Mobile First, A Flexible Mindset



Hello!

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Why do we care?

Mobile Dominance in Today's Society

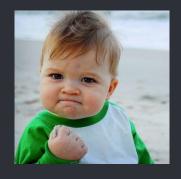
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39% of the world will have smartphones by the start of 2015, and over 301.3 million were sold in both Q2 & Q3 of 2014.

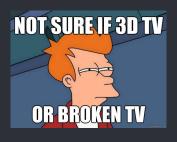
-IDC Research Analysis

Programmers <3 Math

Let's think about this - today alone...



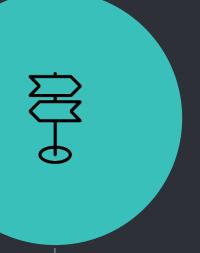
371,124 Babies Born



559,891 TVs Sold



165,042 Cars Produced



3,347,778 Mobile Devices were Sold

- 9x over today's birthrate
- **6x** more than TVs sold today
- 20x more than today's car production

Mobile Web

Zillow

Recently stated that 45% of all traffic on their listings was from mobile devices.

Vixlet + MLB

In a recent contest we ran for World Series Tickets, the traffic average saw...

- 59% Mobile
- 17% Tablet
- 24% Desktop

So How Do We Start?

Starting Light = Ending Up With Less

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 Limit projects to smaller processor & ram specs

Limit plugin usage to essentials when possible

- Prioritize info so it's streamlined for implementation as well as user consumption.

Every Action Begets A Reaction Choose your stylization with purpose

Even CSS can induce page rendering latency:





Compounded styles exponentially increase paint times.



Technical Tidbits to Streamline The Workflow

Under The Hood

A Look at Your Thumbs

Most elements for thumbs tend to be happiest at 44-50px.

Pseudo Classes Rock

Whenever possible, use CSS instead of JS. Comma divided lists for simple example:

```
.like-list a:not(:last-child):after {
    content: ",";
}
```

Ex: Ally, Greg, Joe like this.

CSS Columns

Responsive layouts can benefit greatly from columns as they help you collapse sections of text gracefully without needing many 's

```
article {
    /* 2 col, 200px wide min (otherwise stack) - Column-count & column-width */
    -webkit-columns: 2 200px;
    -moz-columns: 2 200px;
    columns: 2 200px;
    -webkit-column-gap: 4em;
    -moz-column-gap: 4em;
    column-gap: 4em;
    /* Sets the divider between columns should you desire one */
    -webkit-column-rule: 1px dotted #ddd;
    -moz-column-rule: 1px dotted #ddd;
    column-rule: 1px dotted #ddd;
```

Min & Max-width Are Your friends!

Setting up for tons of screen sizes will make you go insane, responsive & mobile first are basically twin brothers.

```
/* CONTAINERS - Keep container at 90% of boundary width, not always at 800px */
.container {
     max-width: 90%;
     width: 800px;
/* IMAGES - Keep responsive in containing divs as they collapse through sizes*/
img {
     max-width: 100%;
     height: auto;
     /* NOTE: For ie8: add in width:auto or do... */
     @ media /0screen {
          img { width: auto; }
/* INPUTS - Keep Inputs responsive, but give widely usable structure to them */
input {
     max-width: 500px;
     min-width: 240px;
     width: 100%;
```

Viewport Based Parameters are Helpful!

vw & vh are percentages based upon the viewport width and height respectively, and work well in responsive environments.

