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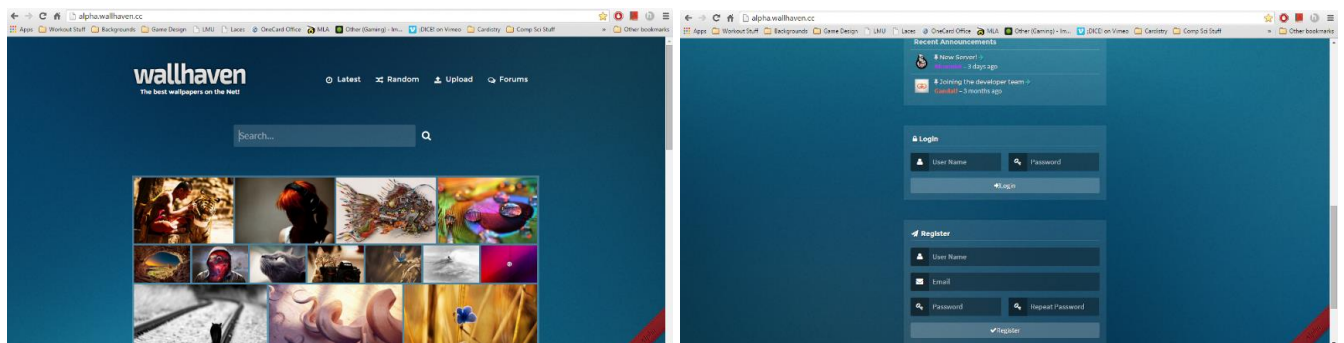
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Dream Interface Design: Wallhaven

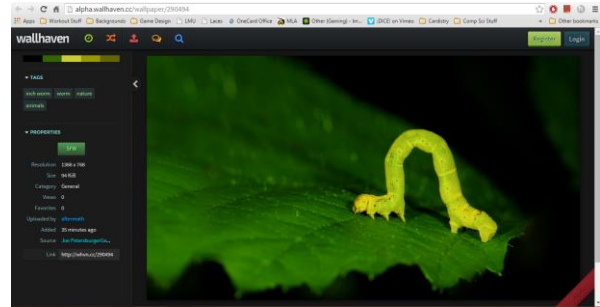
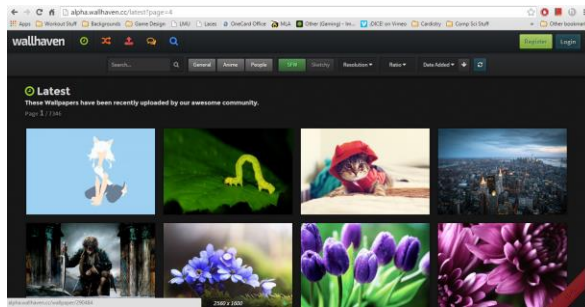
I've decided to do my dream interface project on a website called Wallhaven, a website dedicated to hosting any pictures that would be a cool background for your computer screen. The homepage a few header buttons, Latest which gives you the latest uploaded pictures, Random which gives you a bunch of random pictures, Upload which lets you upload your own picture to the website but requires you to make an account and log in, and Forums which takes you to a list of forum topics, some about the website, and some not about the website. Below those headers is a search bar where you can search for tags that pictures would have, and it will return any picture that has that tag or something close to it. Below that is a small section of pictures that are always on the front page, just to give a feel for what the website is about. Further down the webpage we see a small window for recent announcements since the website is still in alpha, and even further below that we see the log in and register for an account windows. At the very bottom in the footer are buttons that take you to Wallhaven's social media pages. Overall it is a nice looking front webpage, but it could still use some tweaking.



First change I would make would be to make everything more compact so you don't have to scroll so far to log in or to see the website's updates. I would have a header bar that holds the webpage's title, along with the first 3 navigation buttons, because I don't think Forums are a necessary part of this type of website. The forums are barely used and the ones about general information for the websites updates are a bit redundant considering the front page having them below the first set of pictures. Where the Forum button would've been I would have a button leading you to a general news and recent updates page about the website. Also I would add two buttons in the top right corner of the header bar that handled the log in and register for new account windows. When you click on those they would open a separate dialogue window that would have log in or registering fields respectively. The search bar would fit up in the header bar, and I would have the header bar stay visible no matter how far you scrolled down on a page. Lastly I would take out the window for the introductory pictures, and just have the never ending scrolling page of pictures below the header bar, which I go into more detail in the next paragraph. This would ultimately condense a very long webpage into a single webpage with all its information on one screen.

Once you get past the Home page and on to actual pages of pictures, (Using the "Latest" tag as an example) you are greeted with a never ending scrolling page of pictures, split up by pages of 4 pictures wide and 6 pictures tall. Hovering over a picture gives you the pictures resolution and how many times it was favorited. Clicking on a picture opens up a fresh webpage that gives you a larger version of the picture and a sidebar that gives you the pictures tags, and all of its properties such as resolution, file size, who uploaded it, etc.

As far as this page goes it is pretty spot on, and honestly this should be the first page you get when opening the website. There's enough space between each picture so you don't have the chance of miss clicking, and the pictures are a good enough size to tell you what you're looking at.



One hopeful change I would add, is a button on each of the pictures thumbnails to add them to a list, and once you were done on the website, you could download a zip file that had all of the pictures you put into that list. That would streamline the process of having to click on each picture, downloading it, closing that tab and going back to search for more. The option to upload a picture to Instagram or Facebook would also be cool if you wanted to share a picture with your friends.