

CSS Zen Garden Project

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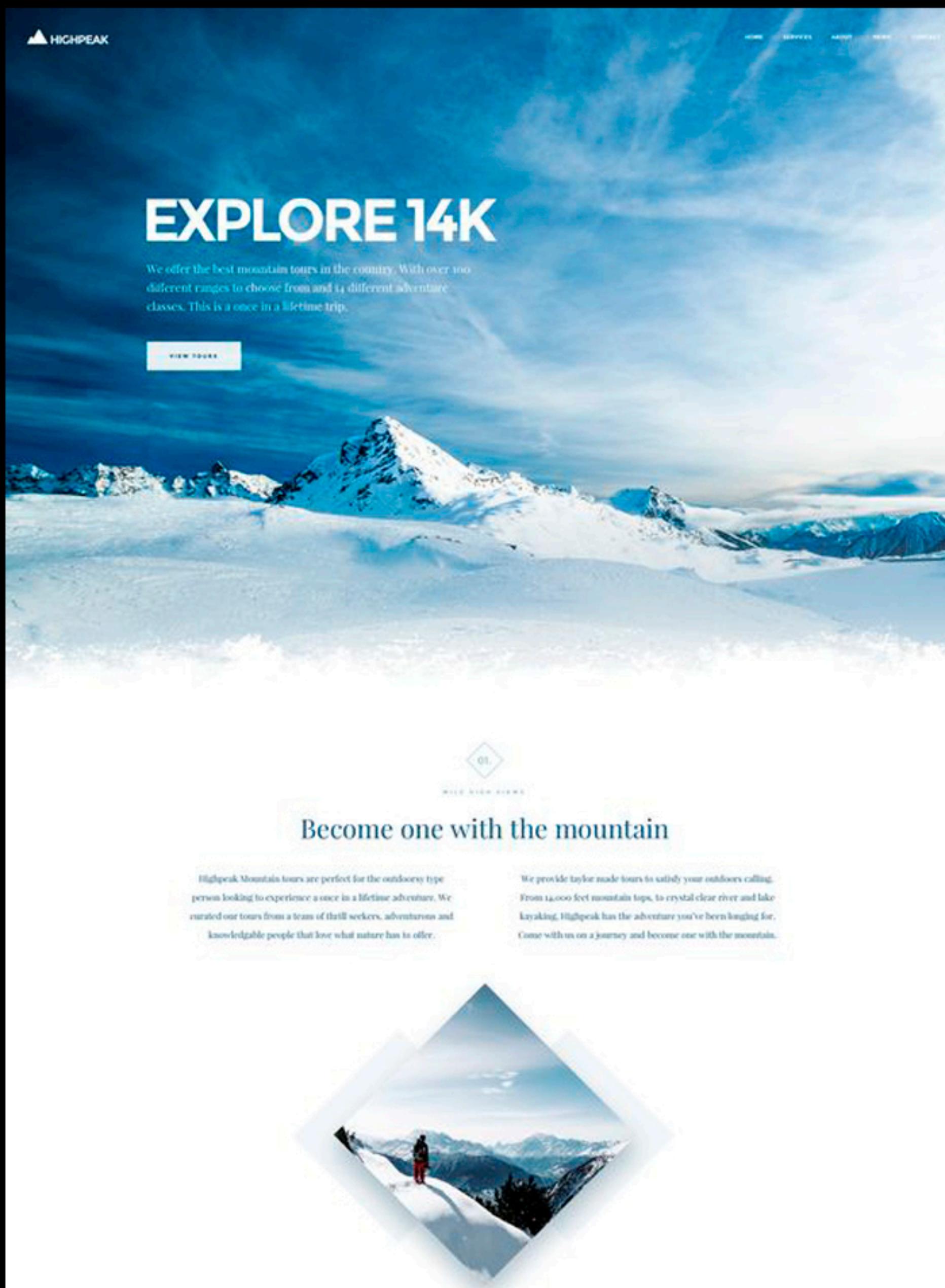
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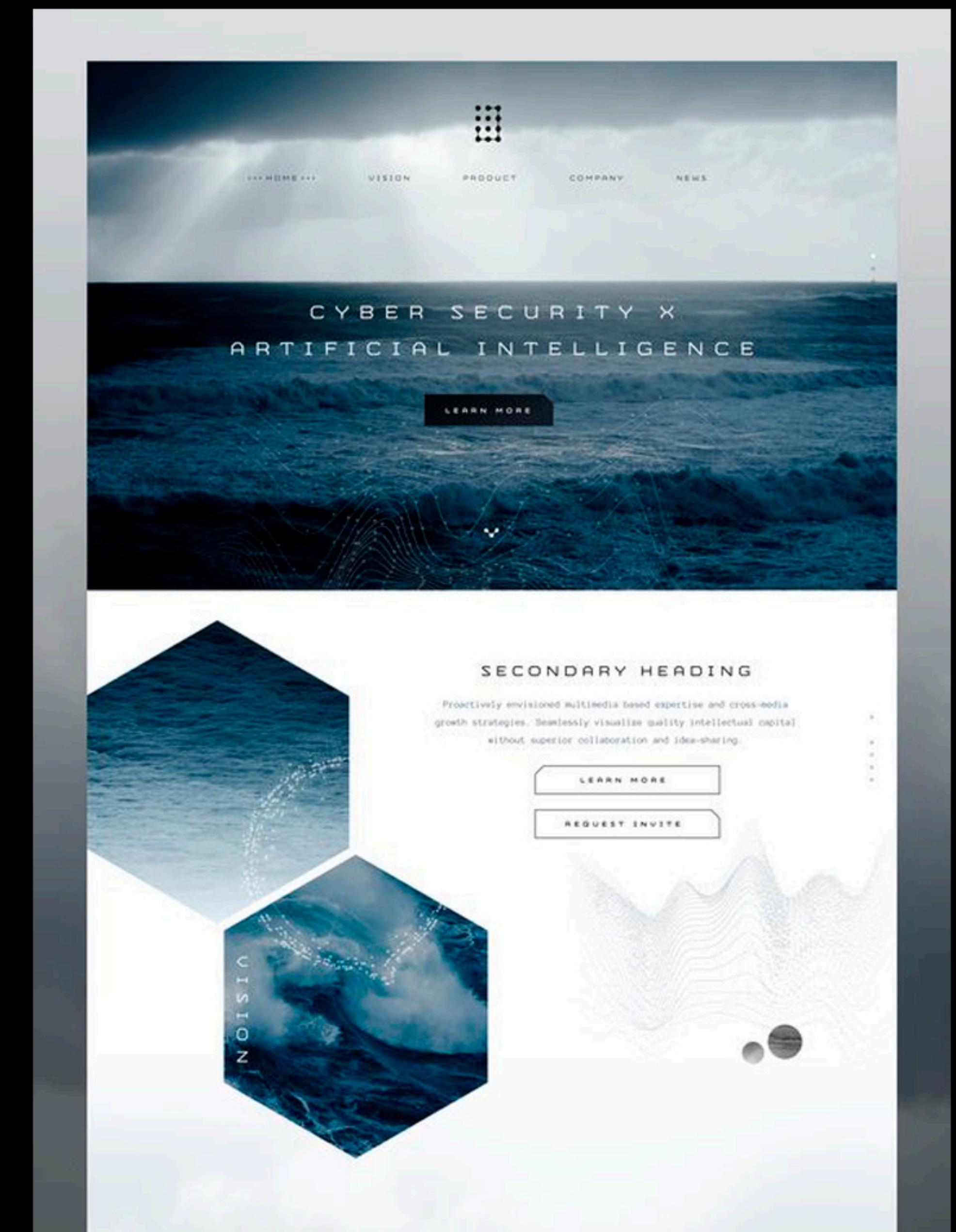
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CSS Zen Garden Design Inspiration

