

introduction to:// web design

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zen garden

DESCRIPTION

According to its website, the CSS Zen Garden (csszengarden.com) is “a demonstration of what can be accomplished through CSS-based design.” The website is both a gallery of inspiring examples of web design and a challenge to would-be CSS masters. The rules of the challenge are as follows:

- » download one HTML file and one CSS file (provided by the site)
- » modify the stylesheet in any way you wish, but not the HTML

Your assignment is to respond to this challenge. While assignment 5 emphasized the modification of an existing design, this assignment asks students to create an original design from the ground up. The HTML and CSS files can be downloaded directly from the website or Slack, where they are posted in the #homework channel as a ZIP archive.

Note: you may also add your own imagery, typefaces, and so forth. Also refer to the tips mentioned in the comments inside the HTML file.

OBJECTIVE

Through the CSS Zen Garden website, students will further acquaint themselves with the power, flexibility, and elegance of CSS- and rule-based design methodologies. Ultimately, the purpose of the assignment is to tie together all of the concepts we have learned regarding HTML and CSS and apply that knowledge in the creation of a single webpage. Note that the system created on this webpage does not need to be worked into a larger system (unlike our final projects).

TIPS

Before authoring any code, draft a design in an image editor such as Photoshop. Use this mockup as a guide as you build out the design in HTML + CSS.

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DEADLINE

This assignment is a multi-week assignment and will be presented in class on November 7 and 9. Each week, students are expected to refine their response to the homework by applying that week's lessons to the response. For example, in two weeks we will discuss typography; for that week, students will be expected to add custom typographic styling to the CSS Zen Garden webpage. Every week students will iterate over their designs, and every week before class students will commit and upload their files to the master branch of their GitHub repository. Please store the files in a subfolder of the repository named "07 zen garden."

WEIGHT

This assignment carries a weight of 1.8.