Interactive Design 1

Spring 2020

PANDEMIC VERSION

Tues Mar 31

- First, view the "Check-In Exercise" on http://professorswisher.com.
- **By 5:50 pm today**, complete and submit the file to the Google Docs link, **AND** email me immediately if you encounter any technical difficulties.
- Review the handout on saving images for screen. Make sure you know the process for both PSD and AI as you will be doing this a great deal, and it's part of your grade.
- Review the lecture examples in "Images with Text Overlays," which also showed a couple examples for avoiding boxiness in web design.
- Continue editing images for the other pages and other parts of the design.

Thurs Apr 2

- Save a copy of your wireframe and name it yourlastname-comps.ai. Use this file to make your design comps, replacing the gray boxes with actual images that have been modified effectively. (You may have already done this; if so, continue editing these comps and the images in them.)
- Be ready to have a draft of at least two pages done by 3:30 next class.
- While designing, keep your images in their own rows to avoid making the code too difficult. (see handout "Design Comps.")

Tues Apr 7

- By 3:30 pm today, submit a draft of at least 2 pages of your comps so that I can see your progress. To submit it, follow the instructions in "Design Comps." Name it lastname-comps.pdf, save it as a "smallest file size" PDF, and upload it here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1fy87M1xEUaVXPPCWEdKEpiF-e0hBAGU3?usp=sharing
- While I am reviewing what you've submitted, continue editing your comps, particularly the typography:
 - Use Google fonts to select web-embeddable fonts—at least one for headings and buttons, and one for boy copy (paragraphs).
 - In order to use the fonts in Illustrator, you will need to download the *desktop version* of the web-embeddable fonts (see instructions on professorswisher.com).
- Finish designing the remaining pages of your comps by next class. Be ready for peer feedback.

Thurs Apr 9

- By 3:30 pm today, upload all 4 page comps (as one small-sized PDF) here:
 https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ngzfebwRZ3B7FwjAZ3rDbmyFdCH10cna?usp=sharing
- At 3:30 pm today, follow the instructions online for "Critique Instructions for Comps." Finish submitting the comments by 5:50 pm so that your peers can view your responses and make edits right away.
- Before next class, view the responses on your design and make edits accordingly. Any edits to
 the design, including modifying images, must be done by next class as you will not have any
 more time to work on the design.

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- Read instructions in "Site Folder Setup"
- View lecture/video "Site Layout" and follow along to code the layout of the main boxes. (Please follow the instructions here closely so you don't create problems further down the road.)
- By next class:
 - Create HTML comments for all the main boxes.
 - Apply any background colors from your comp.
 - Make sure your logo is finished.

Thurs Apr 16

- Read Lecture: Box Model part 2
- Read all lectures and view any videos labeled: "Code part 2," and follow the instructions throughout. Topics covered:
 - Placing the logo and a hidden <h1>
 - A preview of the float and clear properties
 - Applying margin and padding
- By 9 pm tonight, upload a draft (upload entire site folder) here:
 https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LRXIC1r0LaB374sLd_8n2rBUqr3IYObW?usp=sharing
- · Before next class,
 - set the margins and padding for all the boxes you have.
 - Make sure any/all background colors from your comp are applied to your site
 - Begin placing and styling your headings and body copy for the home page.
- Do NOT work on these parts yet:
 - the navigation(s)
 - Placing the images and their text side-by-side in the rows

Tues Apr 21

- Read all lectures and view any videos labeled: "Code part 3," and follow the instructions throughout. Topics covered:
 - Placing and positioning background images, including yout icon(s)
 - Creating the feature area with the text overlaid and styled
 - CSS specificity
 - Placing the images and their text side-by-side (text wrap)
- By next class:
 - make sure you have placed all images & content on the home page.
 - Refine all your typography. Review your notes about web-embeddable fonts if you've forgotten how to use them.

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- Read all lectures and view any videos labeled: "Code part 4," and follow the instructions throughout. Topics covered:
 - Setting up and styling the navigation
 - How to make the remaining pages with "Save As."
- **Before next class**, sign up for a Zoom appt. with me for one-on-one help. Use this spreadsheet:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rwOsq6MTAfT_sNTXBZepKvWj9P3GvHJWhuY8wsYlYx4/edit

- By next class, begin at least one other page. Make sure each page has a different feature photo, unique headlines and different photos in the body. (The layout should be mostly the same, but the text and body images should be different.)
- By your Zoom appt. (in next two classes), upload draft #2 of your site here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_ISfnUsbR3X9L5ZWCnzFhhhtvwXDbM7-?usp=sharing

Tues Apr 28

- Zoom appts. starting at 3:30. Be sure to have uploaded the most recent draft of your site: (https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_lSfnUsbR3X9L5ZWCnzFhhhtvwXDbM7-?usp=sharing)
- Work on the other pages of your site.

Thurs Apr 30

- Zoom appts. starting at 3:30. Be sure to have uploaded the most recent draft of your site: (https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_ISfnUsbR3X9L5ZWCnzFhhhtvwXDbM7-?usp=sharing)
- Finalize the other pages of your site and troubleshoot throughout.
- In one week, be ready to upload your finished site folder.
- If possible, check it on a different computer to make sure the correct fonts and all images are present.

Tues May 5

- Lecture on hosts and domains (purchasing one is now optional).
- Lecture on FTP, local and remote files, and uploading sites. (Making it live is now optional.)
- By next class, be ready to upload your finished site folder.

Thurs May 7

By 3:30 today, upload your finished site folder here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1AkAMhVE8ccwV45zdtmoaje2xBCkxcwNs?usp=sharing

Tues May 14 3:30-5:30 Final (Reserve this time slot as an emergency backup day.)