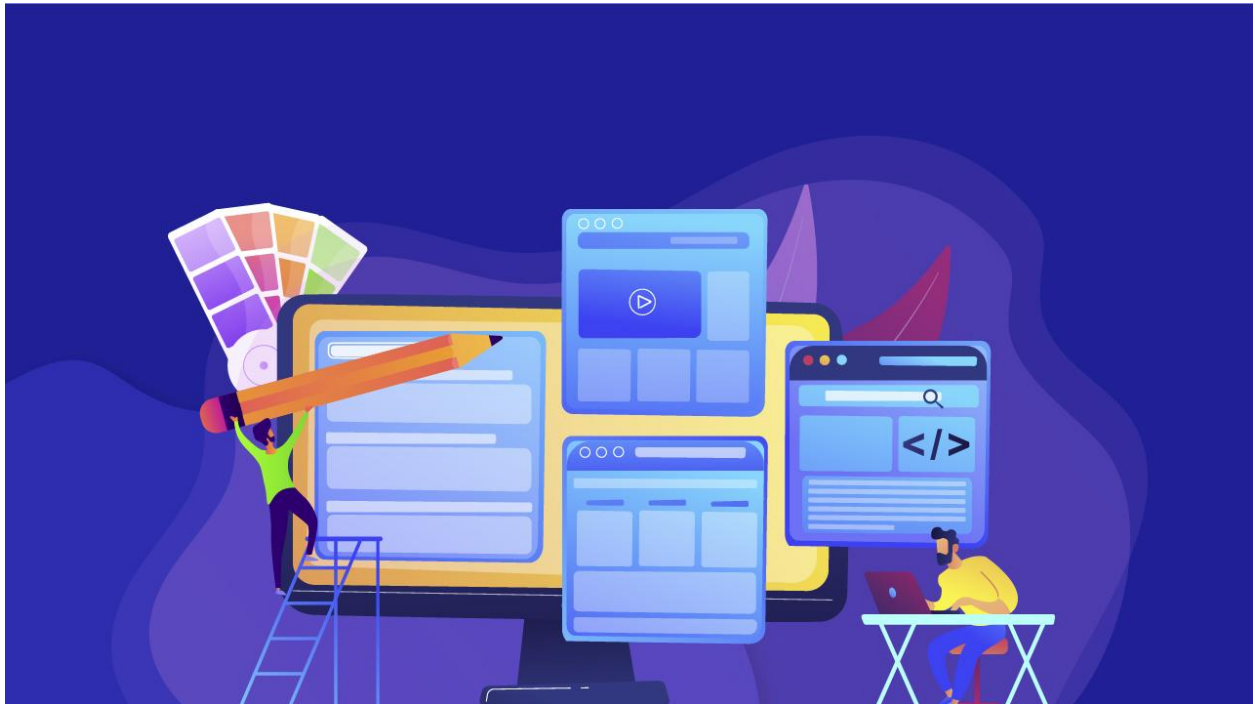# The Ultimate Guide to Web Design [2021]

Web design refers to the process of [designing](#), planning, conceptualizing and organizing content online. Designing a website today goes beyond the aesthetics and includes its overall functionality. Web design includes web apps, mobile applications, and user interface design.

Web design can make a big difference in your search engine results page performance. This article will provide you with some useful insight on how to make a [website](#) that looks great, functions well, and ranks high in search engines.

Why Is Web Design Important?

Your web design tool is what helps people see your brand in the best possible way. Your business can attract the right customers and convert them by using the right visual marketing strategy.

Users will feel more inclined to do business when they have a relationship with a brand that is consistent and builds trust. A clear [web design](#) plan is essential to achieve the best online results.

It is therefore not something that should be overlooked. Your audience will see the flaws in your design and not be drawn to your company through such an experience. They will instead choose web design competitors that offer the same value.

HOW IMPORTANT IS **WEB DESIGN** TO YOUR BUSINESS SUCCESS?

75% of users admit to making judgments about a company's credibility based on their website's design.

85% of B2B customers search the web before making a purchase decision.

94% of a website user's first impressions are design-related.

It is why it is so important to hire qualified web designers. An expert professional can help you understand your brand's needs and translate them visually using the right tools.

