BEST RESOURCES FOR WEB DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT WITH HTML5 & CSS3

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1. WELCOME TO THIS E-BOOK

This e-book is a collection of the links to all the amazing resources, tools and articles we use in the "Responsive Web Design AND Web Development with HTML5 & CSS3" course. All the tools and resources we use in the course can be found in the corresponding chapter of this e-book. This e-book doesn't contain the content of the course.

Beside that, I also share a lot of other resources with you in this e-book, in order to make your life as a web designer and developer a lot easier! I found all of these tools and resources over a period of years, spending days of my precious time looking for things that I needed. So I decided to pack all of them into this e-book, so that you don't have to go through the same hassle!

Have fun and enjoy the course, there is such a lot to learn! So go start your next lecture, right now.

2. WEBDESIGN BASICS

2.1 INTRODUCTION TO WEBDESIGN

Design course in form of articles:

https://hackdesign.org/lessons

Learn more about flat design:

http://www.webdesignerdepot.com/2013/12/infographic-flat-design-vs-skeuomorphism/

2.2 TYPOGRAPHY

Google fonts: tons of free, easy to use webfonts:

https://www.google.com/fonts

Fonts for free download:

http://www.fontsquirrel.com/

List of best free fonts for designers:

http://www.creativebloq.com/graphic-design-tips/best-free-fonts-for-

designers-1233380

Very good for finding good font combinations:

http://www.fastprint.co.uk/blog/the-art-of-mixing-typefaces.html

Find even more good font combinations:

http://fontpair.co/

Learn about typography in 10 minutes:

http://practicaltypography.com/typography-in-ten-minutes.html

learn even more about typography:

http://www.typogui.de/

2.3 COLORS

Cool Flat UI colors:

http://flatuicolors.com/

Even more cool colors:

http://getuicolors.com/

Find variations of colors (very good):

http://www.0to255.com/

Adobe Color CC, play around with colors:

https://color.adobe.com/create/color-wheel/

Paletton, play around with colors:

http://paletton.com

Beautiful gradients for webdesign:

http://uigradients.com/

Learn about colors:

http://www.rocket-design.fr/color-template/

Learn even more about colors:

http://webdesign.tutsplus.com/articles/an-introduction-to-color-theory-for-webdesigners--webdesign-1437

2.4 WORKING WITH IMAGES

Basically all free images in one place:

http://thestocks.im/

Images from many sources:

http://www.pexels.com/

Unsplash, a must see:

https://unsplash.com/

Food images:

http://foodiesfeed.com/

A curated collection of free resources:

http://www.imcreator.com/free

Huge pattern library:

http://thepatternlibrary.com/

Subtle patterns:

http://subtlepatterns.com/

Free videos:

http://mazwai.com/

Techniques for working with images in CSS:

http://css-tricks.com/design-considerations-text-images/

2.5 WORKING WITH ICONS

Beautiful icon font:

http://ionicons.com/

Another beautiful icon set:

http://entypo.com/

Font awesome icons:

http://fontawesome.io/icons/

Big collection of SVG fonts:

http://iconmonstr.com/

Yet another icon font:

http://icon-works.com/

2.6 USER EXPERIENCE

UX crash course in 31 days

http://thehipperelement.com/post/75476711614/ux-crash-course-31-fundamentals

UI tricks that can lead to higher conversion rates:

http://www.goodui.org/

2.7 GETTING INSPIRED

Find beautiful websites:

http://www.siteinspire.com/

Dribble, show and tell for designers:

https://dribbble.com/

Behance:

https://www.behance.net/

Inspiration for one-page websites:

https://onepagelove.com/

Even more webdesign inspiration:

http://www.admiretheweb.com/

Flat design inspiration:

http://flatdsgn.com/

Collection of specific design elements and patterns:

http://patterntap.com/

Another collection of design elements:

http://calltoidea.com/

Google fonts inspiration:

http://femmebot.github.io/google-type/

Some amazing designers on Dribble:

https://dribbble.com/victorerixon

https://dribbble.com/benske

https://dribbble.com/peterfinlan

https://dribbble.com/Radium

2.8 EVEN MORE RESOURCES

Huge list of front-end development resources:

https://github.com/dypsilon/frontend-dev-bookmarks

Curated resources for everything creative:

http://oozled.com/

3. DIVE INTO HTML

The best text editor for front-end web development in the world:

http://brackets.io/

Complete HTML reference:

http://www.w3schools.com/html

HTML special characters

https://css-tricks.com/snippets/html/glyphs/

4. FORMATTING WITH CSS

Complete CSS reference (this is really good):

http://tympanus.net/codrops/css_reference/

Important CSS selectors:

http://code.tutsplus.com/tutorials/the-30-css-selectors-you-must-memorize-net-16048

Cool things you can do with Google Chrome Developer Tools:

http://www.labnol.org/software/chrome-dev-tools-tutorial/28131/

5. THE OMNIFOOD WEBSITE PROJECT

5.1 7 REAL-WORLD STEPS TO A FUNCTIONAL WEBSITE

- 1. Define your project (goal and audience)
- 2. Plan out everything
- 3. Sketch your ideas before you start designing
- 4. Design and develop your website with HTML and CSS
- 5. It's not done yet: optimization
- 6. Launch the masterpiece
- 7. Site maintenance

Periodic table of web design process:

http://www.newdesigngroup.ca/blog/web-design-process-infographic/

5.2 LINKS USED IN OUR PROJECT

Free, simple and easy-to-use fluid grid:

http://www.responsivegridsystem.com/

Get random user profiles:

http://randomuser.me/

Subtle hover effects:

http://tympanus.net/codrops/2014/06/19/ideas-for-subtle-hover-effects/

Up-to-date browser support tables for CSS and HTML:

http://caniuse.com/

Using Internet Explorer on a Mac

https://www.modern.ie

Social network colors:

http://designpieces.com/2012/12/social-media-colours-hex-and-rgb/

6. LET'S ADD SOME COOL EFFECTS

6.1 LINKS USED IN THE COURSE

Animate.css:

http://daneden.github.io/animate.css/

6.2 COOL JQUERY PLUGINS

Webappers, huge list of plugins:

http://www.webappers.com/category/components/tooltips/

jQuery Rain, another huge list of plugins:

http://www.jqueryrain.com/

Magnific popup:

http://dimsemenov.com/plugins/magnific-popup/

Tooltipster:

http://iamceege.github.io/tooltipster/#demos

Maplace.js, google maps plugin:

http://maplacejs.com/

Typer, a plugin that types:

http://cosmos.layervault.com/typer-js.html

OnePageScroll:

http://www.thepetedesign.com/demos/onepage_scroll_demo.html

7. OPTIMIZING AND LAUNCHING OUR WEBSITE

Favicon Generator:

http://realfavicongenerator.net/

Compress images:

http://optimizilla.com/

Minify CSS code:

http://www.minifycss.com/css-compressor/

Minify JavaScript code:

http://www.minifyjavascript.com/

HTML validation:

http://validator.w3.org/

Preview your website on multiple mobile devices at once:

http://www.responsinator.com/

SEO checklist:

http://webdesign.tutsplus.com/articles/a-web-designers-seo-checklist-including-portable-formats--webdesign-10740

Google analytics

http://www.google.com/analytics/

8. KEEPING UP WITH THE WEB INDUSTRY

Treehouse show, weekly video about new things in webdesign and development: http://teamtreehouse.com/library/the-treehouse-show

Sidebar: the 5 best design links, every day:

http://sidebar.io/

Codrops, webdesign blog with lots of freebies:

http://tympanus.net/codrops/

Webdesignerdepot, webdesign blog:

http://www.webdesignerdepot.com/

Smashing magazine, webdesign blog:

http://www.smashingmagazine.com/

1st webdesigner, webdesign blog:

http://www.1stwebdesigner.com/

Hey designer, curated list of webdesign articles:

http://heydesigner.com/

Sitepoint, learn HTML, CSS and more:

http://www.sitepoint.com/