

Great Links for Designers

Welcome to my eBook of great links for designers! Basically this eBook was made for really anybody who is into web design, web development and graphic design.

Let's get down to it. This eBook includes links to a bunch of very helpful sites that I have collected over the years and some that I've come across that I thought were very informative. A lot of these sites include tips & tricks for CSS, HTML, Flash, JavaScript and lots more. These sites have helped me out a lot over the years with web development, designing and even to help me optimize my sites for AdSense and Search Engines.

Some of the sites you may recognize and some you may not. Basically it's a handy reference to a lot of different sites that will help you out hopefully in the future.

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HTML

1. <http://www.htmldog.com/>

HTMLdog is a great resource if you're looking for tutorials, articles, references and examples

2. <http://www.htmlforums.com/>

One of my favorite sites. I've been going here since 04' and these guys are fantastic for helping you out of sticky situations. If you need help and friendly advice, this is the place to go.

3. <http://webdesign.about.com/c/ec/9.htm>

This is another great site that I started out using years ago. This site will let you sign up for a free html class via email. Check it out if you're a beginner!

4. <http://www.w3schools.com/html/default.asp>

This is another great spot to come to help get your HTML down. This teaches you everything you need to know to becoming an entry level html coder.

5. <http://lorelle.wordpress.com/2005/10/10/html-css-php-and-more-cheat-sheets/>

This site offers various cheat sheets for your html needs.

6. <http://www.roundedcornr.com/>

A great site for generating XHTML/CSS rounded corner layouts.

7. http://www.456bereastreet.com/archive/200410/bring_on_the_tables/

When I started designing, tables were very confusing to me. This site helped a lot with explaining the various aspects of the table tags.

8. <http://www.code-generator.net/html/html-table-generator.cfm>

A fantastic table generator if you're in a hurry and don't have the time to sit down and hand code tables.

9. <http://www.logoorange.com/color/color-codes-chart.php>

Color codes matching chart for html. A great reference chart for a wide margin of colors.

10. <http://www.dxdec.com/wod/formstyle/index.html>

This is a cool site for design really neat looking styles for forms.

CSS

1. <http://sonspring.com/journal/hoverbox-image-gallery>

This is a great effect for using image galleries. Check it out.

2. <http://www.orangoo.com/labs/GreyBox/>

I use this a lot in my designs. It's simple to install and it looks amazing. I highly recommend this one.

3. <http://icant.co.uk/csstablegallery/index.php?css=68>

A whole lot of CSS based tables.

4. <http://www.webdesignerwall.com/tutorials/advanced-css-menu/>

A very cool CSS navigation.

5. <http://www.wubbleyew.com/tests/dropshadows.htm>

I've used this quite a bit as well. Learn how to add a drop shadow to your images using CSS.

6. <http://www.ndesign-studio.com/blog/mac/css-dock-menu>

This is awesome. A CSS dock menu based on the Mac. It's actually very easy to implement your own icons into it to make a very neat navigation.

7. <http://wordpress.betech.virginia.edu/index.php/2007/10/03/css-sitemap/>

An amazing site to help you design a CSS sitemap for your website.

8. <http://webdesign.about.com/od/beginningcss/p/learncss.htm>

Another great article from webdesign.about.com, which shows you eight easy ways to learn CSS.

9. http://veerle.duoh.com/blog/comments/css_hover_effect/

A very neat and professional CSS hover effect.

10. <http://www.scrollovers.com/>

These are something I recently started using as well. These are very slick rollovers that make for quick loading navigation.

11. <http://css-tricks.com/examples/SecretMessage/>

This is a neat little CSS trick. I've never actually used it but I'm sure some of you creative people can find something use it for.

12. <http://www.webreference.com/authoring/style/sheets/layout/advanced/>

A step by step guide on how to make advanced CSS layouts.

13. <http://www.search-this.com/2007/03/12/no-margin-for-error/#more-186>

This site gives tidbits on how to use margins and padding when designing in IE and Firefox.

14. http://www.csslicingguide.com/guide/stage_1.html

A great guide on CSS slicing.

15. <http://5thirtyone.com/archives/776>

How to create a table of contents using only CSS.

16. <http://www.highdots.com/css-tab-designer/>

A free CSS tab designer. Great for making professional and effortless tab navigation.

17. <http://jigsaw.w3.org/css-validator/>

Use this when you want to validate and check your CSS for errors.

18. <http://css.maxdesign.com.au/floatutorial/>

A fantastic tutorial on using the float element in CSS.

19. <http://erraticwisdom.com/2006/01/18/5-tips-for-organizing-your-css>

5 tips on organizing your CSS

20. <http://leftjustified.net/site-in-an-hour/>

This tutorial shows you how to make a great looking site in less than an hour.

