



# Digital Design Trends presentation | September 6, 2019



### **KUDOS**

Our work is **already outstanding** and we're consistently implementing the latest trends as well as industry best-practices.



#### **OBJECTIVE**

Gain **insights** and **inspiration** to help fuel our collective **digital creativity** and boost our **skills**.



### **GOAL**

Make **amazing** and **modern** interactive pieces that create better digital **experiences** which **engage** the customer and ultimately end in **more sales**.

**Plus**, win more work and be the best at what we do and continue to be proud of every piece we present and deliver.



#### **STRATEGY**

Keep the **conversation** going, learn what our peers are doing, try **new techniques** and continue to step up our game.









a general direction in which something is developing or changing.



#### **FAD**

an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for something, especially one that is short-lived and without basis in the object's qualities; a craze.







Can be good or bad, but we want to stay on top of these to make sure our work is relevant to the business segment, market as a whole, and user expectations. **To be used as an overall strategy.** 



#### **FAD**

Can be good if utilized in a timely and professional manner. Bad if there's not a regular update cycle and it's left out on the counter to turn. **To be used as a short-term solution.** 





**TREND**Synthesizers and electronics in music production



**FAD** A Flock of Seagulls





**TREND**Smartphone use



FAD
Posting pictures of every meal





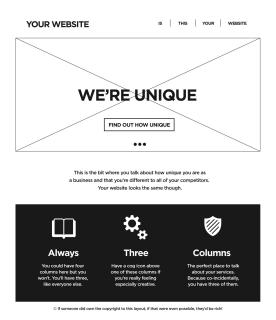
#### DO

Look at the market and come up with creative solutions (even if the idea itself isn't new)

#### **DON'T**

Name your unrelated product, or worse your company, iSomething only because of the iPhone





#### **DO THINK**

about the best layout to tell the story of the brand and messaging. It may be tried and true or it may break the mold.

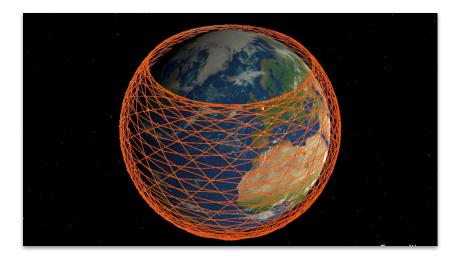
#### **DON'T STAGNATE**

and fall into the easy layout you've used for the past four websites without giving some thought to going in a new direction.









#### **MOBILE**

Even on mobile, internet speeds are blazingly fast. Faster than even desktop speeds of only a few years ago.

#### **BROADBAND EVERYWHERE**

Broadband is expanding even into the most rural areas and low orbit micro satellite internet could drastically change worldwide internet coverage within the next decade.



# So what? ...





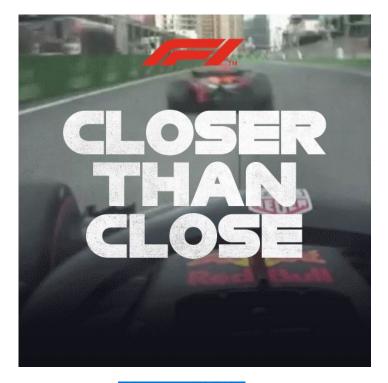


HIGH QUALITY
ANIMATED GIFS,
VIDEO, AND
LARGE IMAGES.
AND MORE OF
THEM.

Thanks for always finding these cool, 5MB GIFs Adrian.

Size 3.90 MB









Size 2.59 MB





Size 2.57 MB

#### **REDBOX**

Is using animated GIFs to emulate a hero slider in emails.



But, that's not an **excuse** to not optimize assets. Page **speed** and **score** are still important and the smallest file size and best quality are still **required**.



# email

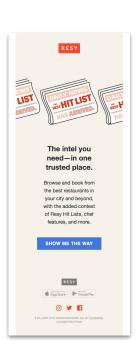


## email















**Simple**, straight-forward, mostly single-column, all-device-friendly layouts. Emails are embracing a lot of the trends we're about to cover, too!

