Measuring PS Documents to Stylize Web Layouts

Measuring space around text:

In Photoshop there are two types of text boxes that can be utilized:
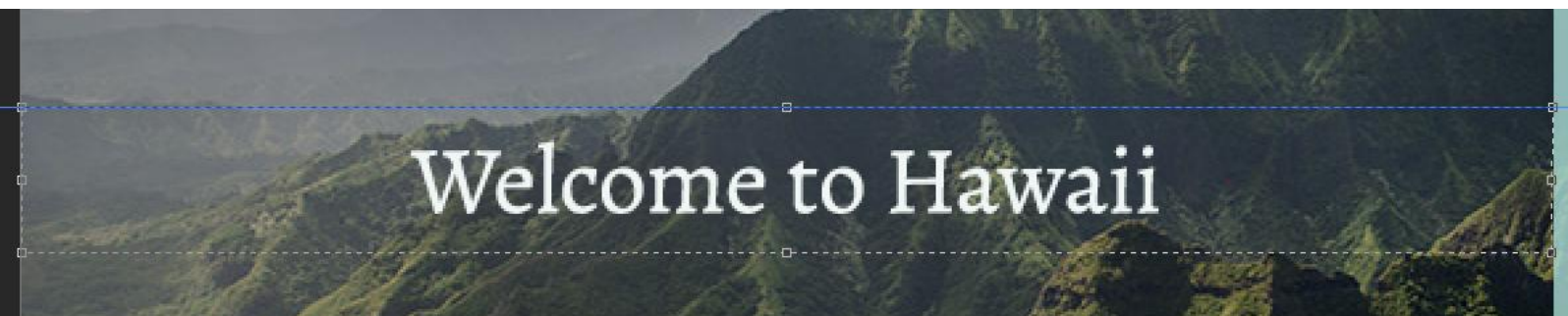
- Point text
- Text boxes or Paragraph Text

You will need to figure out which is being used. To do this select the **type tool (t)** and click on the text.
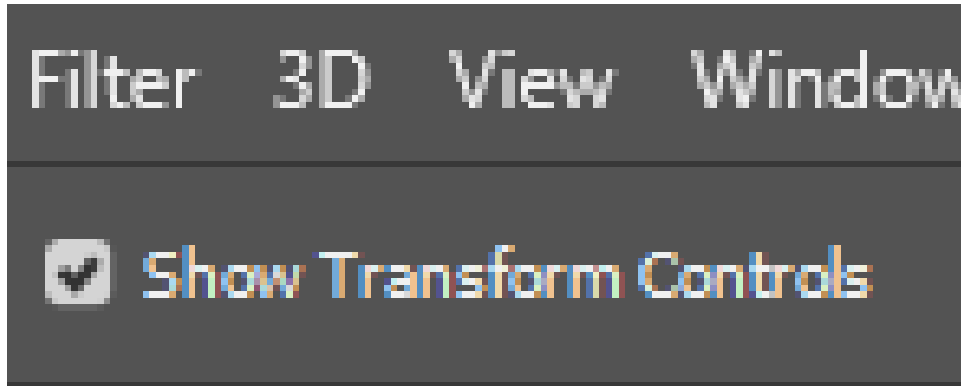
Point Text:

Paragraph Text/Text boxes:

Setting and Showing the bounding-boxes/transform controls:

When the **type tool(t)** is selected and you go to select the rulers you will lose the dotted text-box outline where your text is placed. To get around this select your **move tool (v)** and **check Show Transform Controls** just below the root menu.

Once **Show Transform Controls** is selected, you will be able to click on your text using the **move tool (v)** and you will see where all the bounding box (dotted lines) are.

Applying Rulers:

Once you can see your bounding boxes you will be able to drag your rulers around your