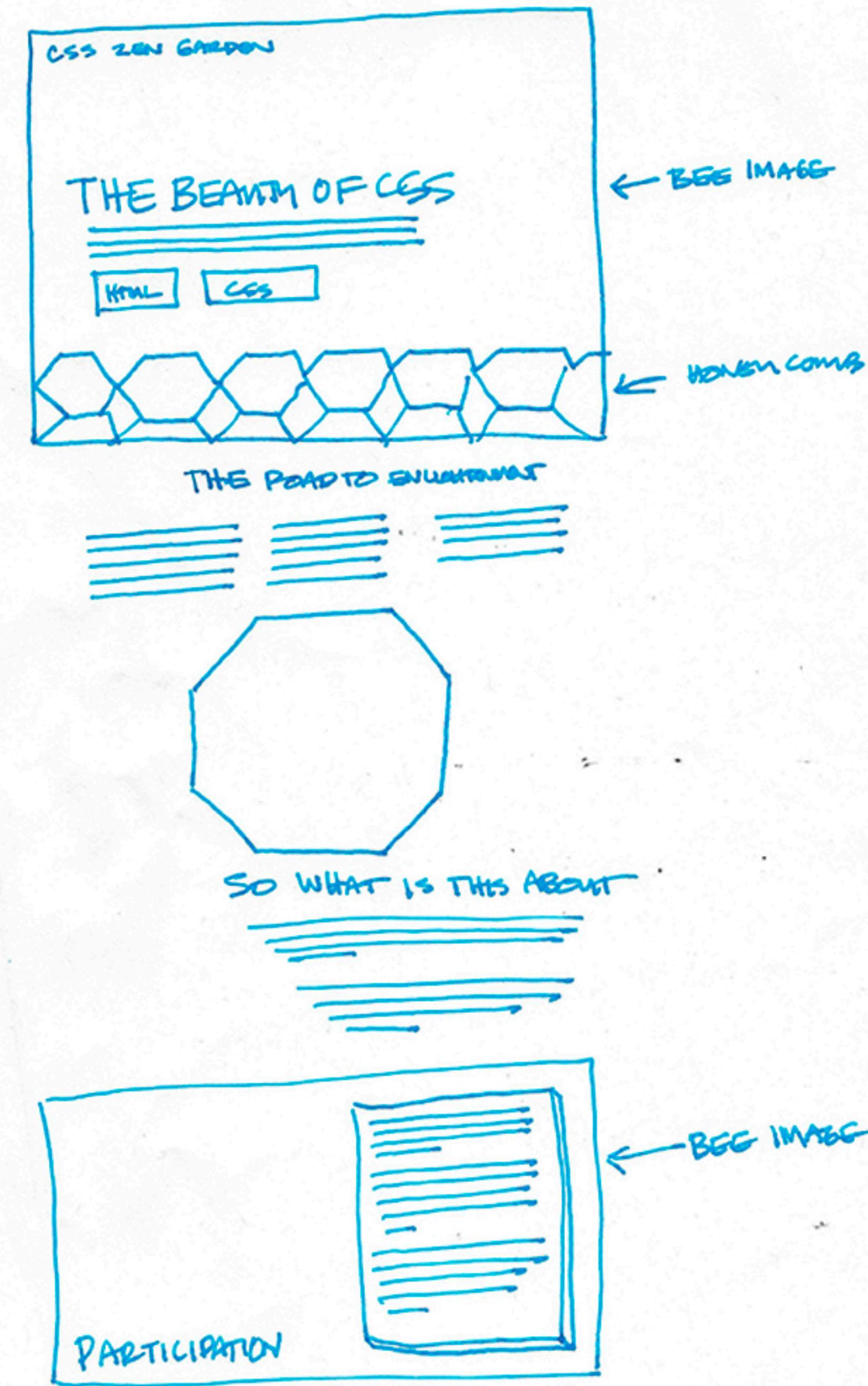


The website for Highpeak Mountains features a large, high-quality photograph of a snow-covered mountain peak under a blue sky with wispy clouds. Overlaid on the image is a white rectangular area containing the word "EXPLORE 14K" in bold, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, a smaller text block reads: "We offer the best mountain tours in the country. With over 100 different ranges to choose from and 14 different adventure classes. This is a once in a lifetime trip." A small "VIEW TOURS" button is located at the bottom left of the main image. At the very bottom of the page, there is a footer section with a diamond-shaped icon containing the number "01" and the text "HIGHPEAK MOUNTAINS".



