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St?alth - October 28, 2010, 12:03 pm

Ultimate Web Design Tutorial

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1.0 - Introduction

So you want to get in to web design but you really don't know where to start? First of all you're only going to get far if you're creative, and you have an eye for design. Individuality is the key when designing, as well as being unique. This tutorial will basically give you a detailed look at how you'd start your design foundations, and how you should blossom from there. I hope you enjoy reading, please be appreciative and try to keep your negative comments to yourself.

2.0 - Foundations

To start off, you're going to need Photoshop. You can find a cracked copy on [TPB](#), or some place else around the internet, or you could always purchase Photoshop from their official vendor ([Adobe](#)). Following on from that, for your first couple of designs you're going to need a grid to keep your layout intact. You can find the most popular & well known grid [here](#). Once downloaded, extract it to your desktop, and open it in Photoshop. There's a lot of resources in the folder, so navigate yourself into the following directory:

Quote:C:\Users\YOURUSER

\Desktop\nathansmith-960-Grid-System-d635626\templates\photoshop

And open the PSD entitled: 960_grid_12_col. Once you're at that stage, you should have something like the following ([click](#)). Now you have your foundation ready. I suggest you also enable a secondary grid, which will help you a hell of a lot (View > Show > Grid). Now you have that sorted, you can decide what kind of layout you want. I cannot decide a layout for you, however I have created a small simple layout that you can use as a starter, and just develop it with text and other variables. To find that PSD, please click [here](#). Now you're ready to develop your layout! It's reasonably easy from here, you just need to have some decent fonts, an eye for design, and determination!

3.0 - Includes

When creating your design, you should make sure it's very appealing. Bog standard text and next to no effects are a complete no. However, an overuse of effects make your design look tacky. Some web friendly fonts for general writing would be Tahoma, Arial (Narrow works well), Cambria, Verdana & Franklin Gothic (any of the family). I also find that a low opacity gradient overlay gives text a nice tinted effect ([see here](#)). Another tip would be try to optimize your design as much as

possible, meaning keep it compact, as it'll be hard when it comes to coding it (if you're planning on getting it coded, of course). As seen on my example layout, a good design would include a header, head-body, main-body, and footer. Each slice should be accompanied by the appropriate text and images. For example, in the header section you should include a navigation bar of some sort and a logo or banner; and in the footer section you should include some kind of contact, terms and conditions, and any other text you deem suitable for it.

- » Example 1: [Average Design](#)
- » Example 2: [Mini-Folio](#)
- » Example 3: [What your first design should look like \(ish\)](#)

4.0 - Resources

- » NetworkMancer: [Graphics Resources](#)
- » Darko: [Making a Custom HF Userbar](#)
- » Masterftp: [Rendering Images](#)
- » Mystic: [Installing a Font](#)
- » ConCax: [Simple GUI Buttons](#)
- » Webmaster: [Graphics Resource List](#)
- » Onyx: [Photo Manipulation](#)
- » Vibrant: [Graphics Resources #2](#)
- » BuzzLightYear: [Signature Tutorial](#)
- » Evolution Zero: [3D Text Tutorial](#)
- » Tomyinho: [Simple Icons](#)
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- » Valik: [Video Tutorials](#)
- » Valik: [Star Effect](#)
- » Valik: [Animation Effects](#)
- » Richie: [Text Tutorial](#)

5.0 - Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How Can I get Photoshop?

- » A: You can download the 30-day-trial from [Adobe](#), or you can download a cracked version from <#>.

Q: Can I suggest something to add?

- » A: By all means, go ahead! I'm open for suggestions, and will be adding all appropriate suggestions to the OP when/if I deem them beneficial enough.

Q: Could you assist me further?

- » A: Yes, of course I can. Just drop me a [private message](#) whenever you're ready and I'll reply back to you with the best response I can, and if need be, contact you further. But yes, please feel free to PM me.

6.0 - Credits

?elentless: For Creating This Guide

All Resources: Anyone's tutorials I've listed

Omniscient: Providing us With This Forum

Robbie - October 28, 2010, 12:04 pm

It looks like you have a lot of stuff going on here, good job.

St?alth - October 28, 2010, 12:24 pm

(Oct 28, 2010 12:04 PM)Robbieava Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It looks like you have a lot of stuff going on here, good job.

Thanks very much, appreciated, means a lot coming from such a HQ member.

Mano - October 28, 2010, 9:40 pm

I think this would be great for beginners, great add. I see you around quite alot, repped.

King James - October 29, 2010, 3:09 am

Great for newbies to PS.

Nice layout and everything. You should get a reviewer to do a review on it, eventually.

St?alth - October 29, 2010, 3:38 am

(Oct 29, 2010 03:09 AM)Richie Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Great for newbies to PS.

Nice layout and everything. You should get a reviewer to do a review on it, eventually.

Thanks a lot Richie & Lord Mano, appreciated. I will be adding more every so often when I'm not busy. ?

Valik ? - October 29, 2010, 10:30 am

This should be in stickys.

There are some more tuts you can add thou.

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=750098>

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=597425>

St?alth - October 29, 2010, 10:59 am

(Oct 29, 2010 10:30 AM)?val?k? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This should be in stickys.

There are some more tuts you can add thou.

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<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=597425>

Thanks, much appreciated. Also, your tutorials have been added & I've also added some web design examples in the includes section!

King James - October 29, 2010, 1:08 pm

I'm gonna be in this thread, hooray :D!

St?alth - October 29, 2010, 1:10 pm

(Oct 29, 2010 01:08 PM)Richie Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm gonna be in this thread, hooray :D!

You've been added, thanks for creating the awesome tutorial! :3

King James - October 29, 2010, 1:16 pm

(Oct 29, 2010 01:10 PM)?elentless Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You've been added, thanks for creating the awesome tutorial! :3

Thanks for the thanks ?

I just hope it gets more views ASAP.

St?alth - October 30, 2010, 4:04 am

I'm sure it will, good luck & thanks again.

2 Cents - *October 30, 2010, 5:37 am*

Great tutorial, will definitely be using this in future.

R0CKeNN - *October 30, 2010, 6:06 am*

Thank's on this tutorial.

Some people may find it really helpful.

KIU,

~Rockenn

Braco Asshole - *October 30, 2010, 6:28 am*

High quality and amazing thread ?elentless.

St?alth - *October 30, 2010, 11:52 am*

Thanks a lot Firas, much appreciated.

Mali - *December 2, 2012, 1:32 pm*

This a very GREAT thread, and should get stickied in my opinion. :P