Place your guides on the textbox container, not the text
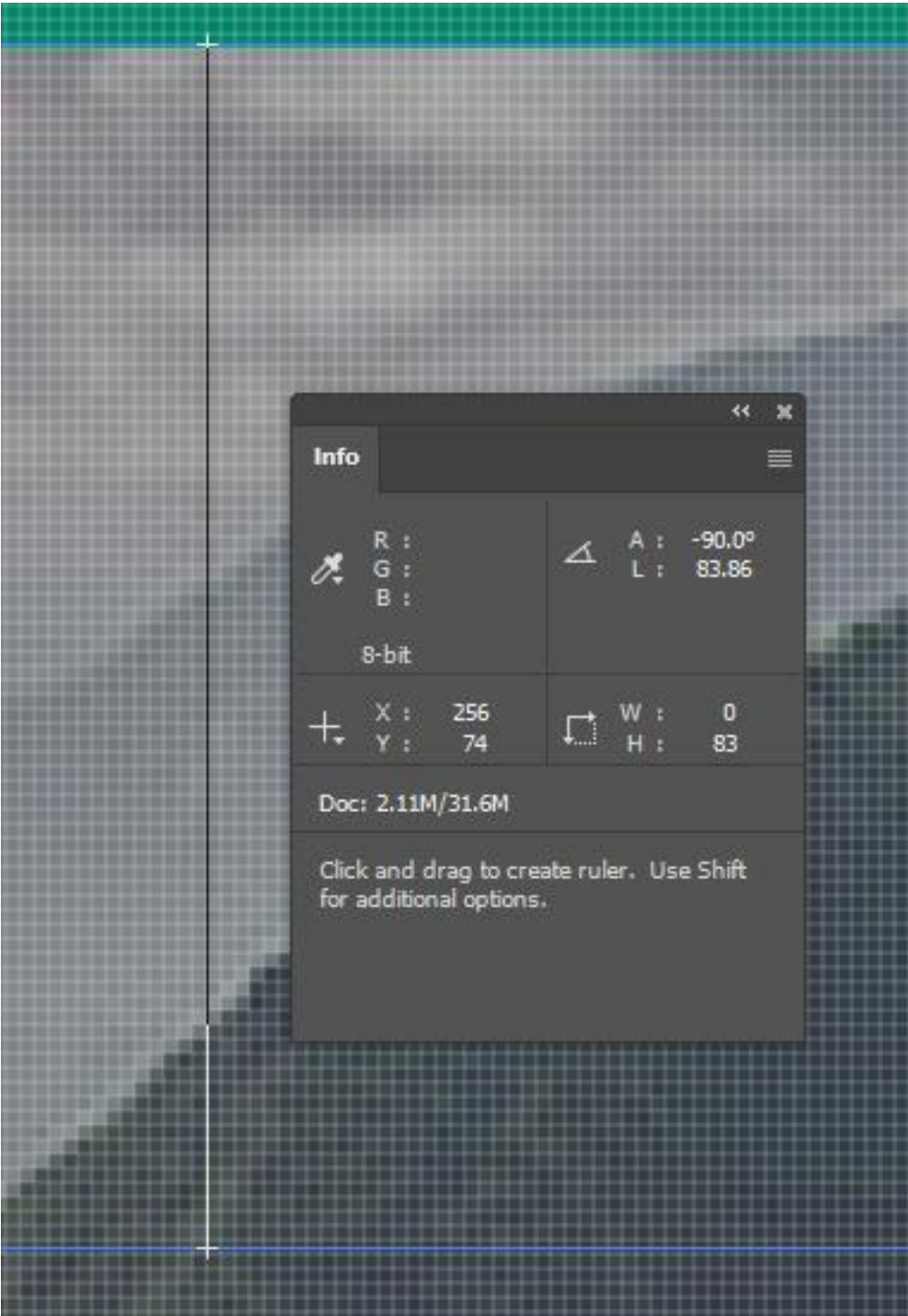
Welcome to Hawaii

Paragraph text or text boxes in photoshop have spacing around the text. Which shows the line of the text as well.

