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WIA Final Project

It took me awhile to figure out what to design for my project. It wasn't until a friend was complaining that I got the idea for it. I wanted to try and do something I never did before. For me it was the parallax scrolling and actually making a company or professional styled website. It definitely was a challenge but I am proud of what I accomplished.

I wanted to go for a clean, minimal type of design. Something that would spark interest or keep the user engaged. I built a dating website so the user basically knows what they are coming for. That doesn't mean it has to be boring or disengaging. I liked how skrollr.js allowed me to get creative in trying to get the message across. I wanted my design to touch on the key points of the site with out being over baring and a lot of clicks. Parallax scrolling definitely helped in that regards.

The four aspects of the project that I chose were:

1. **Animated Chart**
2. **HTML5 Video**
3. **Interactive Map**
4. **Interactive Gallery**

For JQuery, I used skrollr.js and created my own interactive "Show" functions.

1. The **animated chart** can be found as a Doughnut Chart located on the "how does it work" page. It is the rainbow doughnut. I used Chart.js for this particular element of the site. I also had to use numeral.js to help with changing the values of the data into percentages. Chart.js doesn't have that flexibility with the pie/doughnut charts. Or at least in my research that is the case. You will also find my JQUERY hover application being used on the membership privileges section of this page.
2. The **HTML5 Video and Interactive Map** are both being utilized together on the Events Page. You will see I used HTML5 video to create a full screen movie background. On this page you will also find my interactive map showing the different cities where my company is holding events.
3. **Interactive Gallery** – I created a simple grid gallery using Fancybox. Integrating a gallery into my design was a little challenging. I liked the

preview example we used in class and tried to add that in but it didn't fit right. I decided to make a grid gallery of "members of the site". I have seen this used plenty of times and looked at it as a way to attract attention to users and potentially new members. In theory, these pictures would be randomly chosen from users on the site.

Lastly my background images came from Flickr creative commons under the public domain sections. 3 icons used on my site came from flaticon.com. Authors attribution can be found at the bottom of the website as directed under his/her license of use. The 3 icons I used are the partying people and the 2 lovers on the "how does it work page". The third icon is actually the image of the united states used in the interactive map. All other graphics and images come from me.