How To Design A Website

Web design is an important part of a strong business presentation, as you've seen. As with any aspect of your strategy it must be based upon correct decisions made during planning and execution. The wrong decisions can have a negative effect on your online presence.

To ensure a high [quality website](), there are certain factors that must be taken into consideration. These are the most crucial.

Aesthetics

This is what people think of when they talk about web design. It isn't the only important factor.

Your website design should reflect your brand's identity. Your online presence should reflect your brand's colors, style, and feel. Don't over exaggerate as it can slow down the experience for your visitors.

Useability

Remember that real people will visit your website so it must be easy to use. But what does this mean?

Usability is the ability to be accessed by a variety of people, regardless of their backgrounds or specialties. Simplicity is one of its most important principles. This means you need to reduce the number of options and menus. Think about what your visitor would find intuitive.

Content quality

Good content is the key to any [web design element](). You would be foolish to expect your visitors to come to you.

This is why many businesses opt for Content Marketing to ensure they have high-quality content that people want to share and read. Your pages must provide the right solutions and add value to your visitors' time.

Speed

People might abandon your business if your site takes too long to load. According to studies, bounce rates increase by 38% if pages take longer than 3 seconds to load. This is a bad thing.

Load speed is another important [aspect of web design](). This is about finding the right balance between your elements and how they impact your visitor's browser.
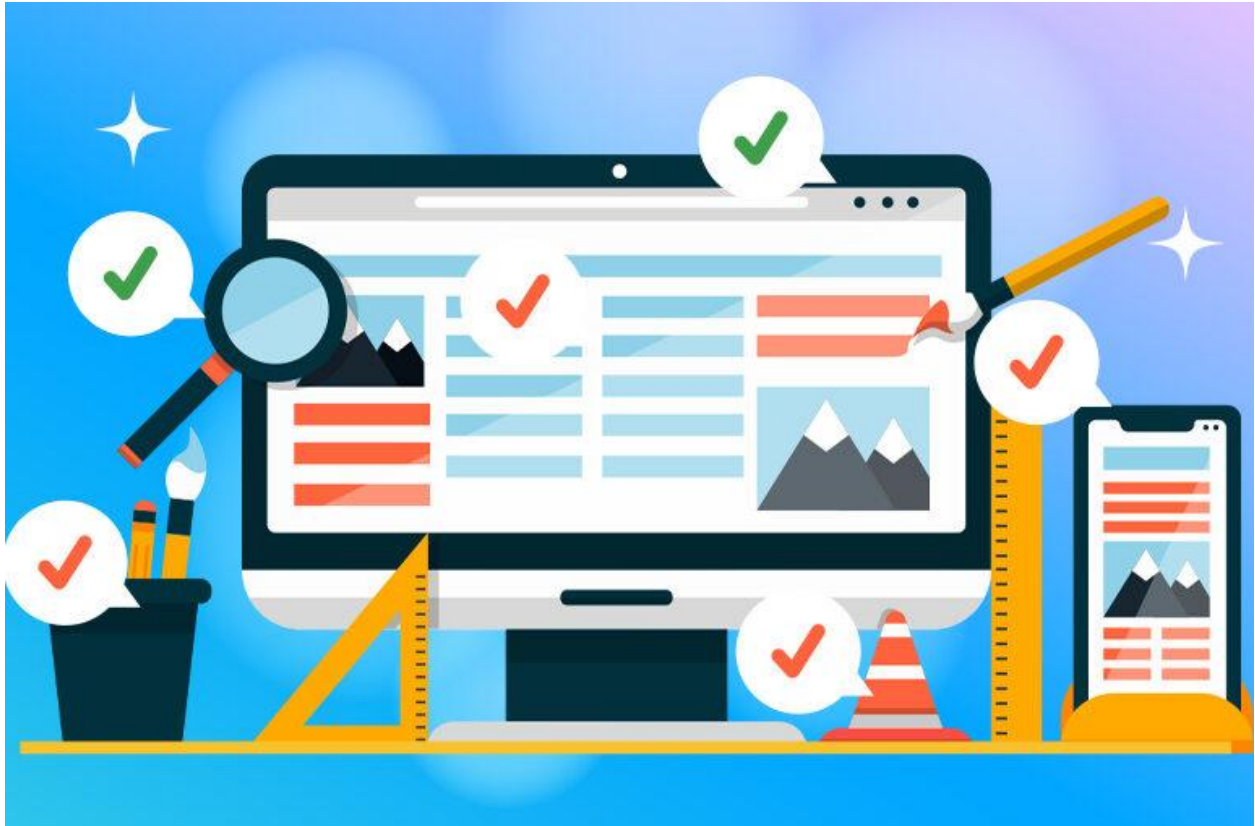
Mobile-Friendliness

Mobile devices now account for more than half of all internet traffic, according to recent data. This means that if your website doesn't load properly on tablets and smartphones, you could be losing half of your audience.

