

Exercise 12: Expanding Your Comfort Zone



On your portfolio, you will need to include one element that you consider a challenge or a stretch of your abilities. As web designers, we often come across really cool techniques and methods that are beyond our skill or a little out of our comfort zone.

Unlike many other professions expanding your comfort zone in the web world is fairly easy. The web community provides tutorials, how-tos and code examples for almost anything you can find. You just have to be brave enough to try.

Pick one thing that you would like to try on your portfolio page. Ideas can come from your favorite site, searching the web, or from your list of portfolios.

Some ideas might include:

- Image Map
- Image Sprite
- CSS Rollover
- Creative Navigation
- Swap Hover Effect
- Photo Gallery
- Suckerfish dropdown
- CSS Table Design
- List to Navigation
- Creative Overflow
- Rounded Corners

Once you have selected something, you are going to implement it on a web page. Be sure to include a link to any instructional material. We will be sharing these with everyone in the class.

Resources

W3c Tips and Tricks

<http://www.w3.org/Style/Examples/007/>

53 CSS Techniques You Couldn't Live Without

<http://www.smashingmagazine.com/2007/01/19/53-css-techniques-you-couldnt-live-without/>

Listomatic

<http://css.maxdesign.com.au/listomatic/>

Smashing Magazine CSS Based Navigation

<http://www.smashingmagazine.com/2007/03/14/css-based-navigation-menus-modern-solutions/>

Simple CSS Rollover

http://css.maxdesign.com.au/listutorial/roll_master.htm