Kyle Acoustic

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For my final project, the subject I chose to focus my website on is my husband’s love of creating acoustic guitar music and the inspiration behind his songs. I believe the primary audience for my website will be our family and friends who often ask him about his music. Additionally, as he meets new people who have a similar interest, he can direct them to a website to hear his musical creations. I envision most people will opt to view the site on their personal computer or mobile device.

By creating <https://nameerfdt.github.io/wdd130/kyleacoustic>, my hope was first, to gain the knowledge and understanding of how to create a functional website. Secondly, I had hopes that I would be able to create a website that could one day become a replacement for my husband’s existing website. I believe I have accomplished my first hope and am on a solid path to accomplishing the second.

My husband has been wanting me to rebuild his existing website for years. As such, when I begin the design for my final project website, I first talked with him to see what he envisioned. He really likes his existing website and wanted something similar. After reviewing his site, I drafted my wireframes to be similar to the current site while ensuring the aspects remained in scope of what I was learning. I also saw some room for aesthetic improvements. I initially envisioned being able to play each song. I researched how to include and play music and successfully tested. As I attempted to implement this feature, I found it very challenging to upload .mp3 songs into my repository. Due to time constraints, I chose to link to his existing site. As the site progressed, I wanted to make an enhancement by adding a dropdown menu to my music subpage. This would allow the viewer to select one of two links representing each individual cd title and its respective songs. Again, I had some struggles, and ultimately chose to build a sticky header. In the end, I believe the website I built is how I envisioned it to look and work.

After completing this project, I have learned first and foremost that with patience and persistence, I can successfully learn and implement new skills. As I began the project, almost immediately, my confidence waned and I was flooded with overwhelming thoughts of doubt. Suddenly building a website seemed like an insurmountable task. I had to stop and take a step back. I looked back at the earlier assignments I did and little by little I could see the steps that I needed to take. I realized I had the tools at my fingertips. When I got stuck, I’d research and read. One of my biggest challenges was getting responsive pages for the phone. I tried and tried and was resolved to know that I gave it my best effort. It was then when I again went back to a prior week and reread that something clicked. I believe I was able to make it work properly. With the knowledge and skills I’ve learned in the last 14 weeks, I look forward to one day turning my final project into a working website and publish it as my husband’s official website! (542 words)