## **Design Considerations for Web Apps & Web Sites**

## Design overview

- Design is typically a "UX/UI" process per current standards that is not being taught in the EI program
- Good design might not be critical for the EI program, but it is absolutely critical for your portfolio sites
- Good (or bad) design should promote feeling, as opposed to thinking, but design is still a science
- o It is better that someone hate your design than feel nothing at all

## • Design planning includes:

- o Color Scheme
  - 4 colors:
    - Primary
    - Secondary
    - Tertiary
    - Neutral
- Typography
  - 2 fonts
    - Header font
    - Body font
  - Focus on *information design*:
    - Text and text sections should be easy to locate and read
- Imagery
  - Icons
  - Photos/Images
- Web Components
  - Buttons
  - Form tools
  - Cards
  - etc.

## Resources that I use include:

- For design
  - Adobe CC
    - Adobe Photoshop
    - Adobe Illustrator
    - Adobe XD
- o For color schemes:
  - Guidelines for brand colors
    - https://99designs.com/blog/tips/branding-colors/
  - Google material design color tool

- https://material.io/resources/color/#!/?view.left=0&view.right=0
- o For typography:
  - Google Fonts
    - https://fonts.google.com/
- For imagery
  - Icons
    - Google Material Design Icons
      - <a href="https://material.io/resources/icons/?style=baseline">https://material.io/resources/icons/?style=baseline</a>
    - Font Awesome
      - https://fontawesome.com/
  - Photos/Images
    - Unsplash
      - o <a href="https://unsplash.com/">https://unsplash.com/</a>
- o For web components
  - Google material design
    - <a href="https://material.io/design">https://material.io/design</a>
  - UX/UI publications and youtube channels:
    - https://css-tricks.com/
    - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVyRiMvfUNMA1UPIDPzG5
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- o For general guidance or feedback
  - Thinkful UX/UI Q&A sessions
    - Bri Pizana / Design Mentor
    - Let me know if you'd like for me to accompany you to such a session in order to get the conversation started