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Exemplification - December 30, 2013, 12:01 pm

Recently been doing quite a few projects with responsive design so they work out well on all devices.

I've run into a few problems that would be easier solved by just making a separate site for Phone - Tablet sized screens.

Which of these methods is the best to use considering all content is available on each?

MarMigs - December 30, 2013, 12:57 pm

I prefer responsive designs over a separated site.. It's easier for us, developers, and easier for the user, that they don't need to exchange domains or directories or subdomains it's all the same and the same neat theme for all the site.

That's my opinion tho.

KeyStruck - December 30, 2013, 6:33 pm

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I understand how responsive design works. I want to know why some say it is better than a separate mobile site.

xhflhkeuhwguu34 - December 30, 2013, 11:19 pm

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Kinda Old - December 30, 2013, 11:23 pm

Responsive web design is now slowly becoming standard. It's handy for things like resizing the window.

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Should always ask the user if they want mobile or desktop versions, and progress should be kept and can be.

But yeah, it usually is easier I guess.

Thanks for the post. -