [ ] Document typography standards (Linux Libertine for headings)

- [ ] Create component library documentation

Testing & Validation

- [ ] Cross-browser testing (Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Edge)

- [ ] Mobile device testing (iOS, Android)

- [ ] Screen reader testing for accessibility

- [ ] Keyboard navigation verification

- [ ] Form submission end-to-end testing

Design Principles Established

Simplicity First

- Remove unnecessary visual elements

- Reduce cognitive load

- Focus on primary user action

Wikipedia Aesthetic

- Minimal borders and shadows

- Subtle colors and typography

- Clean, sharp corners (2-3px)

- Clear hierarchy without heavy styling

Centered Content

- Comfortable reading width (550-650px)

- Natural eye scanning pattern

- Professional appearance

Semantic HTML

- Use appropriate tags (p, label, input)
- ARIA attributes for accessibility
- Logical document structure

🎯 Consistent Interactions

- Standard focus states
- Clear hover effects
- Obvious clickable elements

Files Modified Today

Contact Form

- `css/contact.css` - Complete redesign (282 lines)
- `contact.php` - Semantic improvements

Login Page

- `login.php` - Centered form, removed distractions (~60 lines removed)

Documentation

- `public/contact-form-ui-improvements.md`
- `public/todo-contact-form-cleanup-2025-12-18.md`
- `public/login-page-cleanup-2025-12-18.md`
- `public/todo-ui-cleanup-2025-12-18.md` (this file)

Metrics

Code Removed: ~100 lines (unused CSS, promotional content)

Pages Improved: 2 (contact.php, login.php)

Load Time Impact: Improved (less HTML/CSS to parse)

User Experience: Significantly cleaner and more focused

Accessibility: Improved with semantic HTML and better focus states

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Questions for Will (ASKWILLIS.md)

These questions are tracked in the main ASKWILLIS.md file, but noting here for context:

- What other pages feel cluttered or need cleanup?

- Should we apply this centered form approach to all auth pages?

- Any specific user feedback about form usability?

- Priority for mobile testing and optimization?