The website for Cyber Security X Artificial Intelligence has a dark, atmospheric background featuring a stormy sea with dark clouds. Overlaid on this is a white rectangular area with the text "CYBER SECURITY X ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE" in a clean, sans-serif font. Below this, a "LEARN MORE" button is visible. To the right, there is a secondary heading "SECONDARY HEADING" followed by a paragraph of text: "Proactively envisioned multimedia based expertise and cross-media growth strategies. Seamlessly visualize quality intellectual capital without superior collaboration and idea-sharing." Further down, there are two more buttons: "LEARN MORE" and "REQUEST INVITE". On the left side of the main content area, there are two hexagonal images: one showing a close-up of a wave and another showing a person snowboarding down a slope, with the word "NOISE" written vertically next to it.

CSS Zen Garden Wire Frames



PARTICIPATION



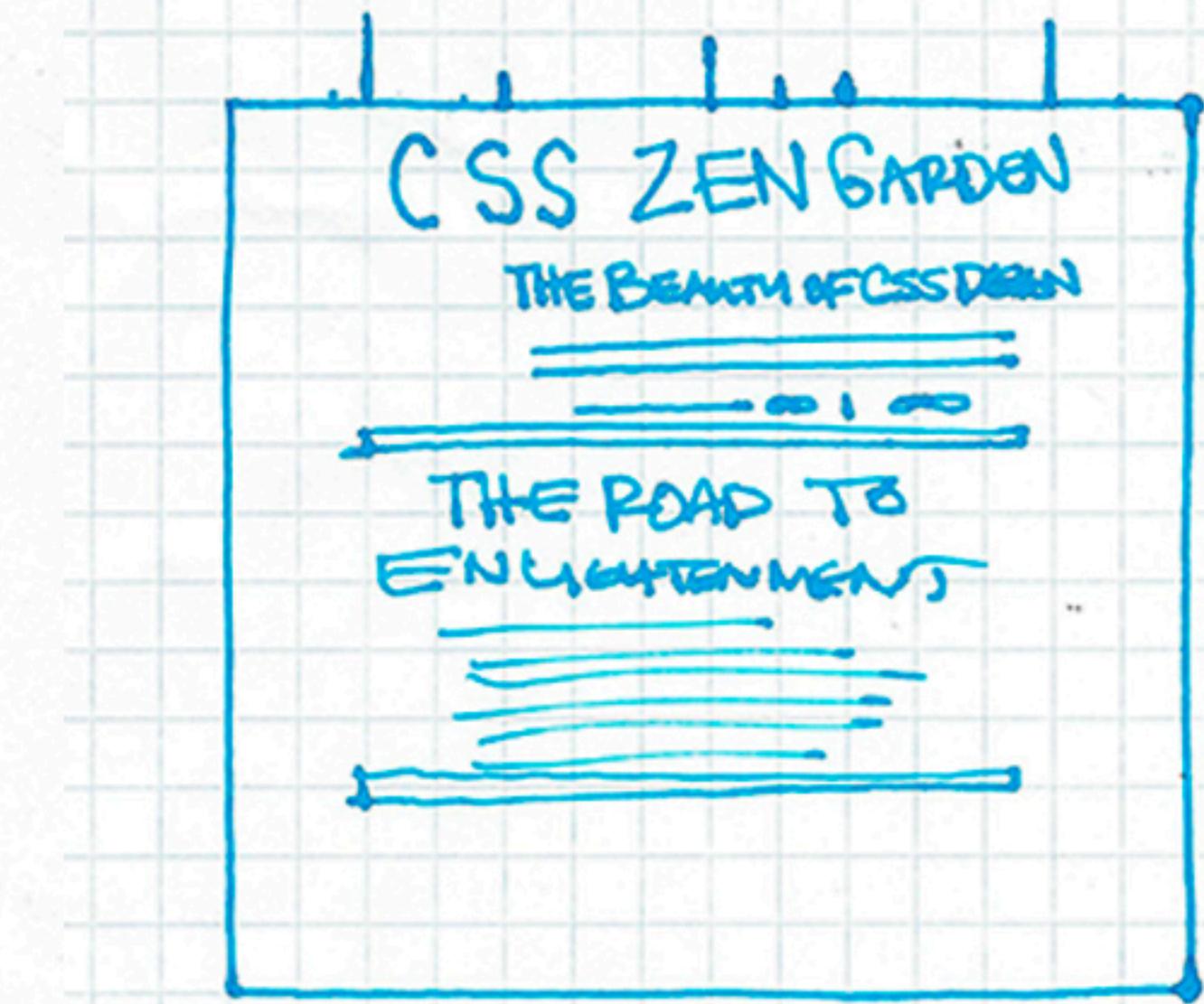
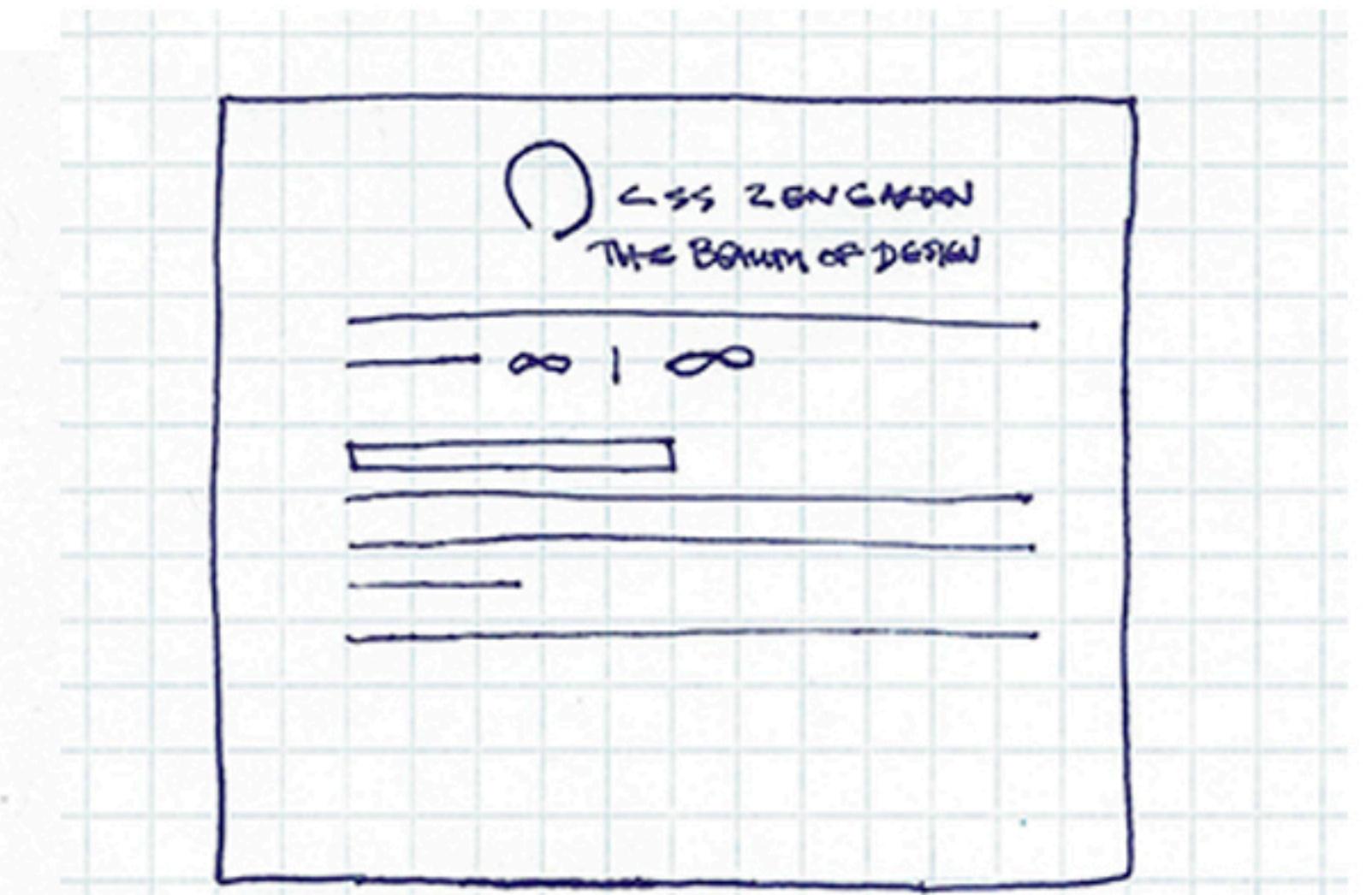
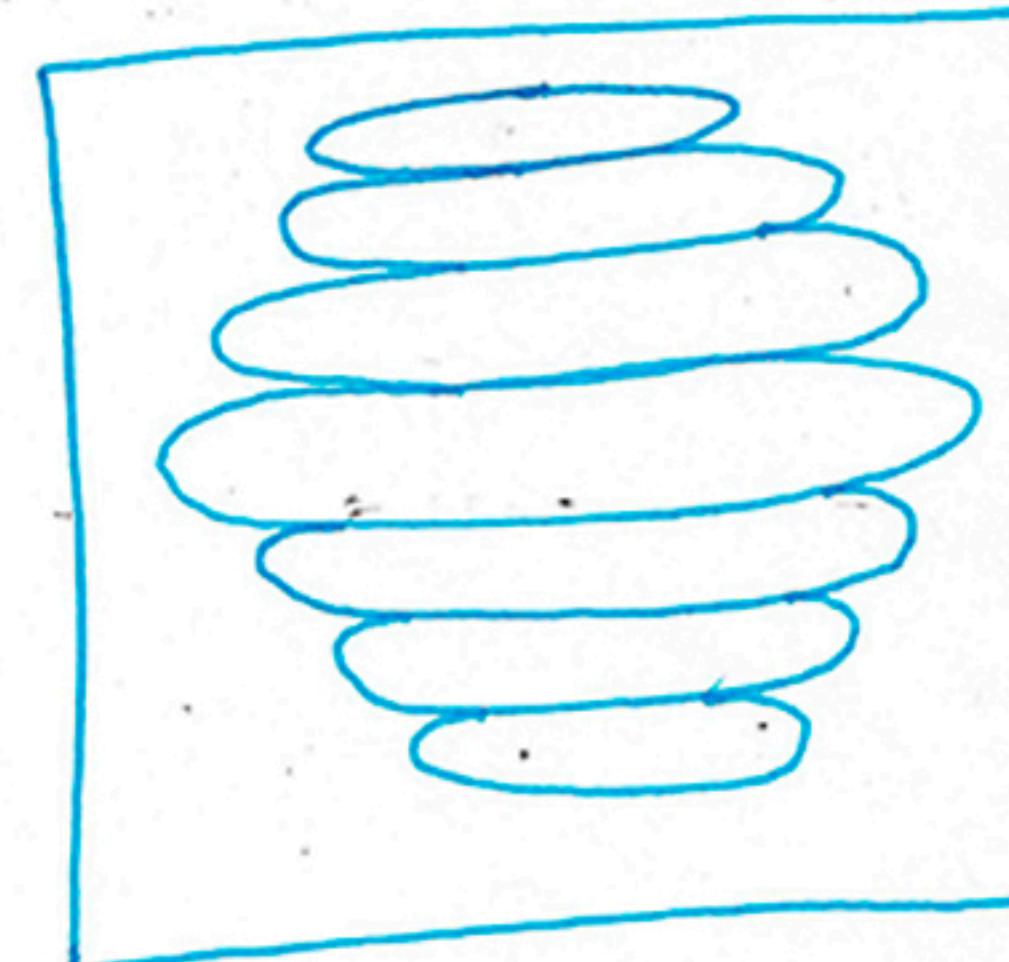
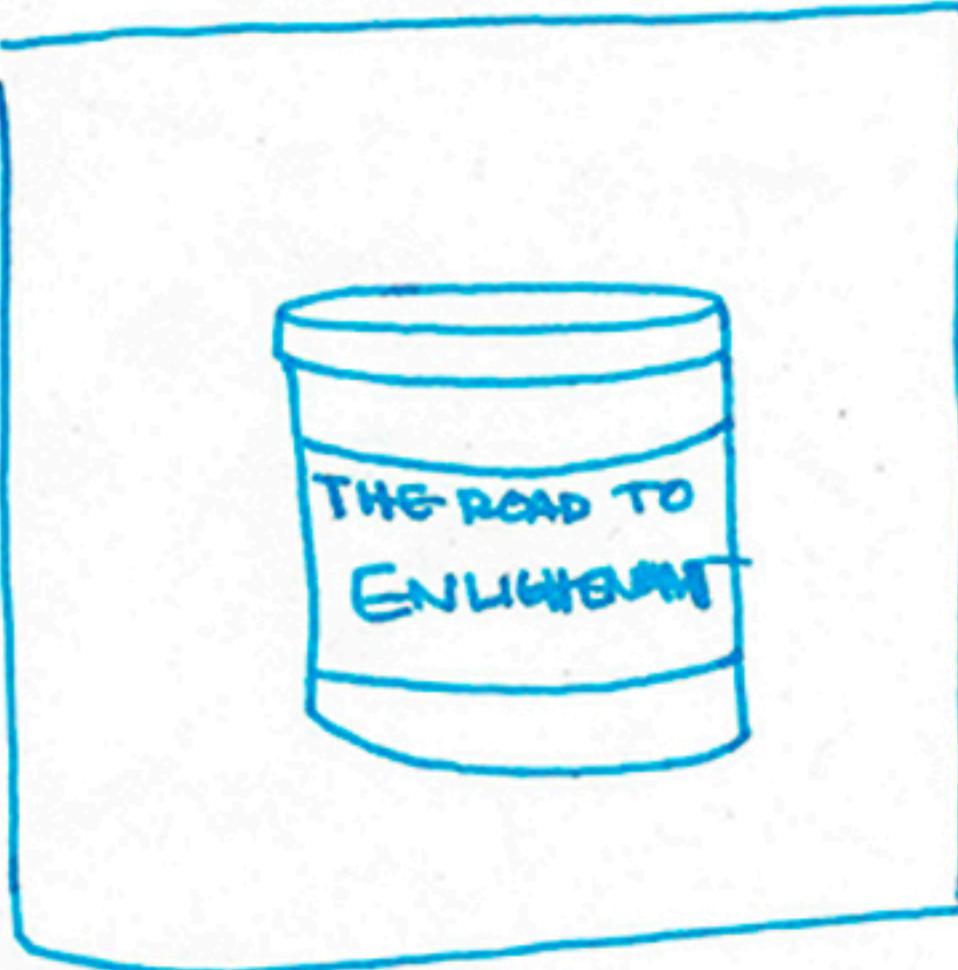
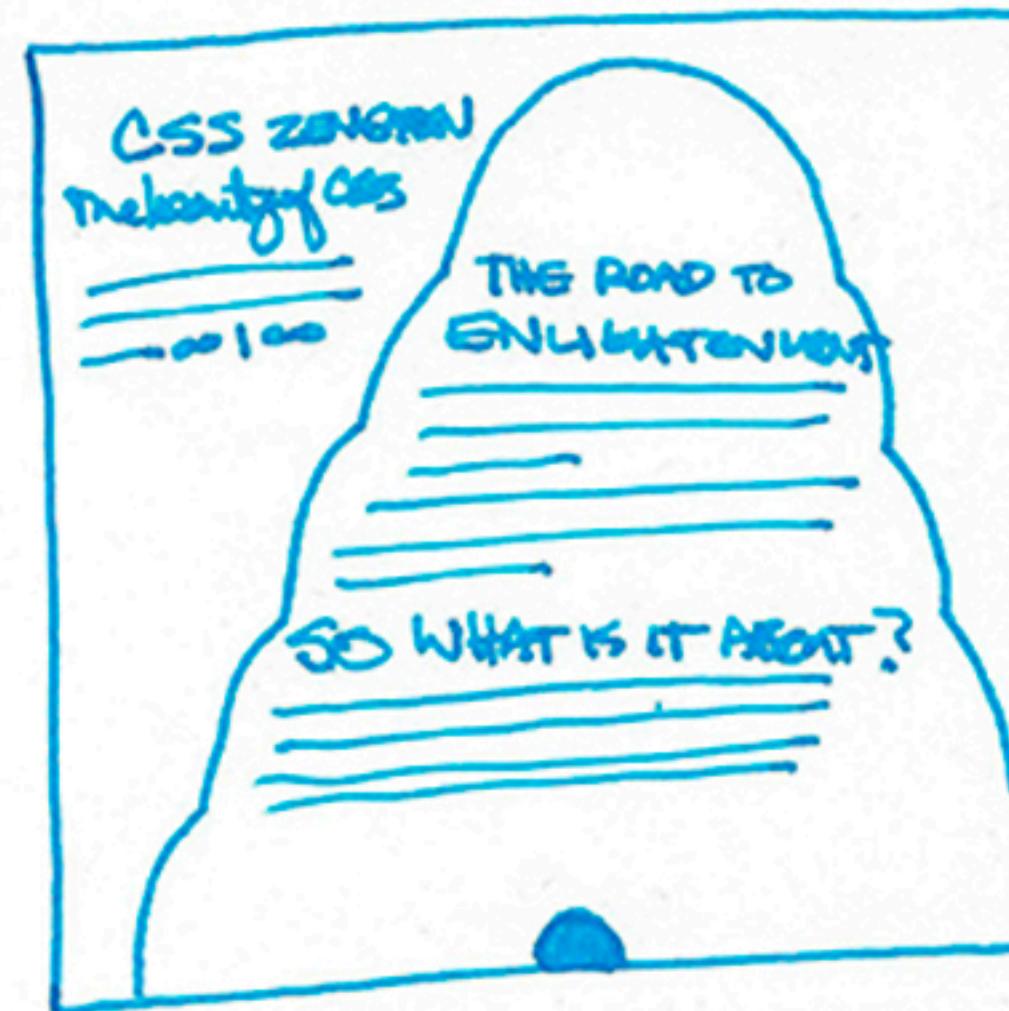
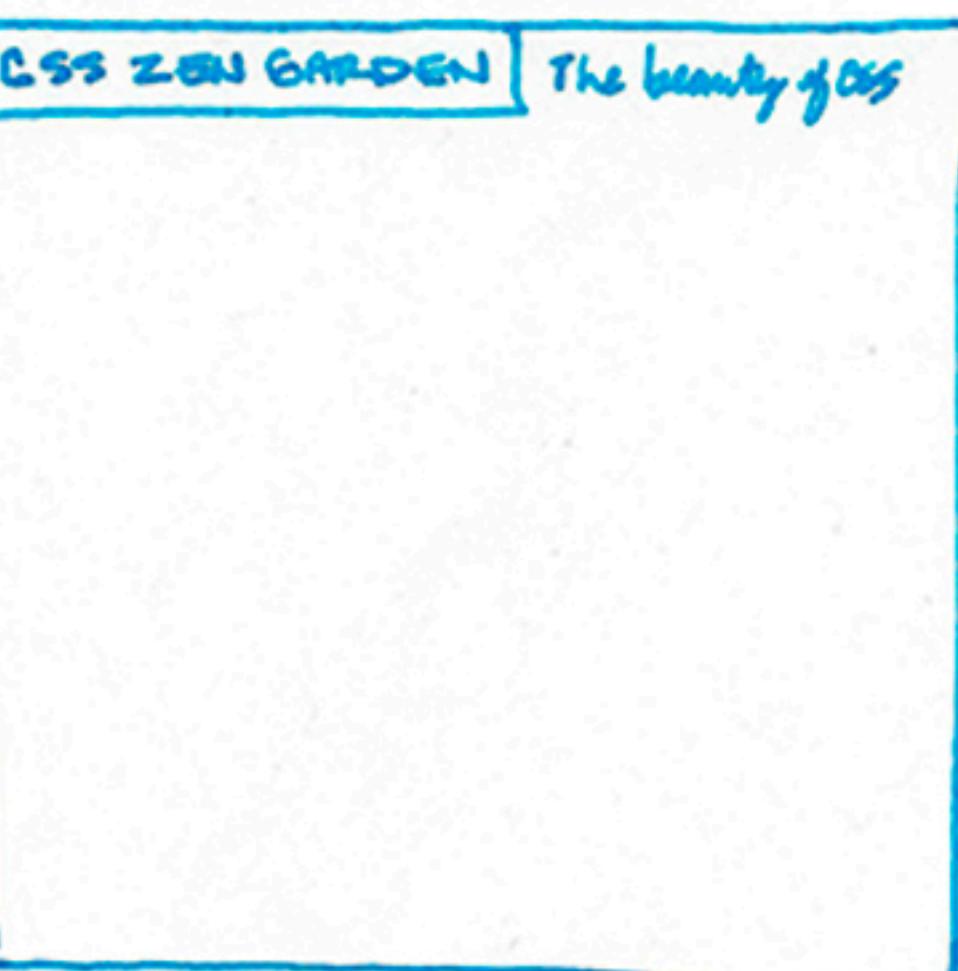
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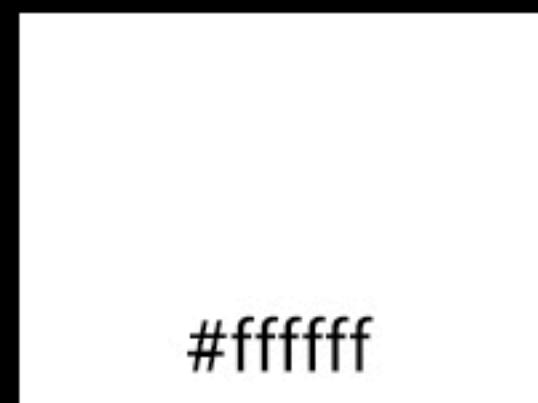