21. <http://www.sitepoint.com/article/top-ten-css-tricks>

An awesome article from SitePoint.

22. <http://www.frankmanno.com/ideas/css-imagemap/>

Design an image map using only CSS.

23. <http://moneytreesystems.com/css/picpopup.html>

Design cool pop-ups using CSS.

24. <http://lesliefranke.com/files/reference/csscheatsheet.html>

A great CSS cheat sheet, which I've used myself quite a bit.

25. <http://www.cssoptimiser.com/>

A great site for cleaning and optimizing your CSS.

26. <http://www.blooberry.com/indexdot/css/propindex/all.htm>

An amazing site listing every CSS tag.

27. <http://www.willmayo.com/2007/02/10/css-speech-bubbles/>

A site with downloads of free speech bubbles for implementing into your website.

28. <http://applestoranges.com/blog/post/css-for-bar-graphs/?id=55>

Create professional looking bars and graphs with this site.

29. <http://www.khmerang.com/index.php?p=106>

No tricks in this site, just a great read on why you should design with CSS/XHTML.

30. http://www.westciv.com/style_master/academy/css_tutorial/index.html

A complete CSS guide.

FLASH

1. <http://www.video-tutes.com/packages/FDesign1.php>

A great site for learning flash basics.

2. <http://www.toxiclab.org/tutorial.asp?ID=202>

Construct an advanced image gallery with this tutorial.

3. http://video-animation.com/flash8_018.shtml

This video shows you step by step on how to make a full website using only flash.

4. <http://www.broderjakob.se/2007/09/07/the-secret-of-tweening-using-it-when-you-need-it/>

A great resource on tweening in flash.

5. <http://www.flashfridge.com/tutorial.asp?ID=19>

This tutorial will show you how to create an advanced flash navigation system.

6. http://www.adobe.com/devnet/actionscript/articles/lightweight_as3.html

A great article on creating a preloading using actionscript 3.0.

7. <http://www.innovationsahead.googlepages.com/glossybutton.htm>

Learn to create web 2.0 glossy buttons.

8. http://www.smartwebby.com/Flash/photo_masking_effects.asp

Some great tips on photo masking. These make for great effects for your website.

9. <http://ilike2flash.blogspot.com/2008/05/exploding-text-effect.html>

Create a fantastic looking text explosion.

10. http://www.atomfilms.com/film/animator_vs_animation.jsp?channelKeyword=channel_ani_mator

This is one of the most amazing flash creations I've ever see. A great watch!

JavaScript

1. http://javascript.infogami.com/Javascript_in_Ten_Minutes

Learn JavaScript in 10 minutes.

2. <http://www.dustindiaz.com/top-ten-javascript/>

The top ten JavaScript functions explained.

3. <http://www.matkruse.com/javascript/>

JavaScript toolbox. Probably one of the best resources for JavaScripts.

4. <http://www.netzgesta.de/instant/>

This JavaScript lets you add an instant effect to your pictures. I've used this on many occasions, it works great.

5. <http://lipidity.com/fancy-form/#example>

Create great looking forms with this handy JavaScript.

6. http://194.95.111.244/~countzero/scripts/_myImageFlow/

ImageFlow creates a great looking image slideshow to your webpage.

7. <http://simon.incutio.com/slides/2006/etech/javascript/js-reintroduction-notes.html>

A great read on JavaScript. This is very interesting.

8. <http://www.schillmania.com/projects/fireworks/>

This JavaScript creates neat fireworks that you can use on your webpage.

9. <http://www.ilovejackdaniels.com/cheat-sheets/javascript-cheat-sheet/>

This site is a gigantic JavaScript cheat sheet, very handy!

10. <http://particletree.com/features/a-guide-to-unobtrusive-javascript-validation/>

A great guide to unobtrusive JavaScript validation. Handy for checking errors.

Useful Scripts (Forums, Blogs, CMS's)

1. <http://www.phpbb.com/>

This is probably the best free forum script ever. I have been using phpBB for a long time and it's been great. It's probably not quite as good as vBulletin but it's close.

2. <http://www.proboards.com/index.html>

This is one of the boards I started out on. It's not as good as phpBB but all you have to do is sign up. They do all the work for you and it's hosted completely free.

3. <http://www.setbb.com/>

SetBB is also like Proboards except it deals with phpBB.

4. <http://www.makephpbb.com/>

Another great phpBB free hosting site.

5. <http://www.yabbforum.com/>

Another great free forum script.

6. <http://www.mybboard.net/>

Yet another free forum script.

7. <http://www.joomla.org/>

This one of my favorite CMS's to work with, I've used it many times.

8. <http://www.phpnuke.org/>

A great CMS also, I found this one a little complicated though.

