**Head Over Boots Weddings**

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In this course each student first built a website with direction from the instructor, and then were tasked with creating their own personal website using the knowledge gained previously. The subject I chose for my website came from a goal my wife and I want to one day open a wedding venue. The logo used on this project was designed by my wife around three months prior to me registering for the course. The goal of the website was to start towards that dream. I designed the website with a certain idea in mind: bringing country hearts together at an affordable cost with totally customizable options. The reason behind this is because my wife and I had the hardest time finding a venue that would let us do what we wanted without having to pick from their list of vendors or paying extra for every little thing. This was frustrating to us and forced us to pick an alternate option. So the idea was to provide a place for couples to get married within their budget, whether big or small, and helping them have their dream wedding without having to sacrifice the venue of their dreams. Because of this idea and dream, I choose to work on this website: <https://mrjoll3y.github.io/wdd130/pwp/head-over-boots-home> (I don’t think the hyperlink works).

The goals I had for this website was to get an idea for each page that typically shows up on each wedding site: The home page, gallery, packages offered, and a form of contact. The home page is the most important, It is what ropes people in and makes them go “woah” so I wanted the home page to be very professional and show the web pages visitors the beauty of the location. I also wanted the home page to describe what is different about the venue. I thought that the best way to do this would be with an “About us” or “About the Venue” section. The next element I wanted to be present was linked images to the gallery and packages pages.

For the subpages I wanted both simplicity and beauty. My experience with venues sites was that they were very confusing to try to navigate and compare, and I often found myself running around in circles trying to find a piece of information. The gallery I wanted to show in a grid/slideshow so that the details can be seen of the venue through the perspective of those who get married there. I used pictures from my own wedding, but in the future I would hope that it would be filled with pictures of many weddings from all different angles to help demonstrate the versatility of the venue and property. The packages I wanted to be fun and creative, and ultimately perfect for the country loving people who get married there. Because of this I chose to have the packages titled after some beautiful country items such as sunsets and horses. I also wanted to offer things that might not be traditionally a part of weddings (like s'mores or horseback rides)

As far as my design, I do like it, but believe that I can make it even better as I learn more. In my head I had this beautiful, professional website lines out in my head. So, some pretty major changes ended up taking place. I wanted my linked images on the home page to display side by side with text on the two images displaying where the link would take them. I also wanted the slideshow to display each image framed separately but when one was clicked on it would display a slideshow. And the user would be able to click through te images and zoom in on the image to see the small details. I also wanted the packages page to display what was in the package in a vertical list with the image to the side while alternating left and right margin for the image for each package. I ended up with something close but not quite there, and so I will be continuing to work on the project until I get it perfect.

I learned a lot from this project, a lot of patience was learned. I also learned what elements to use while designing a website and am extremely proud of how it turned out giving this was my first ever exposure to coding of any kind. Like I mentioned before, this project serves in my own self interest for goals I have of the future, and helps me get my boot in the door and make progress towards this goal early on. I also plan on creating other websites for other business ideas that my wife and I have. I learned how to put together elements and how to be flexible in my thinking. I learned that all good things come through time and patience and that one cannot rush the creativity that is required to make a professional website. This class sparked my little light and has me considering changing my major despite only having two semesters left in my accounting degree. I found that I enjoyed the challenge and that I craved learning more than I usually do as I applied myself into the project. I will try to apply myself like that more in my future classes and see if it helps me be more successful.