



## NYCDA Student Resources

We hope that during your time at NYCDA most of your questions can be answered during class or by an instructor, but we encourage you to take advantage of these resources outside of class. Your instructors are always available to help! If for some reason you can't reach them, always feel free to reach out to Zach Feldman, Chief Academic Officer at [zach@nycda.com](mailto:zach@nycda.com).

### Helpful Links

#### Documentation for basically anything

<http://devdocs.io/>

Ever wonder what that `<html>` or `<p>` tag is *really* for? Having trouble understanding a CSS property? Check out this amazing source of documentation for most major web technologies, where you can type your query at the top left of the page and get instant results on a variety of topics.

#### Even more documentation

<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/>

The Mozilla developer network is a trusted resource for *even more* documentation on web technologies!

#### To Practice Coding

<http://codecademy.com>

Codecademy is a great place to take review lessons on a variety of web development topics. We highly recommend the Ruby program during the Ruby section of our course to stay sharp on the basics.

<http://teamtreehouse.com>

Your first two weeks are free on Treehouse, which teaches a variety of web development topics. A great resource to catch up on missed class work or review topics you're still confused about.

<http://tryruby.org/>

An awesome intro to a few facets of Ruby. Great if you're getting stuck with the simple stuff!

## **To learn Git**

<https://www.codeschool.com/courses/try-git>

An amazing tutorial on using Git created by the folks at Github. Don't forget that Git is not GitHub! Git is a version control system that runs locally inside of your project folder (a "repository") while GitHub is a place to put your repositories online.

## **To get familiar with the command line**

<http://lifehacker.com/5633909/who-needs-a-mouse-learn-to-use-the-command-line-for-almost-anything>

LifeHacker has a great tutorial here on command line usage for beginners. An awesome place to start for sure.

<http://cli.learncodethehardway.org/book/>

If the command line is really bugging you and you want to get an in depth guide to it, check out the Command Line Interface tutorial on Learn Code the Hard Way. It's quite in depth but a great way to spend a weekend if you want to become a command line master!

## **Textbooks**

If you're looking for some good books as you begin your web development journey, we recommend the following:

### **HTML & CSS - Design and Build Websites**

Jon Duckett

<http://www.amazon.com/HTML-CSS-Design-Build-Websites/dp/1118008189>

### **HTML5 Foundations**

Matt West

<http://www.amazon.com/HTML5-Foundations-Treehouse-Book-Series/dp/1118356551>

### **Stylin' with CSS - A Designer's Guide**

Wyke-Smith

<http://www.amazon.com/Stylin-CSS-A-Designers-Guide/dp/0321305256>

### **The Book of Ruby**

Huw Collingbourne

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Book-Ruby-Hands-On-Adventurous/dp/1593272944>

### **Learn Ruby on Rails**

Daniel Kehoe

<http://learn-rails.com/>

**Beginning Rails 4**

Carneiro, Al Barazi

<http://www.amazon.com/Beginning-Rails-Experts-Voice-Development/dp/1430260343>

**JavaScript in Easy Steps**

Mike McGrath

<http://www.amazon.com/JavaScript-Easy-Steps-Mike-McGrath/dp/1840783621>

**Extra review sessions**

If you feel like you're really falling behind for whatever reason, get in contact at [zach@nycda.com](mailto:zach@nycda.com) and we can attempt to arrange an extra review session. Sessions are subject to teacher availability and can't always be guaranteed but we'll try our best to accommodate student requests.

**Reach out - we'll be there!**

You can always contact me at [zach@nycda.com](mailto:zach@nycda.com) if you feel like you're getting behind in class. We'll try our best to make sure you're up to date and not lost! Our students are our number one priority.

Looking for a larger list of varied resources in web development? Check out our expanded online resources directory at <http://nycda.com/expanded-resources>.