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Why I Run Website Report

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**Introduction:**

The purpose of this website is to share my experience with learning to run and what it has done for me. And to provide some basic resources for beginners to begin running. The website is mainly for those people who may be curious about running or starting to run and are looking for some exercise in their lives. My home page introduces a bit of my background and has a picture of Bryce Canyon national park as its hero image. The Why I Run page is meant to go into detail about my experience of training for and running 50 miles. It explains the ups and downs and at the end explains my view on why we should run. The Resources page was made to provide people with basic information on how to start and get motivated to run.

The website URL is: <https://jakehair.github.io/wdd130/why_i_run/index.html>

**Goals/Objectives**

I created this website to be a place that people can go to feel inspired to do uncomfortable things. I also want to make it possible for anyone to share their own experiences and what they learn from running and to hear other people’s journeys because we all have our own, and we can all learn from each other. I did not want this website to seem like it’s just my story alone, because everyone goes through the process of learning, whether it be programming, playing an instrument, cooking, learning a new language, It is all a process, and I want most of all to share that process as I go so maybe we can all learn to be a little less afraid of sharing our journey.

**Design Process**

The idea for the site came to me on a run actually. I have met many people who think I’m crazy for enjoying running, so I decided to share my “why”. As far as the design, I mostly just came up with this plan by first creating the content and then planning where would be the best place to put it all. I looked at some other websites as templates too. As I created the wireframe for each page of my site, I pieced things together, I just thought it would look best that way. I’m not the best graphic designer, but it was fun to put it all together. There were only minor changes I made from the wireframe. But one of the fun ones was when I learned how to build a simple web component to keep an image background location absolute so that it gave a parallax affect.

**Conclusion**

I learned a lot from finishing this website. I learned a lot about CSS grid and how it works. CSS grid makes creating websites so easy and fun once you know how it works. I had a bit of trouble for a time when I made too many grids, but eventually learned when the best time to use grid was and when I should just let HTML do its own thing. I learned that it is actually pretty fun to code something and then immediately see it come to life. If I ever wanted to become a web designer, I now have a solid foundation to build upon that will help me for years ahead. I also believe that learning CSS and HTML helps to learn all programming languages because it helps me to think more like the computer.