# banners



### banners





Kara finds nice banners like a boss.



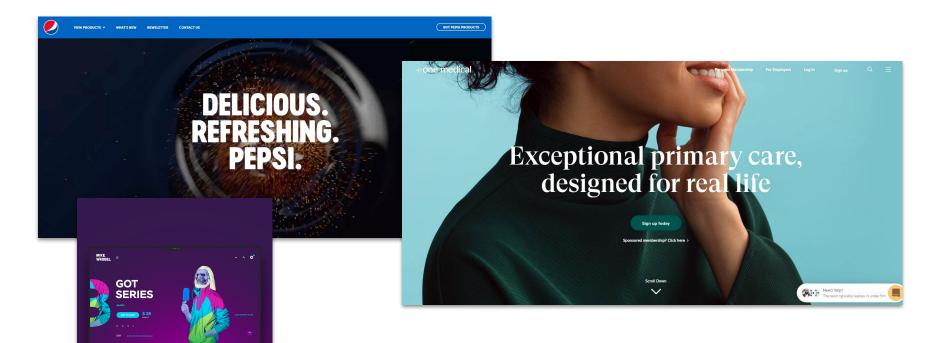
Clean, simple and **to-the-point** banners are popping up. Consider page placement and opportunities with pubs to use multiple placements in tandem.



# large hero typography



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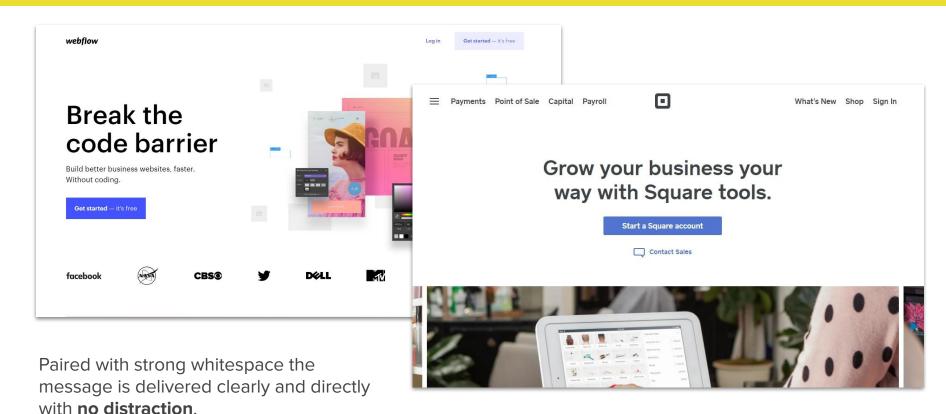
Large typography paired with video, bold color or high quality photography drives the message to the **forefront**.



# strong whitespace



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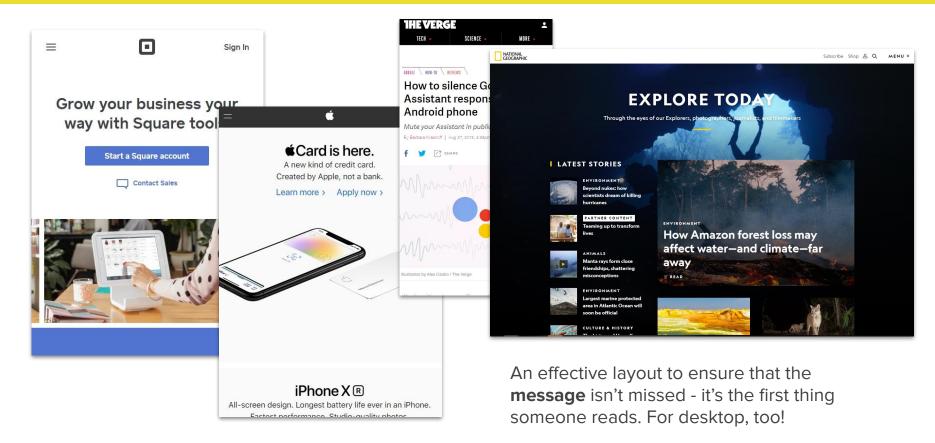