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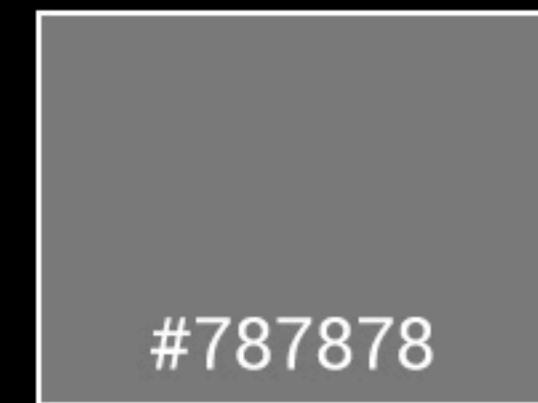
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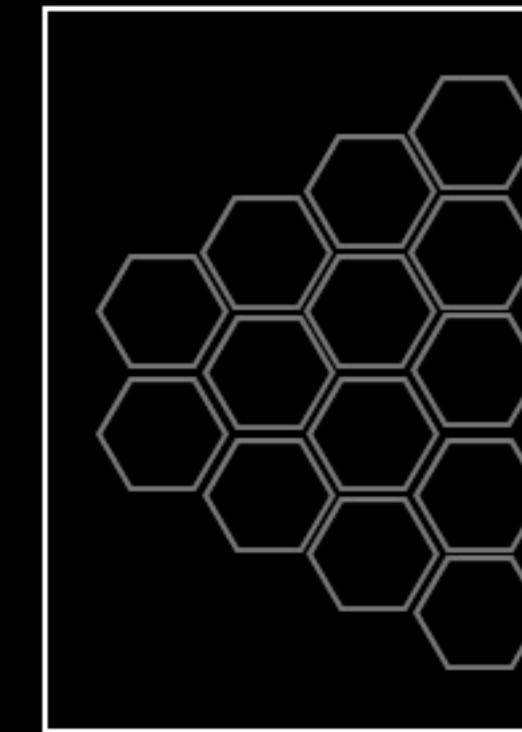
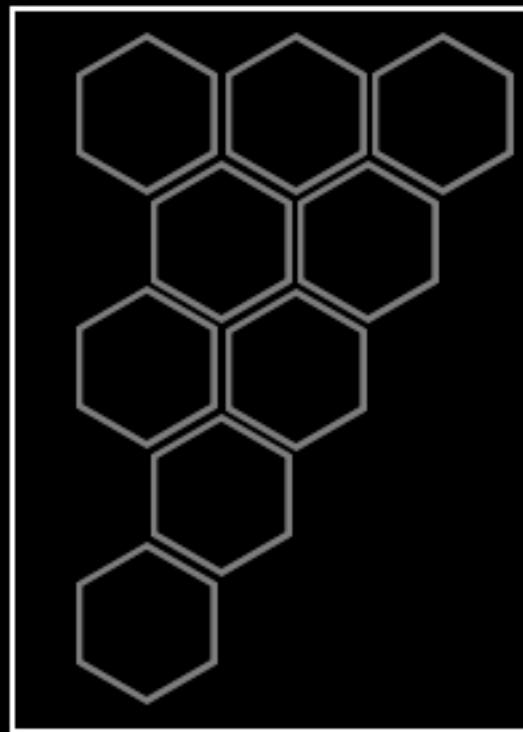