9. <http://mkportal.it/>

Another one of my favorites. I'm currently using it to run www.peibilliards.ca

10. <http://www.xoops.org/>

I haven't actually used this one but I've heard great things about it.

11. <http://drupal.org/>

I've tried Drupal before but honestly, I don't really like it.

12. <http://ez.no/>

Another nice free CMS, this one I found was a little harder to install.

13. <http://www.siteground.com/mambo.htm>

I really like this one, it's professional and fairly easy to customize.

14. <http://pligg.com/>

Ever wanted to own your own Digg site? This script is amazing, I've used it several times.

15. <http://www.cubecart.com/>

A great free cart script, for selling all your products.

16. <http://www.phpsupporttickets.com/>

A great script if you want to offer support on your website.

17. <http://www.4homepages.de/>

A great image gallery.

18. <http://gallery.menalto.com/>

Another pretty decent gallery script.

19. <http://coppermine-gallery.net/>

This is my favorite gallery script. I was using it as a wallpaper site and it worked great.

20. <http://wordpress.com/>

If you're looking to blog without any work, this is the place to go.

21. <http://wordpress.org>

If you want to start your own blog on your own space, this is definitely the place to go.

22. <http://www.phpizabi.net/>

Want to start your own match making site? This site offers a great script.

23. <http://www.cs.ioc.ee/~ando/sphider/>

Want to start out like Google? Download this script and you're on your way to owning your own search engine.

24. <http://www.deltascripts.com/phpclassifieds>

Start your own classified site with this script.

25. <http://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/MediaWiki>

Start your own WikiPedia. A very nice script.

26. <http://members.freewebs.com/>

A great place to create a free website.

27. <http://www.atspace.com/>

Free hosting! And a great package to boot. These guys offer unlimited web space as well.

28. <http://www.50webs.com/>

Free web hosting with no ads.

29. <http://www.t35.com/free-web-hosting.php>

Another great free web hosting service.

30. <http://www.godaddy.com>

My hosting service of choice. I've been with them for years and have never had a problem, cheap prices and great packages. Great for anyone just starting out.

[Graphic Design \(Icons, Stock Images, Inspirations\)](#)

1. <http://www.iconarchive.com/>

One of my favorite places. These icons come in PNG form and are great for using on your websites or logos.

2. <http://www.deviantart.com/>

Another great place to look for graphics or icons. Most authors give them for free.

3. <http://www.adobe.com/cfusion/exchange/>

I've used this site tons. It offers all kinds of resources. For example, an enormous amount of free custom shapes for you to download.

4. <http://www.1001freefonts.com/>

A great resource for fonts.

5. <http://www.acidfonts.com/>

Another great spot for fonts.

6. <http://www.freephotoshop.com/>

A great spot for free Photoshop stuff.

7. <http://www.sxc.hu/>

One of my favorite places for free stock images.

8. <http://www.imagesource.com/>

Another great place for free stock images.

9. <http://www.stockvault.net/>

Almost as good as SXC.hu.

10. <http://www.1clipart.com/>

The best place for free clipart.

11. <http://www.brusheezy.com/patterns>

Free Photoshop brushes.

12. <http://textures.forrest.cz/>

Free textures for your WebPages and graphics.

13. <http://www.faveup.com/>

One of my favorite places for design inspiration.

14. <http://www.smashingmagazine.com/2007/05/24/freebies-round-up-icons-buttons-and-templates/>

An awesome link for lots of free goodies.

15. <http://www.designshack.co.uk/index.php>

A great place to get some CSS design inspiration.

16. http://dailypoetics.typepad.com/photos/business_cards_and_other_/index.html

Business card inspiration.

17. <http://www.cssbeauty.com/>

Another great place for CSS inspiration.

18. <http://www.theadgenerator.org/>

A great place to get ad inspiration.

19. <http://www.csselite.com/>

One of my favorite places to go for design inspiration.

20. <http://logopond.com/>

My favorite place to go for logo design when I have designers block .

AdSense

1. <http://www.googletutor.com/2006/11/19/tips-on-starting-with-adsense-monetization-part-1/>

Great tips on AdSense Monetization.

2. <http://uphook.blogspot.com/2006/04/getting-most-out-of-adsense-top-10.html>

Top 10 AdSense tips.

3. <https://www.google.com/adsense/support/bin/answer.py?answer=17954>

Where to place your AdSense ads.

4. <http://www.hundredtips.com/100-google-adsense-tips.html>

100 AdSense tips.

5. <http://wordpressgarage.com/tag/adsense/>

A great site for using AdSense with Wordpress.

6. http://blogs.feedburner.com/feedburner/archives/2007/10/adsense_integrated_with_feedbu_1.php

Using AdSense with Feedburner. A very great tutorial!