# headlines first



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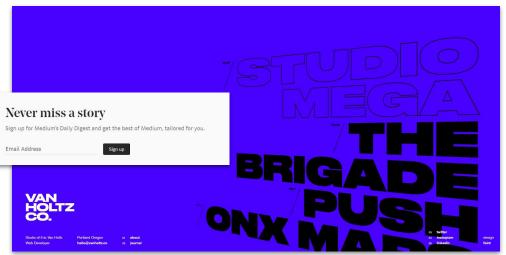


# creative typography



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Helvetica is great and all, but...

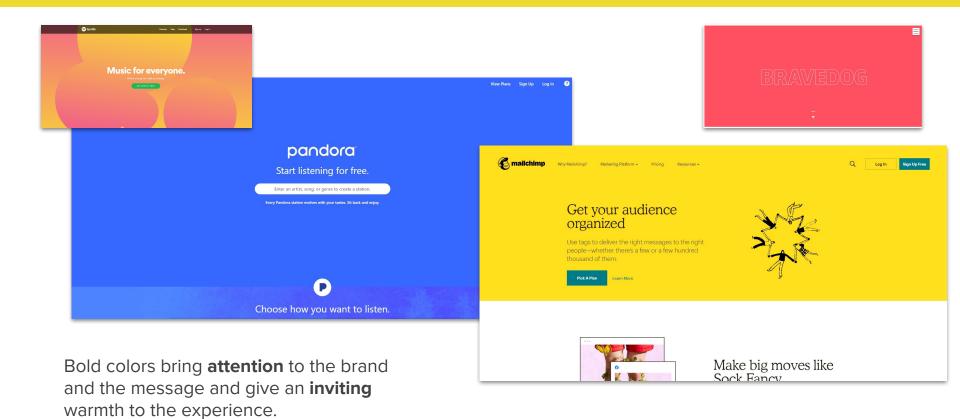
outlines, serifs, retro and other creative and **varying styles** of type are all the rage.



# bold color



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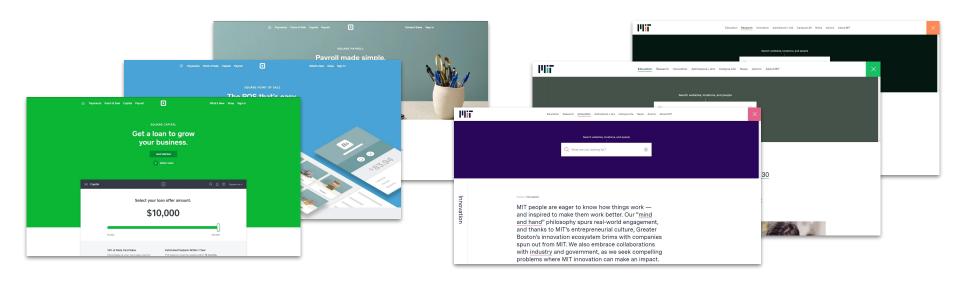




# varying colors



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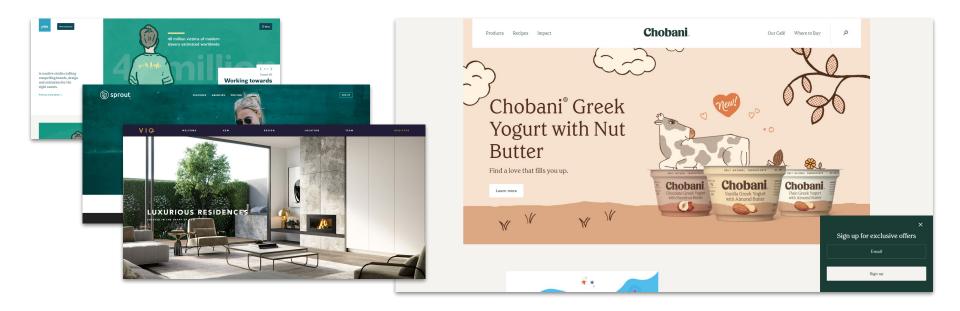
Different sections of the site utilize **variations** of a palette. Navigation, CTAs and other elements follow the new rules.