Mobile-friendly web design is essential to avoid this. This means pages that adapt to different screen sizes and access conditions.

What Are The Most Common Web Design Errors?

Because it strengthens the brand's consistency through visuals and high quality experiences, web design is an essential part of any marketing or sales strategy. But, you can only achieve great results if you avoid making mistakes that could lead to the demise of your company.

Each strategy is unique, but [poor web design]() can have a negative impact on your results. These issues can make it difficult for your audience to find your solution. Your results could suffer.

When working with web design, make sure you don't make these mistakes:

- Your target audience should not be overlooked when designing and executing your website. This could hinder your company's ability to attract the right customers.
- Do not forget to keep your visuals consistent across different channels online and offline.
- Too many elements can distract users and make your brand less visible.
- You don't have a clear call to action to guide your customers to the next step of their buyer's journey.
- Not properly documenting web design decisions in order to be able to check and refer back in the future.

What Are The Most Important Skills Needed To Be A Web Designer?

Web design is a vital part of any professional's job. Without these skills, the project may be hampered and not reach its goals. These are the essential soft and hard skills that web designers must have.

Web Design Tools

Special tools simplify and standardize a lot of web design tasks. It is important to be able to navigate these tools and deliver quality results.

To be able to choose the right tools, you must first understand the job. There are many options available, with different capabilities, from Dreamweaver to Photoshop.

You can also find specialty tools that are focused on specific tasks such as Sketch which focuses only on vector UI elements and InVision which allows you to present your web design work directly to a client.

This may seem overwhelming, especially for beginners. However, you can learn all the necessary web design skills online. All you need is a laptop, and the desire to improve your skills.
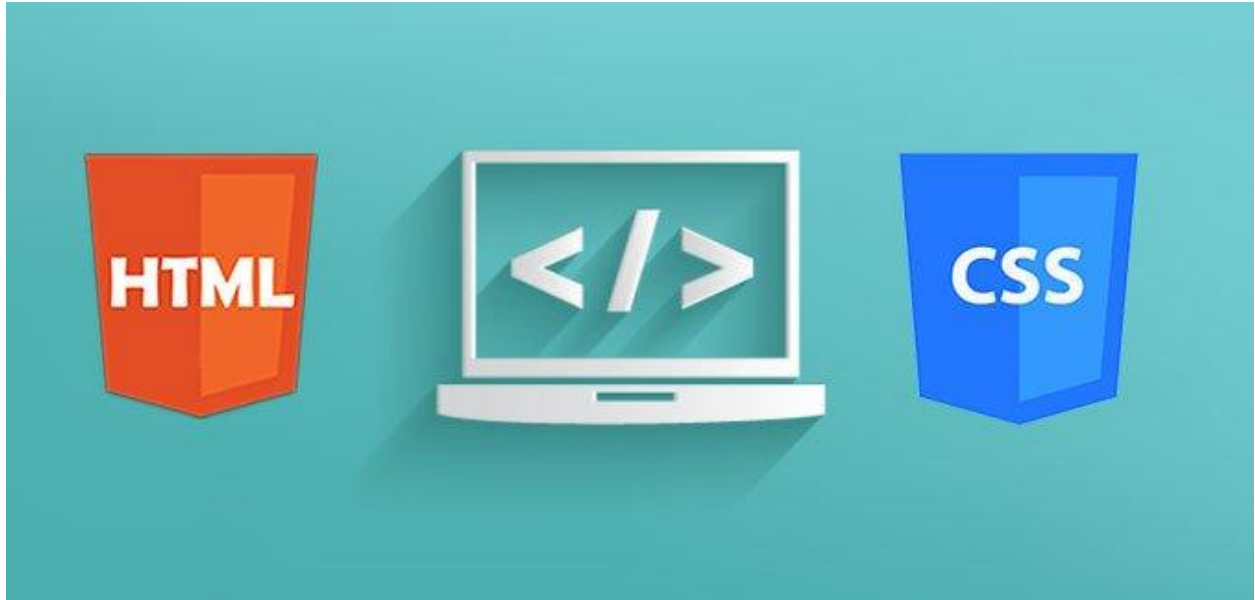
Communication