elements and measure the spacing between (see below).
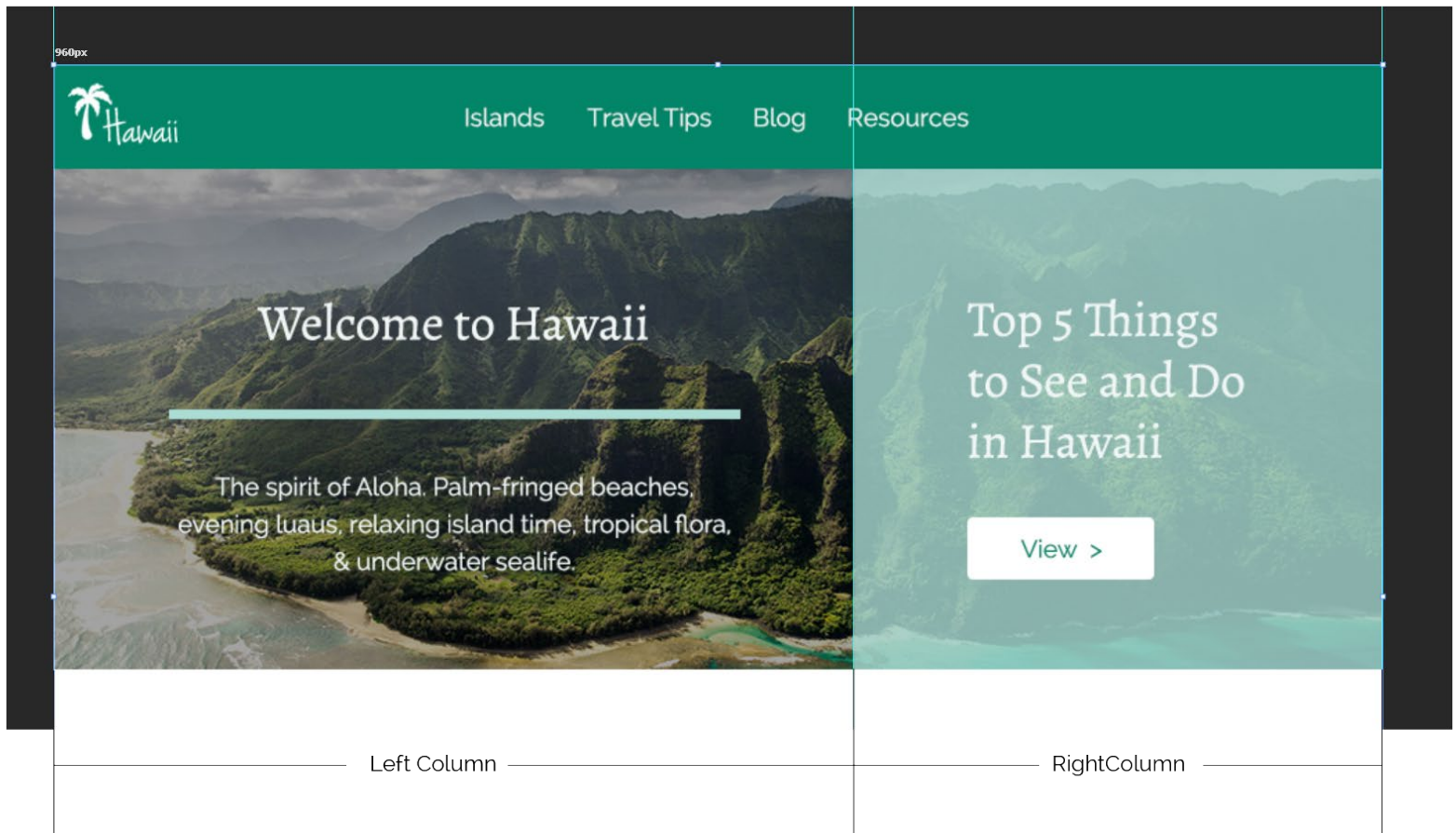
Measuring Space Between Elements:

Next, measure the space between your elements. It really does not matter what you use to measure, it can be the shape tool, ruler marquee, you could zoom in and count pixels if you wanted (which would be tedious).

Info

R :
G :
B :

8-bit

A : -90.0°
L : 83.86

X : 256
Y : 74

W : 0
H : 83

Doc: 2.11M/31.6M

Click and drag to create ruler. Use Shift
for additional options.
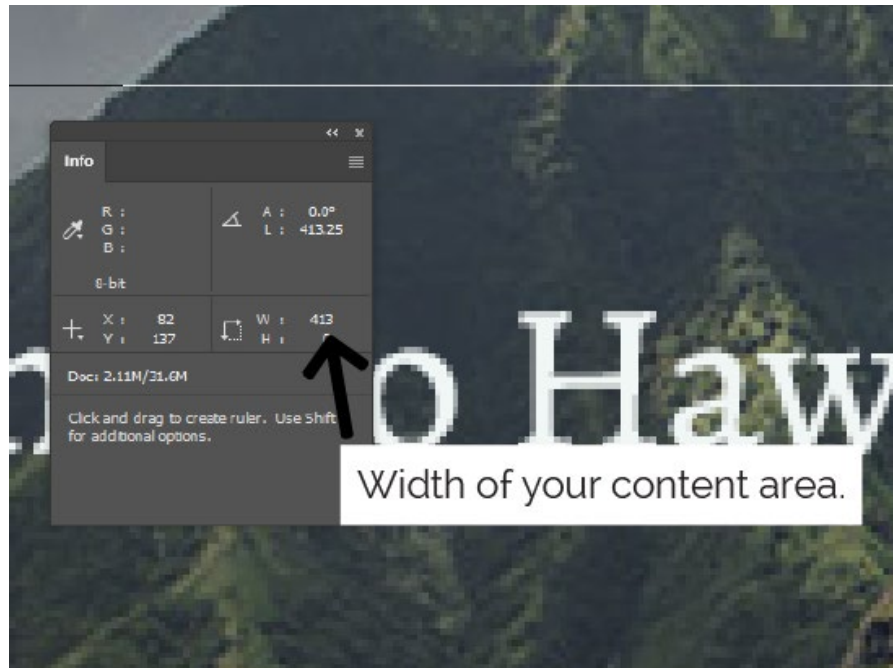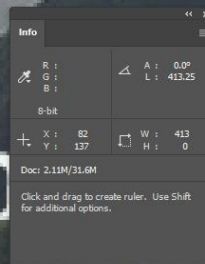
Finding the width and spacing around elements

Laying out columns and determining their widths and spacing around elements. To do find your columns first. In this example our columns are determined by background-colour overlay. Most of the time your columns will be determined by spacing in between your columns.

