# The Tompkins Family Website

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The Tompkins Family Website, <https://jtompkins1.github.io/wdd130/gjle/index.html>, is an informational website intended as an organizational resource for my family. The intended audience for this website is my immediate family, including myself, my husband Grant, and our two sons Elliott and Leo. The initial subject matter of the site is for meal planning and recipes. The site provides flexibility to add subjects pertaining to family organization in the future, such as food storage and emergency preparedness, campout packing lists, gift exchange calendars, movie night watch lists, and more as the needs and new ideas become known.

The overall objective of The Tompkins Family Website is to be a central resource of useful information for our family. It will be easily accessed from home on a pc or laptop, or away on mobile devices. Much of the content of the site is information that exists in different locations. Having a central place that each of us can easily access for many of the most commonly needed resources for our family will save time, reduce stress and frustration, and help us to work together as a united team.

The design process for this website began with creating a logo for our family. Each individual’s initial is displayed in a shade of their favorite color. These colors became the foundation for the color pallet of the website. Some design choices made were to increase functionality for the family. For instance, the fixed header and navigation allows easy access to the subpages without the need to scroll back to the top of the page. Additionally, to ensure the site is mobile friendly, I included the media query in the styling because accessibility to the information provided on the site is of great importance. A few of the minor changes away from the wireframe, such as not including a second image on subpage two, were made to create less visual clutter from unnecessary objects.

One of the many things I have learned through the process of completing this project is the importance of having a plan and creating a product one step at a time. It is important to prepare by gathering all the necessary components, such as images that are optimized and text that is thoroughly written. Understanding how the content is going to be formatted and functions within the code makes for more ease in writing the code and leads to fewer unexpected or unwanted results. I learned a lot more complex skills by completing a website from start to finish than I otherwise might have by doing smaller unconnected projects with stricter guidelines. By choosing my own design from the beginning, it was necessary for me to search outside of my comfort zone and stretch myself to find the tools needed to accomplish what I envisioned for the final product. I believe that the knowledge gained through this personal website project are all skills that will be useful to me in my future in any arena that requires planning and completing a project from beginning to end.