Web designers often work in close collaboration with other professionals. Good communication is crucial for any project. This requires a good understanding of the requirements and being able to understand others.

Communication skills are important in all fields. Web designers are responsible for the visual presentation of a company's website. They must be able to explain why their decisions meet the project's goals.

HTML/CSS

To work in web design, you must have programming knowledge. HTML and CSS are the most important languages, each with a unique job.

HTML (Hypertext markup language) and CSS (Cascading Style Sheets), coordinate the way elements are displayed on web pages. An experienced web designer can accurately implement the design plan by using the correct tags and values when writing HTML and CSS.
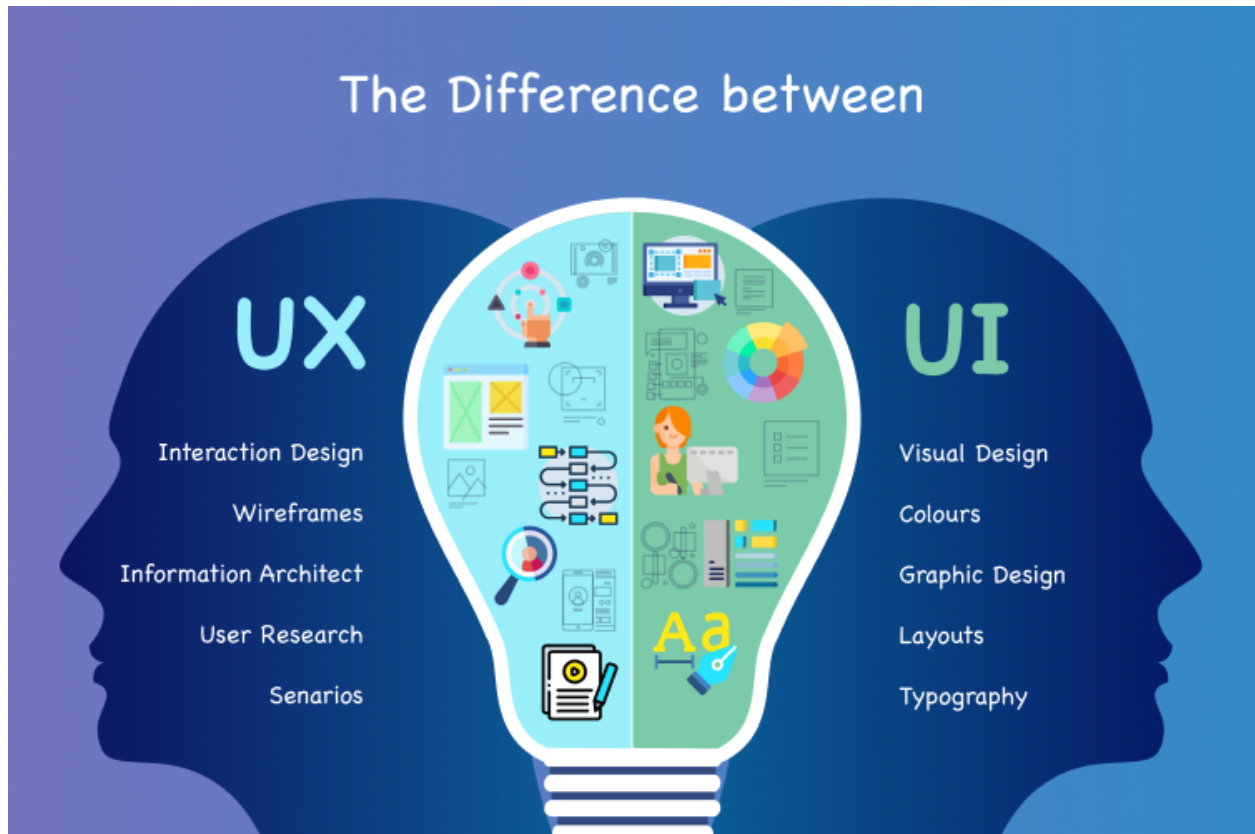
UX/UI

Web designers must have a good understanding of UX/UI because they work with interfaces. These concepts are often used together, but they can be used separately.

