

HCI : Reflexion VI - Parallax effect

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My first feeling about parallax effect was very positive, I appreciate the style that's giving to a page through this effect. However after reading this review I'm more confused than ever. The point of view of the authors is clear from the beginning : A good parallax is no parallax or to say it in the way of the authors is a parallax for auxiliary picture and others information doesn't important. I admit that's just some cosmetic effect and even if the user's doesn't take care of it, for me, that's put some movement and life in the website. Without considering my opinion nor the author's one, this effect is well use when it's help to highlight information or things the user's may not have seen at his first look. I mean the content is a fixed thing so in a big page with many paragraph maybe there is some information more important and I consider parallax as a way to hierarchies the information in the content, I admit there is other way to do this. To achieve this discussion parallax is a beautiful animation but like all visual effect it's need to be well balanced and more than every one else need to be well use because like the author says in the paper it's can slow the load of the page and if the user is quickly searching a item it can be a brake. A good way will be to stop the animation if the scroll is faster than a define speed to put animation for slow user and show how beautiful your site is and to show how functional our site are for user in a hurry of finding the information.