### authentic tone & texture



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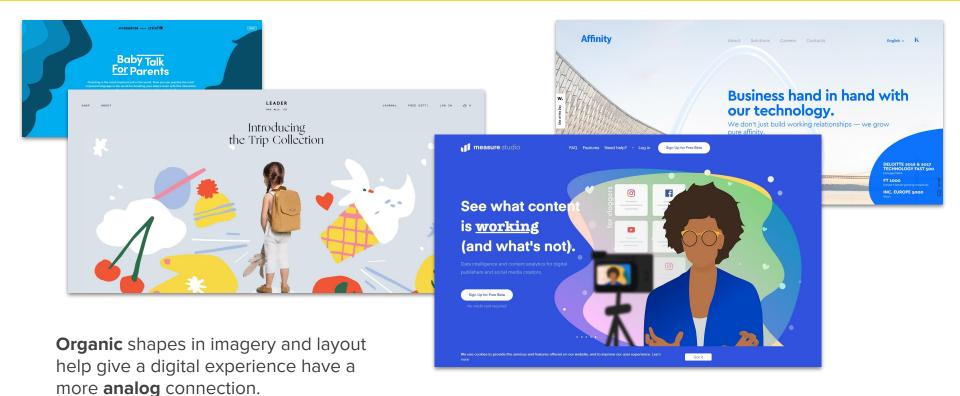
Authentic brands are what people are **craving**. Real, lifestyle photography paired with natural colors and textures to convey a **grounded** message.



## organic shapes



#### organic shapes

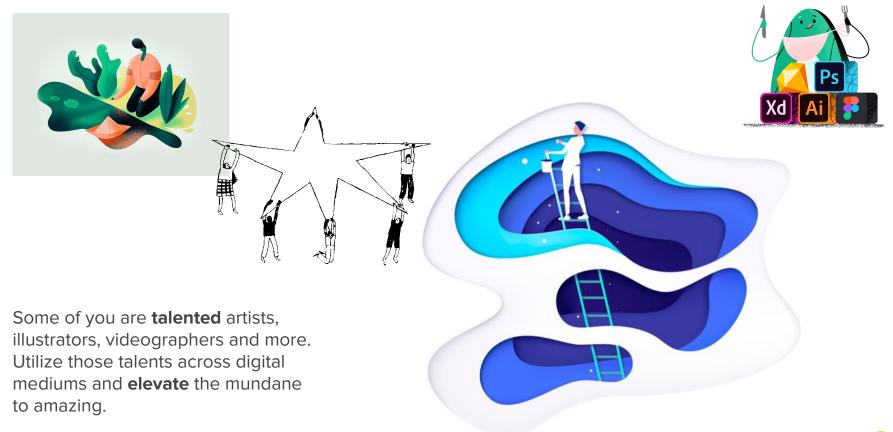




### artful illustration



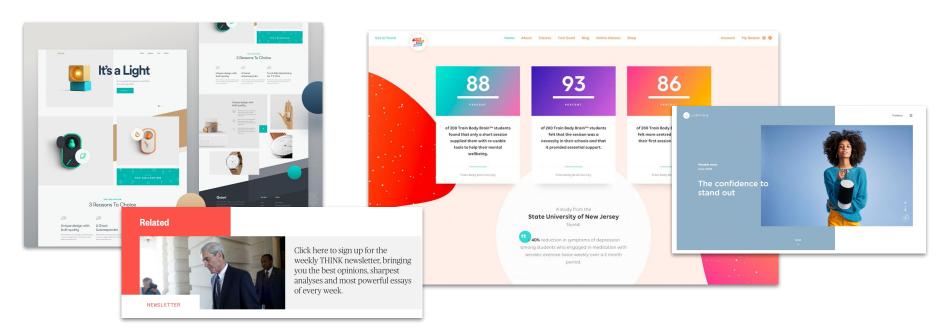
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## depth and overlap