UX design is about user experience. This means linking everything design-wise so that your target audience is happy with what you create, regardless of whether it's a website or an app.

UI design is the work of designing user interfaces. Designers need to be skilled in creating structures that are easy to understand so that people can complete the tasks they require when using your product.

The Difference between

UX
Interaction Design
Wireframes
Information Architect
User Research
Senarios

UI
Visual Design
Colours
Graphic Design
Layouts
Typography

Search Engine Optimization (SEO)

A good web design can also ensure that the content is properly indexed by search engines, and provide visibility to its business. This is why web designers must be familiar with SEO to work in this area.

Website ranking is influenced by the website's assets. This includes text, images and code. It is important to understand how content management systems work so that optimizations can be made.

Time management

Time management is another important skill for web design. This means achieving your goals within the specifications and keeping to the deadline.

This information is important as it can prove to be very damaging for businesses if staff spend too much time doing unrelated tasks. Every stage must have a time estimate that takes into account the deadline and budget. Web designers must be able and willing to work around this.

You now have a clear understanding of web design and can give it priority in your projects. This is an important aspect of your brand. Consider how a digital presence can bring you great results, regardless of what industry your business is in.

This article will discuss:

- Find Inspiration
- How to choose a web design tool
- Visual Elements
- Functional Elements
- Types of web design: Responsive vs. adaptive Responsive

Find Inspiration

Designers are always looking for inspiration. These are the top sites that will inspire you.

- Behance
- Pinterest
- Awwwards
- Web design inspiration
- Site Inspiration

How to Choose a Web Design Tool

You can design your website in two ways: either using a desktop application or a [website builder](#). Your team size, budget, site type, technical requirements, and other factors will all affect the tool you choose.

1. Desktop Apps

Designers must create their design, then send it to a team of developers who will convert it into code. Photoshop and Sketch are the most used desktop apps to [design websites](#).

This is the norm for complex and large websites. It allows the designer to concentrate on the [overall design](#) and the technical issues are transferred to the developers. This process can be costly and time-consuming due to the need for multiple resources, skills sets and team members.

It is a good idea to hire a web designer to create a website that has fewer technical requirements.

2. Website Builders

Many website builders are available today, offering a variety of features and services. Squarespace, Webflow and PageCloud are some of the most popular website builders. They offer a [variety of design](#) options, templates, prices, and editing experiences. Make sure you do your research and try out free trials to determine which platform is best for your needs.

Website builders can create responsive or [adaptive websites](#) that offer different building experiences. Below, we will discuss these concepts in greater detail so that you can better understand which builders are right for you. It is important to be familiar with the limitations and freedoms of different website design tools if you don't have any programming skills. Wordpress, for example, is the most popular website platform. However, [visual designers](#) are not fond of it because it has limited customization options.

Before you begin building a website, decide what your website needs are. Are you making a photo gallery? What frequency will your website be updated? Do you require a contact page? Find a web designer who can help you achieve your goals.

Web Design Elements

It is important to think about both the appearance and functionality of a website when [designing](#) it. These elements will increase the site's usability and performance. The site's usability is determined by elements such as a user-friendly interface, the use of graphics and images, well written and placed text, and a color scheme. Performance refers to your site's speed, ranking, search ability and ability to capture your target audience.

Visual elements

This is a brief overview of the elements that you need to consider when [designing your website](#). It will help ensure everything is in sync. Each section contains tips and tricks that will help you get started.

- Written copy

Written copy

Your website's appearance is important, but so is its text. Your content writers and designers should work together to create a [cohesive design](#) that includes balanced elements. To complement your images and graphics, focus on creating text chunks (using text blocks).

Fonts

Select a font that complements your [overall design](#). Your website's color scheme, graphics and images should be matched with the font. This will help to strengthen your overall design. Canva's Font Combinator will help you choose the right font for your website. PageCloud, a [web design tool](#), even offers many font pairings.