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TEXTURES:



BUTTON STYLE:



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The Beauty of CSS Design

A DEMONSTRATION OF WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH CSS-BASED DESIGN.

SELECT ANY STYLE SHEET FROM THE LIST TO LOAD IT INTO THIS PAGE.

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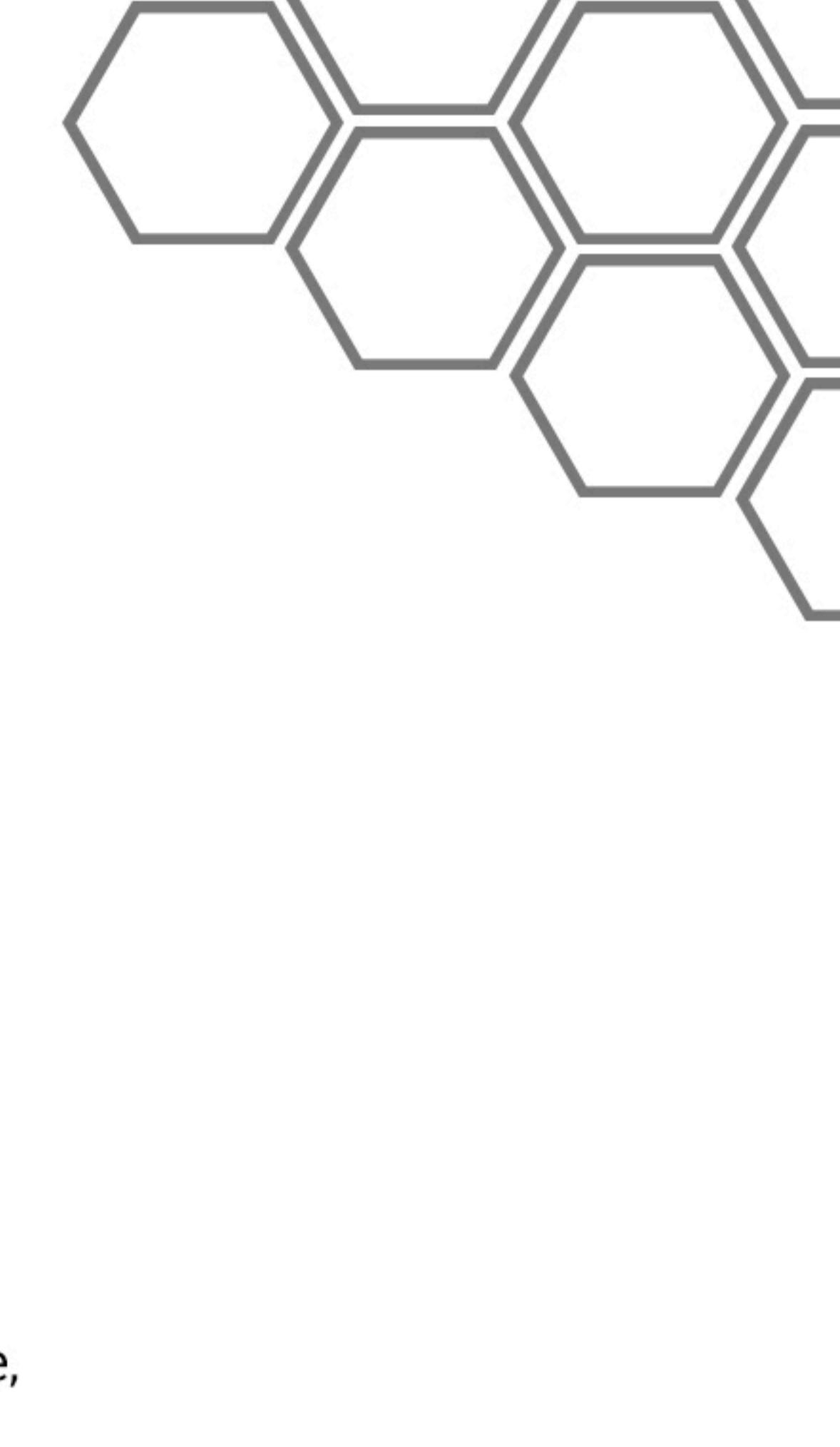
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THE ROAD TO ENLIGHTENMENT

