

How can a web designer stay up-to-date on design trends?

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Staying up to date is so incredibly important. When I started in this industry 20 years ago, I learned Photoshop 5.5. I had Macromedia Dreamweaver 3. And so, that was a really, really long time ago. And if I never updated myself, I would have been out of date by about 2003. So, it's really, really important to stay up to date.

The way a lot of people do it now is they read websites like--A List Apart is a really good one to look at. Smashing Magazine is another really good one to look at. Those are two very much industry-standard websites that people are watching.

The other thing that--people are spending a lot of time on Twitter these days. And there are a number of people you can follow on Twitter who talk about web standards, design principles, and these types of topics. So, you'll quickly find out who the right people are to follow on Twitter, and that will really keep you up to date with the latest stuff as well.