SEO (Search Engine Optimization)

1. <http://lifehacker.com/software/seo/getting-to-done-seo-made-easy-138429.php>

A great article on doing SEO the easy way.

2. <http://www.seoegghead.com/blog/seo/mattcuttsarama-a-summary-of-useful-stuff-matt-cutts-has-said-p112.html>

21 SEO tips from a Google guru.

3. <http://www.site-reference.com/articles/Search-Engines/Getting-Your-Site-Indexed-Before-You-Launch.html>

A great article on getting your site indexed before your site launches.

4. <http://theundersigned.net/2006/06/wordpress-and-seo/>

A fantastic article on SEO and Wordpress.

5. http://www.apogee-web-consulting.com/tools/keyword_tool.php

A great tool for optimizing your Meta tags.

6. <http://www.linkhounds.com/link-harvester/backlinks.php>

A great tool for in-depth link analysis.

7. <http://tools.seobook.com/firefox/seo-for-firefox.html>

A must have extension for Firefox, this little beauty pulls marketing data points to make it easy get a holistic view of the competitive landscape of a market directly in the search results.

8. <http://estibot.com/>

A free domain appraising service. A very handy tool.

9. <http://estibot.com/overture.php>

A great tool for finding domain overtures. (You must register to use this tool, it's worth it though)

10. <http://www.webconfs.com/keyword-rich-domain-suggestions.php>

This tool gives you great keywords to help you decide on a good domain for SEO purposes.

Free Templates

HTML/CSS Templates

1. <http://www.oswd.org/>
2. <http://www.opensourcetemplates.org/>
3. <http://www.steves-templates.com/templates.html>
4. <http://www.rickyswebtemplates.com/>
5. <http://hotfreetemplates.com/WebsiteTemplates/>
6. <http://www.themesbase.com/>
7. <http://www.freewebtemplates.com/template.php?id=7>
8. http://www.templateworld.com/free_templates.html
9. <http://www.templateeyes.com/html-templates.htm>
10. <http://www.dotemplate.com/>
11. <http://csstinderbox.raykonline.com/>
12. <http://blog.html.it/layoutgala/>
13. <http://www.cmgtechnologies.com/most-popular-templates.php>
14. <http://topcsstemplates.com/>
15. <http://www.freetemplatesonline.com/templates/category/68/page1.html>

Flash Templates

1. <http://www.flashmo.com/home>
2. <http://www.flashvillage.com/>
3. <http://www.flash-templates-today.com/>
4. http://www.free-flash-template.com/templates.php?cat=all&sort_by=status
5. http://www.freeflashintros.com/flash/flash_intros.html

Wordpress Templates

1. <http://www.emilyrobbins.com/how-to-blog/wordpress-theme-list-266.htm>
2. <http://www.smashingmagazine.com/2008/01/08/100-excellent-free-high-quality-wordpress-themes/>
3. <http://www.yvoschaap.com/wpthemegen/>
4. <http://www.smashingmagazine.com/2007/02/09/83-beautiful-wordpress-themes-you-probably-havent-seen/>
5. <http://www.kaushalsheth.com/themes/>
6. <http://www.wpthemespress.com/>
7. <http://www.hongkiat.com/blog/16-free-premium-wordpress-themes-that-dont-suck/>
8. <http://www.noupe.com/wordpress/outstanding-free-and-premium-wordpress-themes.html>
9. <http://www.namepros.com/for-sale-advertising-board/351347-free-coded-wordpress-theme-download.html>
10. <http://www.wpthemesfree.com/>
11. <http://www.wpskins.org/>
12. <http://wordpresstemplates.name/>
13. <http://themes.wordpress.net/>
14. <http://www.freewpthemes.net/>
15. <http://www.fresheezy.com/>

Other Sites

1. <http://www.smashingmagazine.com/2007/06/12/tooltips-scripts-ajax-javascript-css-dhtml/>
2. <http://www.dennisplucinek.com/blog/2007/08/28/60-advanced-adobe-photoshop-tutorials/>
3. <http://www.newgrounds.com/collection/flashtutorials.html>
4. http://www.cssplay.co.uk/menus/pro_horizontal.html
5. <http://www.designvitality.com/blog/2007/09/photoshop-text-effect-tutorial/>
6. <http://www.sigmainfotech.com.au/articles/designforcustomers.html>
7. <http://www.webdesignfromscratch.com/web-2.0-design-style-guide.cfm>
8. <http://freelanceswitch.com/finding/the-monster-list-of-freelancing-job-sites/>
9. http://www.killersites.com/articles_2005/techniques/theEightStepsOfWebDesign.jsp
10. http://sixrevisions.com/tools/20_web_development_tools/