Colors

When designing a website, colors are an important element to consider. There are many myths surrounding the psychology of colors. It's important to choose colors that complement your website's overall design and tone. Your brand's color scheme should be aligned with the messages you wish to send to your audience.

Layout

Your site's usability and functionality will be greatly affected by how you arrange your content. While there are no set rules for choosing a layout, there are some principles you should keep in mind. Avoid using a layout that is too stimulating for your audience. This could distract from the message you are trying to communicate.

Shapes

Graphic elements can be used in web design to seamlessly integrate text and images and improve the site's appearance. Beautiful colors and shapes can be used to draw attention to your site's visitors, and improve the site's flow.

Spacing

Spacing is key to designing visually appealing and [intuitive websites](#). Each element of your design will include spacing in some way. It is important to use whitespace in a way that balances text, images, and graphics. Your website users will be able to navigate it easily if you keep your spacing consistent. Whitespace is a key concept for [modern web designers](#).

Images & Icons

[Amazing designs](#) communicate much information in a matter of seconds. This is possible by using powerful icons and images. Use icons and images that reinforce your message. You can find thousands of stock images and icons by doing a quick Google search. Here are some favorites to help you simplify your search:
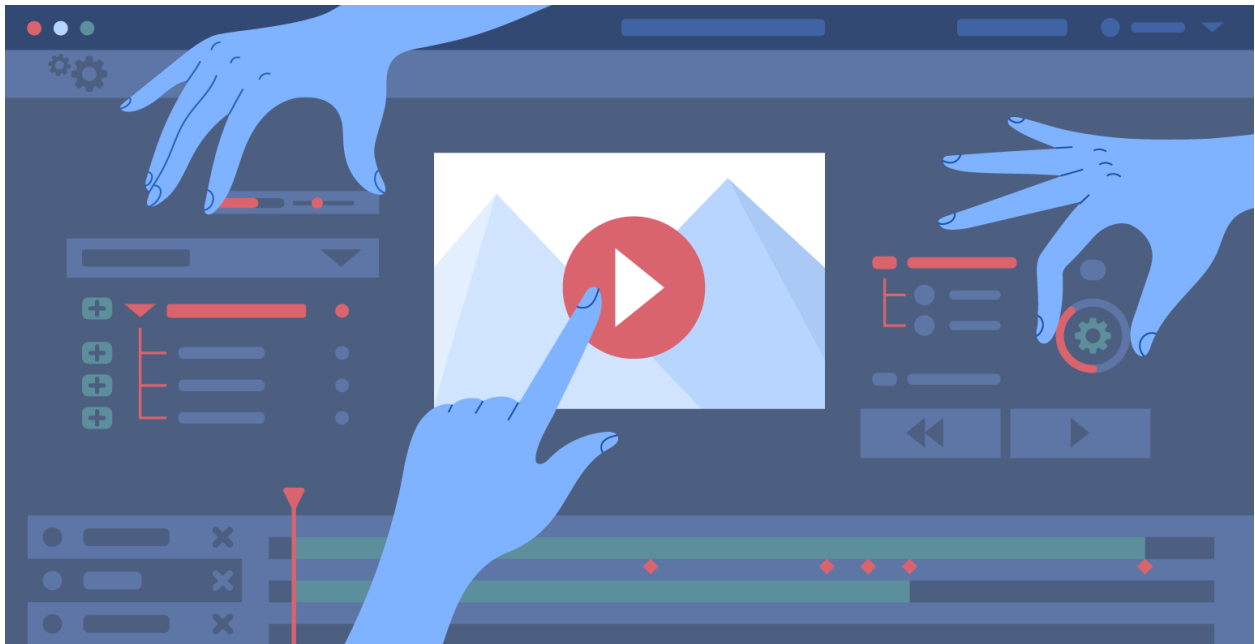
Icons and images free of charge

- Pexels
- Unsplash
- IconMonstr

Icons and premium images

- Shutterstock (Getty).

Videos

Designers are increasingly incorporating videos into their web designs. Videos can be used to help users understand or experience a message that cannot be adequately conveyed by text or images. Moving images will draw people's attention, just like a TV in a restaurant. Your videos should not compete with or distract from any other important elements.

