

What could possibly be WRONG with

Responsive Web Design?

EXCUSE No.01

It takes too long to build

EXCUSE No.02

It takes too long to load

EXCUSE No.03

Image resizing is bad

Too Many Breakpoints

Different Devices, Different Uses

ok, so...

What's RIGHT with

Responsive Web Design?

One solution to rule
them all

“Design is the process of
gradually applying
constraints until an
elegant solution remains”

- Luke Wroblewski , *Mobile Design*

Progressive Enhancement vs Graceful Degradation

Graceful degradation is...

that amusement park ride you couldn't ride because
you were too short.

Progressive Enhancement

puts your content first...

CSS ZEN GARDEN

PICKING THE RIGHT "BOX MODEL"

the road to enlightenment

Littering a dark and dreary road lay the past relics of browser-specific tags, incompatible DOMs, and broken CSS support.

Today, we must clear the mind of past practices. Web enlightenment has been achieved thanks to the tireless efforts of folk like the W3C, WaSP and the major browser creators.

The css Zen Garden invites you to relax and meditate on the important lessons of the masters. Begin to see with clarity. Learn to use the (yet to be) time-honored techniques in new and invigorating fashion. Become one with the web.



A demonstration of what can be accomplished visually through CSS-based design. Select any style sheet from the list to load it into this page.

Download the sample [html file](#) and [css file](#)

SO WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

There is clearly a need for CSS to be taken seriously by graphic artists. The Zen Garden aims to excite, inspire, and encourage participation. To begin, view some of the existing designs. Clicking on any one will load the style sheet into this very page. The code remains the same, the only thing that has changed is the external .css file. Yes, really.

CSS allows complete and total control over the style of a hypertext document. The only way this can be illustrated in a way that gets people excited is by demonstrating what it can truly be, once the reins are placed in the hands of those able to create beauty from structure. To date, most examples of neat tricks and hacks have been demonstrated by structurists and coders. Designers have yet to make their mark. This needs to change.

SAME SITE

This is IE6

This is IE7



The 10 Commandments

well, more like suggestions

of making your WordPress theme Adaptive.

I. Keep Content King

That means you want it accessible by all. Right?

2. Think Mobile First

3. Be Progressive

4. Be Semantic

5. Labeling isn't just a nice suggestion

- Identify landmark elements
- Classify groups of elements serving the same function
- Use Micro-formats to fill in the gaps
- Cover your bases with ARIA

6. 'C' is for Cascade

...and don't forget it lest it be your bane

7. Hide advanced CSS from old browsers

8. All Javascript must be unobtrusive

The 'c' in `JavaScript` does ***not*** stand for 'cascade'

9. Update your scripts

10. Optimize *your* site

Thank you