: SIMPLE EXAMPLE USAGES :

```
/* Set a div to be 50% the viewport width, and 25% its height */
.greg {
    width: 50vw;
    height: 25vh;
}

/* Makes a border 1% the width of the viewport - say maybe its a
vignette style wrap around the viewport perhaps */
.outerborder {
    border: 1vw solid #0FF;
```

Media Queries & SASS Work Well Together

We love SASS at Vixlet, and we all know about media queries, but when combined properly we can get some powerful voodoo going.

```
: Example #1 : Simple Extends in Media Breakdowns
SASS:
    .errorOne { font-size: 1.2em;
    .errorTwo { font-size: 1.5em;
@media only screen and (max-width: 300px){
    .errorTwo {
         @extend .errorOne;
         color: blue:
Media Query Compiles to:
@media only screen and (max-width: 300px){
    .errorTwo {
         font-size: 1.2em;
         color: blue;
```

: Example #2 : Simple Mixins with Variables & Media Queries

```
//SASS:
$break-medium 480px;
$break-large: 1024px;
.profile-pic {
     float: left;
     width: 250px;
     @media screen and (min-width: $break-medium){
          width: 350px;
          float: none;
     @media screen and (min-width: $break-large){
          float: right;
//COMPILES TO:
.profile-pic {
     float: left;
     width: 250px;
@media screen and (min-width: 480px){
     .profile-pic {
          width: 100px;
          float: none;
@media screen and (min-width: 1024px){
     .profile-pic {
          float: right;
```

: Example #3: Whole Query as a SASS Variable

: Example #4: Let's Step It Up

```
//SASS:
$break-small: 320px;
$break-large: 1024px;
@ mixin respond-to ($media) {
     @ if $media == handhelds {
          @media only screen and (max-width: $break-small) { @content; }
     @ else if $media == medium-screens {
          @media only screen and
          (min-width: $break-small + 1) and
          (max-width: $break-large - 1) { @ content; }
     @ else if $media == wide-screens {
          @ media only screen and (min-width: $break-large) { @ content; }
.profile-pic {
     float: left:
     width: 250px;
     @ include respond-to(handhelds) { width: 100%;}
     @include respond-to(medium-screens) { width: 125px; }
     @ include respond-to(wide-screens) { float: none; }
```

: Example #4: Let's Step It Up

```
//COMPILES TO:
.profile-pic {
     float: left;
     width: 250px;
@media only screen and (max-width: 320px) {
     .profile-pic {
          width: 100%;
@media only screen and (min-width: 321px) and (max-width: 1023px) {
     .profile-pic {
          width: 125px;
@media only screen and (min-width: 1024px) {
     .profile-pic {
          float: none;
```

Pixel Density & Images

For mobile, retina and serving things in various pixel densities has become commonplace. This is a simplified example of the usage.

: Example : Retina Usage with single query

SVG is Easy

SVG is basically a vector on a webpage, able to easily scale to any size and lets you avoid fooling with retina images altogether.

- -IE 9+, Android 2.3+ support
- -Color svg using styling even
- -Directly embed code or use as img
- -Save directly from Illustrator easily now

: Example : SVG as background image

```
.main-header {
     background:url(logo.svg) top left / contain no-repeat;
}
.no-svg .main-header {
     background-image: url(logo.jpg);
}
```

Resources for Covered Topics



Media Queries

Good site for breakdowns of media queries should you seek some example stuff on them.

http://cssmediagueries.com/overview.html



More on Paint Times

This is where a lot of the timings for the css items paint times came from, great article full of info.

http://www.html5rocks.com/en/tutorials/speed/css-paint-times/



SASS Mastery

Thesassway.com is a great site for learning SASS in an intuitive and easy fashion, with many examples borrowed from here. http://thesassway.com/intermediate/responsive-web-design-

in-sass-using-media-queries-in-sass-32



Boston Globe

Good example of collapsed responsive, the weather item collapses in a unique, but intuitive manner, first showing up in the navbar in a nice

http://brolik.com/blog/responsive-web-design-examples-with-css-tips-and-tricks/



Using SVG

Good resource on the utilization and implementation of SVG Graphics

http://css-tricks.com/using-svg/



Discover Mobile

Good walkthrough of a solid design process start to finish, showcases the whole design flow.

http://kathrynjamesfaulkner.com/mobilefirst/index.html Thanks!

ANY QUESTIONS?

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