

Class 5: Images and Colour

Raster file formats

JPEG

GIF

PNG (8 bit and 24 bit)

Image compression

Animated GIFs

Alpha transparency

Resizing and saving image files

Image positioning (floats with CSS)

Background images (position and repetition with CSS)

Image sprites (changing background position on CSS a:hover)

Contrast and colour combination problems

Colour names and values

Colour theory

Colour Schemes

Designing with Photoshop

Online tools

References

Learning Web Design by Jennifer Robbins

Head First HTML and CSS by Elizabeth Robson & Eric Freeman

HTML & CSS by Jon Duckett

Designing for the Web by Mark Boulton

Visual Design for the Modern Web by Penny McIntire

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http://slayeroffice.com/tools/color_palette

<http://colorschemedesigner.com/>

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<http://css.maxdesign.com.au/floatutorial/tutorial0101.htm>

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Class 5 Homework

Read: Chapters 7, 13, 15, 21 and 22 of Learning Web Design

or Chapter 5 of Head First HTML and CSS (again!)

or Chapters 11 and 16 of HTML & CSS

Part 4 of Designing for the Web

and/or Chapter 5 and 6 of Visual Design for the Modern Web

Continue the development of your design favourites website, using your new knowledge of colour theory and colour schemes. Think about the size of the images you are using, the composition of the images and image positioning. Refine the 3 stylesheets you developed last week, by improving your use of colour.

Find 3 examples of sites with good colour schemes and 3 examples of sites with poor colour schemes – explain why. Post your opinions on your blog.

Design a homepage for your coursework site and make a link to your design favourites project. Think about how you will structure this site so as to accommodate future project work and coursework. Take a look at previous student homepages for ideas:

Here are 4 good examples:

<http://www.nicolacampbell.com/>

<http://chivonnewilliams.com/>

<http://www.mycoursework.eu/>

<http://www.paolawarr.co.uk/projects/>

Upload your homepage so that we can review it next week.