Functional elements

These are the most important elements to think about when creating your website. It is essential that your website functions correctly to rank well in search engines and give your visitors the best experience.

Navigation

Your website's navigation plays a major role in determining if it is working properly. Your audience will determine the purpose of your navigation. It can help first-time visitors find what your website has to

offer. It can also provide easy access to pages for returning visitors. This can improve every visitor's experience. These best practices offer more information on navigation.

Interactions between Users

Your visitors can interact with your site in a variety of ways depending on what device they are using (scrolling or clicking, typing, etc.). The best websites simplify these interactions so that users feel in control. Here are some examples:

- Never allow audio or video to autoplay
  If the text is clickable, do not underline it.
- All forms should be mobile-friendly
- Avoid pop ups
- Avoid scroll-jacking

Animations

There are many web animations that can grab visitors' attention and help them interact with your site. You can engage your visitors by adding "like" buttons and forms. We recommend that you keep your animations simple if you are new to web design.

Speed

A slow website is not something that anyone likes. A slow website can discourage visitors from staying on your site or returning. No matter how beautiful your site is, it won't rank well in search. Google won't rank your site high.

Site builders who are experts in compressing content can speed up load times. However, these are not guarantees. You should research which site builders are best suited for your content. PageCloud optimizes images for faster loading on sites with multiple photos.

Site structure

The [website structure](#) is crucial for both user experience (UX), and search engine optimization. Users should be able navigate your website easily without any structural problems. Users may get lost when trying to navigate your website. A crawler, also known as a bot, is an automated program that scans your website to determine its functionality. Poor navigation can result in poor user experience and low site ranking.
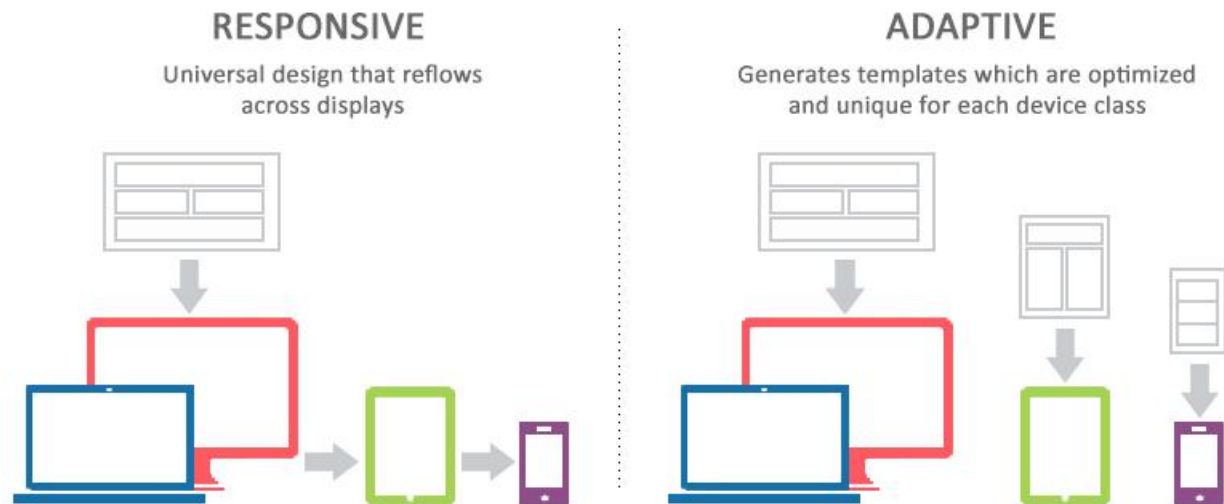
Cross-browser and cross-device compatibility

[Great design](#) should look great on all devices and browsers (yes even Internet Explorer). To make the tedious process of building a website from scratch faster and more efficient, we recommend using a crossbrowser testing tool. If you use a [website-building platform](#), cross-browser testing will typically be taken care of by the company's development team, which allows you to concentrate on designing.

Types of website design: Responsive vs. Adaptive Responsive

Knowing the pros and cons for responsive and adaptive websites will help you decide which website builder is best for you.

There are many articles that discuss different styles of website design (fixed, static and fluid). In today's mobile-centric world there are only two styles you can use to [design a website](#) properly: responsive and adaptive.

