

WEB DESIGN BEYOND DREAMWEAVER

For many of you Dreamweaver will do anything you need to accomplish on the web. However, some of you may be interested in expanding your knowledge of web design to a more professional level. The field is very broad and encompasses visual design, information architecture, interaction design, usability, programming and more.

By keeping up with websites, subscribing to mailing lists, and reading books you can successfully teach yourself what you need to know if you have the desire to learn it. This is how I learned, but I can tell you that it requires diligence as the field is constantly changing. Below are some recommended websites and books for those interested in continuing their education.

GENERAL

A List Apart

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

Digital Web

<http://www.digital-web.com/>

Evolt

<http://www.evolt.org/>

Signal vs. Noise

<http://www.37signals.com/svn/>

Jeffery Zeldman

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

Full as a Goog (aggregate of many good sites)

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

WebDesign-L (mailing list)

<http://www.webdesign-l.com/>

Boxes and Arrows

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

CSS

CSS Discuss Wiki (and mailing list)

<http://css-discuss.incutio.com/>

CSS Zen Garden

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

CSS Vault

<http://cssvault.com/>

Position is Everything

<http://www.positioniseverything.net/>

Simple Bits

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

JAVASCRIPT

QuirksMode (lots of good CSS info here too)

<http://www.quirksmode.org/>

The JavaScript Weblog

<http://javascript.weblogsinc.com/>

VISUAL DESIGN

Stereo Typography

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

Link Dup

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

Kaliber 10000

<http://www.k10k.net/>

Coudal Partners

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

NewsToday

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

Digital Thread

<http://digitalthread.com/>

Three.Oh

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

FLASH

Ultrashock

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

Flash Magazine

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

Moock

<http://moock.org/>

Chattyfig (mailing lists)

<http://chattyfig.figleaf.com/>

BOOKS

Designing with Web Standards

<http://www.zeldman.com/dwss/>

CSS: The Definitive Guide, 2nd Edition

<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/css2/>

Eric Meyer on CSS

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

ActionScript for Flash MX: The Definitive Guide

<http://www.moock.org/asdg/>

The Design of Everyday Things (not explicitly web design, but great for anyone doing interface design)

<http://www.jnd.org/books.html>