At first, I was very intimidated by this assignment. The scale and complexity of that one page is daunting. It includes a fixed menu bar, several promotion items with multiple images and links, as well as a detailed footer. All with the ability to respond to screen size changes in a dramatic way. However, after many hours I think my version of the website is very close (aesthetically) to the real version. Essentially none of the links work, since I didn’t see that as an important aspect of the assignment, but almost all the of the intricate details of the real web page can be seen on my own. For example, hovering over the menu bar changes the different buttons to a grey color and I believe all the correct links will appear with an underline when hovered over. Also, the responsiveness of my version resembles the real page.

The most complex aspect to implement was the formatting of the various sections of the page. For example, the menu bar was very challenging since everything is supposed to be centered and responsive. What I noticed throughout the assignment was that when I first started I wasn’t very good at writing the proper HTML or CSS code. However, after a few hours of struggling in the beginning I learned from my mistakes and began to really utilize the inspect tool within chrome. I was able to quickly diagnose how the real website was written and recreate it in my own code. The other aspect that I struggled with early on was proper class names. Early in the assignment I wasn’t writing very clean or efficient code and I’m sure I doubled up on some CSS code that could have easily been captured with better class naming structure. However, when I was working on the later stages of the page I realized that the naming and structure to the HTML could save a lot of work and I think I improved my efficiency as I worked my way through the assignment.

The only known bugs or differences between my web page and the real page is the links as I mentioned before. Some of the links on the real website also cover whole sections (including background photos) and I couldn’t figure out how to get the whole section to be a clickable link even though my <a> tag spanned the HTML content.

I really enjoyed this assignment. I feel that I learned a ton from building this page. In my opinion not everything in HTML or CSS is very intuitive until you actually work with it and learn how to play with the code (maybe that’s true of all programming :) ). I thought this was a great assignment, lots of work but also lots of reward to see myself learning and building something so visual.

Thank you,

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