RESPONSIVE
Universal design that reflows across displays

ADAPTIVE
Generates templates which are optimized and unique for each device class

Websites that are adaptive

Adaptive web design is a combination of multiple versions of a website, each customized to fit specific screen sizes. Based on how adaptive websites detect what screen size is required, adaptive websites can be divided into two main categories:

1. Based on the device type, adapts

Your browser will send an HTTP request to a website that includes a field called "user agent" which will tell the server what type of device is trying to access the page. Based on the device that is trying to access it (e.g. tablet, desktop or mobile), adaptive websites will determine which version of the website to display. desktop, mobile, tablet). If you shrink your browser window to a desktop, issues will occur because the page will still display the "desktop" version of the page rather than shrinking to the new size.

2. Adapts are based on the browser width

Instead of using the user-agent, the website uses media questions (a CSS feature that allows a webpage to adapt to different screen sizes) as well as breakpoints (certain widths) to switch between versions. Instead of having three versions, a mobile, tablet and desktop version, the website will offer three versions: 1080px and 768px. This allows for more flexibility in designing and provides a better viewing experience because your website adapts to screen width.

Pros

- WYSIWYG editing: What you see is what your get
- Without the need for code, custom designs are quicker and easier to create.
- Cross-browser compatibility and cross-device compatibility
- Pages that load quickly

Cons

- Websites that use "device type" may look broken if viewed in a smaller browser window from a desktop computer.
- Receptive sites cannot achieve certain effects.

Responsive websites

Flexible grid layouts can be used on [responsive websites](). They are calculated based on how much each element occupies in their container. For example, if one element (e.g. A header is 25% of its container. This means that no matter how small the screen gets, the element will remain at 25%. Responsive websites have the ability to use breakpoints to create a customized look for every screen size. However, unlike adaptive websites that only adapt when they reach a breakpoint (which is what adaptive websites do), responsive websites change according to screen size.

Pros

- Excellent experience regardless of screen size
- Responsive website builders tend to be rigid, which makes it difficult for the design to "break"
- There are tons of templates available to choose from

Cons

- When starting from scratch, it requires extensive design and testing to ensure quality.
- [Custom designs]() that don't have access to the code can be difficult.

Website builders can have both responsive and adaptive features. PageCloud, for example, recently added a number of features that make your content responsive while the website is still adaptive.

Adaptive Website Builders

Wix and PageCloud are two of the most popular visual website builders available today. Both offer an adaptive approach. This means that their drag-and drop and WYSIWYG capabilities are second to none. Without writing a single line code, you can create almost anything.

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It's difficult to pick a winner in this category. Here are some things to remember:

- PageCloud is the best choice for a highly customizable experience.
- Wix is the best choice if you are looking for something simple and don't have any design experience.
- PageCloud is the best place to find a developer.
- Wix is the best choice if you need many templates.
- PageCloud is the best choice for those who want to save time and get the same experience as desktop publishing apps.

Both platforms offer free trials so we recommend you try them all before making a decision.

Responsive Website Builders

Squarespace offers responsive website builders but your editing experience will be limited. It is difficult to create a responsive website that is fluid and responsive. Without knowing how code works, it is almost impossible to create unique websites with responsive website builders.

Webflow and Froont are more advanced web design tools. These are the pros and cons of using these tools.

Pros

- You can create responsive websites that are completely customizable without writing code
- You have unmatched control over all elements of the page
- Ability to export code and host it elsewhere

Cons

- Complex tools that require steep learning curves
- Slower design than adaptive website builders

E-commerce

Website design is incomplete without e-commerce websites. It is essential to create an online shop that is simple to use, informative, and accurately displays the products you offer.

Check out this article to find out 5 simple steps to create an e-commerce site.

Next steps

This article should have helped you better understand web design. Let's review the key elements of designing a website that is beautiful and functional.

1. User experience is the most important aspect of any website.

2. Find the right website builder to meet your needs. Consider your main functions and then choose a builder that meets those requirements.

3. Balance visual elements: It is important to keep your website's text, graphics, and color scheme in balance. This will prevent you from creating a site that is too stimulating or distracting from the message you want to send.

After you have mastered the basics of website design, make sure to read more posts about different types of website builders, design trends and design elements.

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