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OF CSS DESIGN A demonstration of

THE BEAUTY

what can be accom plished through CSS-based design. Select any style sheet into this page.





Littering a dark and dreary road lay the past relics of browser-specific tags, incompatible DOMs, broken CSS

support, and abandoned browsers. We must clear the mind of the past. Web enlightenment has been achieved thanks to the tireless efforts of folk like the W3C, WaSP, and the major browser creators.

The CSS Zen Garden invites you to relax and meditate on the important lessons of the masters. Begin to see with clarity. Learn to use the time-honored techniques in new and invigorating fashion. Become one with the web.

To begin, view some of the existing designs in the list. Clicking on any one will load the style sheet into this very page. The

SO WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

HTML remains the same, the only thing that has changed is CSS allows complete and total control over the style of a hypertext document. The only way this can be illustrated in a way that gets people excited is by demonstrating what it can truly be, once the reins are placed in the hands of those able to create beauty from structure. Designers and coders alike have

contributed to the beauty of the web; we can always push it

but the example files are commented well enough that even CSS novices can use them as starting points. Please see the

PARTICIPATION

CSS Resource Guide for advanced tutorials and tips on working with CSS. You may modify the style sheet in any way you wish, but not the HTML. This may seem daunting at first if you've never worked this way before, but follow the listed links to learn more, and use the sample files as a guide. Download the sample HTML and CSS to work on a copy locally. Once you have completed your masterpiece (and

Strong visual design has always been our focus. You are modifying this page, so strong CSS skills are necessary too,

please, don't submit half-finished work) upload your CSS file to a web server under your control. Send us a link to an archive of that file and all associated assets, and if we choose to use it we will download it and place it on our server.

BENEFITS Why participate? For recognition, inspiration, and a resource we can all refer to showing people how amaz



ing CSS really can be. This site serves as equal parts inspiration for those working on the web today, learn ing tool for those who will be tomorrow, and gallery of future techniques we can all look forward to.

REQUIREMENTS

requirement we have is that your CSS validates.



Luckily, designing this way shows how well various browsers have implemented CSS by now. When sticking to the guidelines you should see fairly consistent results across most modern browsers.

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especially when you factor in mobile — pixel-perfect layouts may not be possible across every platform. That's okay, but do test in as many as you can. Your design should work in at least IE9+ and the latest Chrome, Firefox, iOS and Android browsers (run by over 90% of the population). We ask that you submit original artwork. Please respect copyright laws. Please keep objectionable material to a minimum, and try to incorporate unique and interesting visual themes to your work.

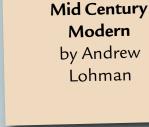
We're well past the point of needing another garden-related

This is a learning exercise as well as a demonstration. You retain full copyright on your graphics (with limited exceptions, see

Due to the sheer number of user agents on the web these days -

Where possible, we would like to see mostly CSS 1 & 2 usage. CSS 3 & 4 should be limited to widely-supported elements only, or strong fallbacks should be provided. The CSS Zen Garden is about functional, practical CSS and not the latest bleeding-edge tricks viewable by 2% of the browsing public. The only real

submission guidelines), but we ask you release your CSS under a Creative Commons license identical to the one on this site so that others may learn from your work. Paper could move on hover...



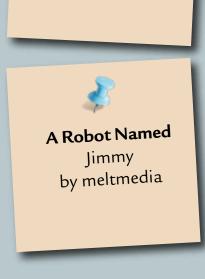
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