Step 1: Layout column guides

Step 2: Determine the width of the content area. The best way to do this is the find the element in the PS document with the largest width. Use your rulers and measure the space. See below (next page).

Width of your content area.

The width of your content area is 414px.

If you measure the width of the entire left column you find that is 578px wide.

If you take this width and subtract the content width you will find the remaining spacing of the column

578px (full column size) - 413px (content width area) = 164px.

The remaining space will either your margin or padding, which is up for you to figure out.
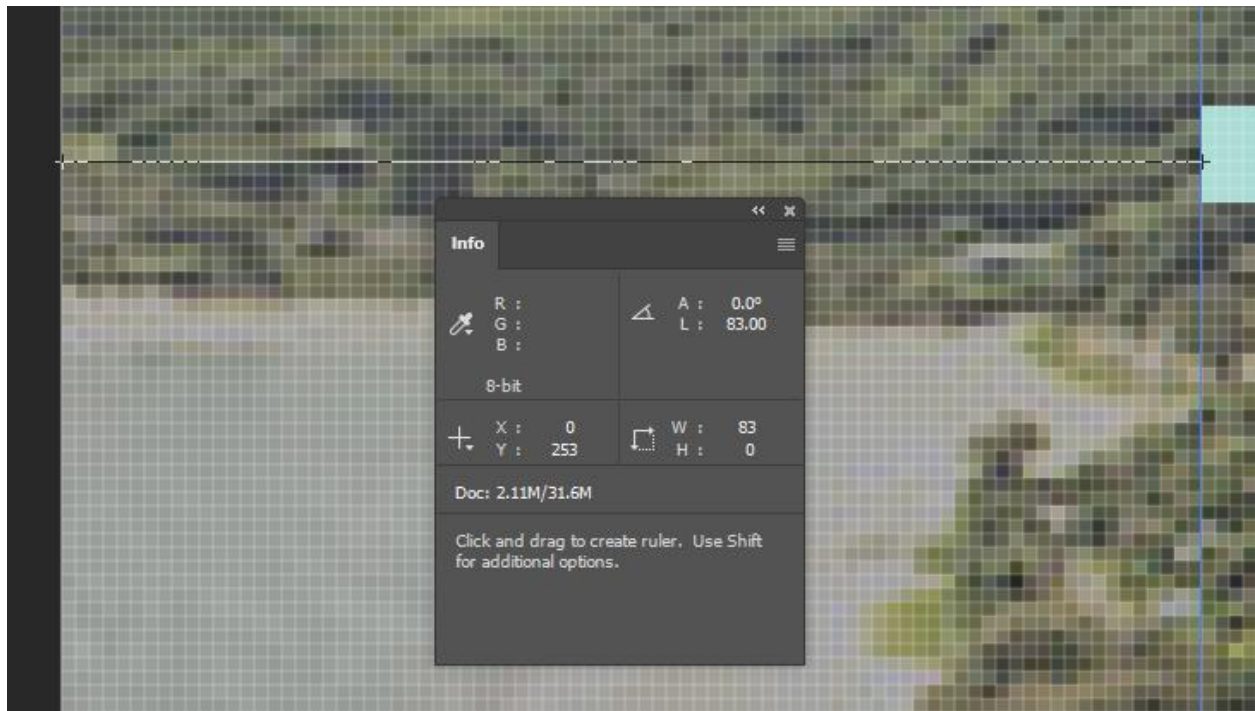
In this case, we have a background image - so it would be best to use a padding. Padding will help increase the size of the background image, while margin will push and pull elements apart or together, respectively.

*Remember that spacing should be consistent.

The remaining space you have left over is 165px. We are going to divide this in half and place the padding on each side of the content-width area. This padding will help create the space between your content-width area.

Padding left and right: 164px/2 = 83px.

Or you could measure the space in your PS document. See below.

Measuring spacing between text elements and other types of elements is all the same. You need to know where all your bounding boxes are, and please be sure to use your rulers.