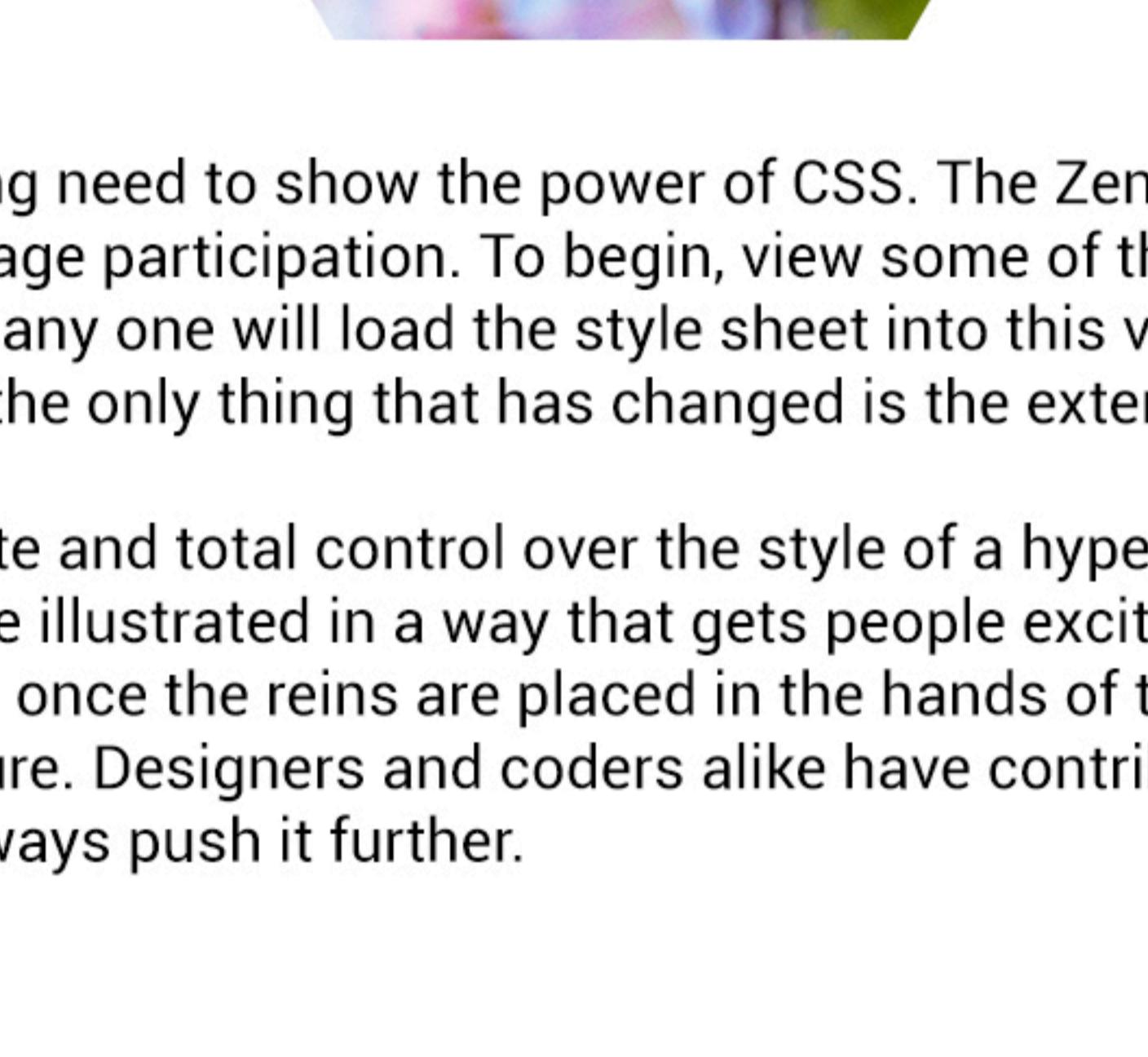
Littering a dark and dreary road lay the past relics of browser-specific tags, incompatible DOMs, broken CSS support, and abandoned browsers.

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.



SO WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?



There is a continuing need to show the power of CSS. The Zen Garden aims to excite, inspire, and encourage participation. 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 HTML remains the same, the only thing that has changed is the external CSS file. Yes, really.

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 further.

PARTICIPATION

Strong visual design has always been our focus. You are modifying this page, so strong CSS skills are necessary too, but the example files are commented well enough that even CSS novices can use them as starting points. Please see the 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 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 amazing CSS really can be. This site serves as equal parts inspiration for those working on the web today, learning tool for those who will be tomorrow, and gallery of future techniques we can all look forward to.

REQUIREMENTS

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 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. Due to the sheer number of user agents on the web these days – 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 design.

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

By Dave Shea.

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