Quinlan’s Corals

1. Introduction

* The goal of this project is to build a website for my brother-in-law to display and eventually sell his coral as well as educate his users on coral care and maintenance.

2. Design and Implementation

* I took the basic structure and functionality ideas from our current class project as well as existing websites that sell coral. There was a lot of clutter and things I didn’t like from a user perspective regarding existing websites, and I tried to move away from those things such as a home page that is so busy it is hard to find anything.
* So far, I have not had implementation stop any of my design. I only have a draft so far of the Home and about us pages. There are still several pages in progress. I do believe the biggest challenge will be the shopping page. I have ideas for layout; however, I still need to learn how to add an ecommerce functionality so that you can purchase though this site.
* I think the things that stand out that I used was a jumbotron in the header as well as the login modal. I have not really had a lot of either or choices of things to use so far but everything is still in progress. I would really like to use the carousel because I think they are kind of cool. I just don’t know where on my page I would use it yet. I’m also not sure I see an advantage to my potential users but we shall see.
* I would point out that I created a new logo for the company / website that I’m very excited about. I used online resources so not completely done on my on but still I am happy with how it turned out.
* See screenshots attached to this post

3. Conclusions

* I think the biggest thing I have learned or been reminded of is the need to install all the programs required to actual run my function and the importance of semi-colons. I went from our class website that we did things step by step to mine. I had a lot of things that didn’t work on my project initial that did work in our class project. Though a lot of trouble shooting between the two projects and reviewing our course materials many times I figured it out. I didn’t seek help on this and I’m glad I didn’t. It may have taken me longer, but I learned a lot especially about the function of the json file as well as SCSS. I still have a lot of learning to do.
* In my mind this is a project in process. I hope to improve it as I learn more. However, I will say the current shortcoming I see is that it doesn’t yet have the code /ability to fulfill the main function which is to process transactions for coral purchases.
* Nothing so far that I would have done differently; however, as I mentioned I view this as a project in progress so more things could and probably will change.