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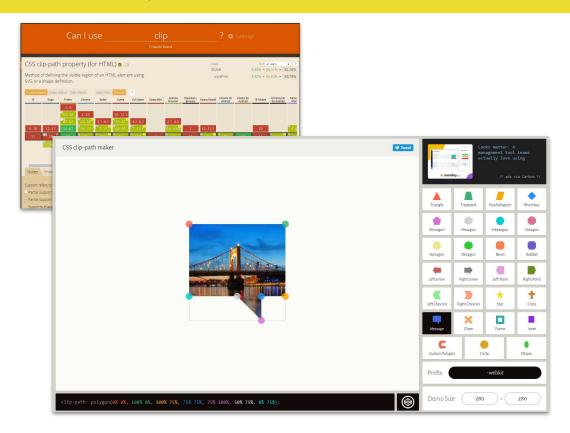


In response to the texture and skeuomorphism craze with the surge of the iPhone, the tide shifted quickly to flat, simple designs. Instead of texture, flat colors, no shadows. But now, with the **foundation** of flatter layouts well grounded, designers are adding depth and shadow back in clever ways.

## css shapes



#### css shapes





**CSS** can do a wide variety of shapes, angles and more. Try to leverage creatively when possible!







Scalable Vector Graphic

**SVG** is pretty much just another **vector** format. In some implementations it can actually be **modified** by the **code** directly!





Raster/bitmap images do not scale well.

With modern websites working across devices of all shapes and sizes, leveraging a vector logo just makes sense.

The logo will always be as clear as possible, no matter the resolution.



```
a#marriner-logo {
                                                                                         navigation-...6ca54.css

    background: ▶ url(https://www.marriner.com/wp-
      content/themes/mmc2019/elements/styles/../images/marriner-logo.svg) center center no-repeat:

✓ background-size: contain:

✓ background-attachment: scroll;

✓ width: 120px;

✓ height: 120px;

✓ position: fixed:
✓ left: 40px:

✓ top: 40px;

✓ z-index: 10001:

cursor: pointer;
   -moz transition: 0.4s cubic
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✓ webkit transition: 0.4s □c

✓ transition: > 0.4s  cubic-bezier(0.645, 0.045, 0.355, 1);

✓ webkit border radius: 100px:

   -moz border radius: 100px:

✓ border-radius: ► 100px;

    border: ▶ 0px !important;

▼<a href="#" class="link-block w-inline-block">
  <img src="https://assets-global.website-files.com/5d3e265.../5d3e2e2... webflow-logo-black.syg" alt class="webflow-logo">
 </a>
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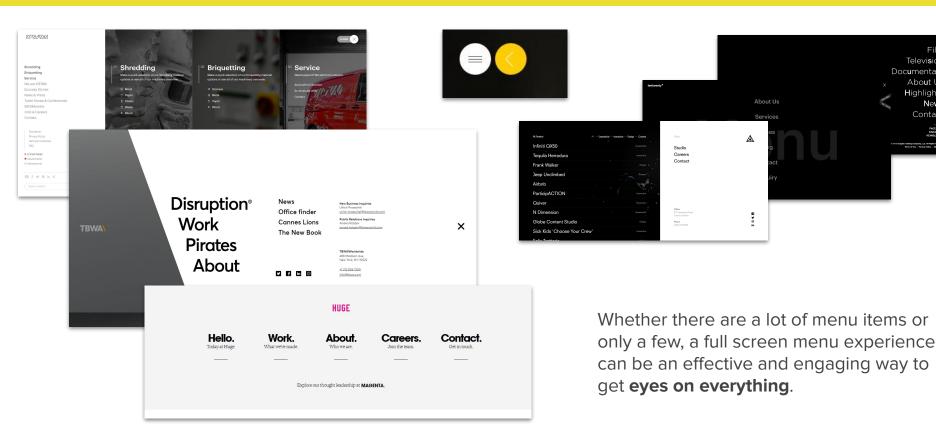
But **please**, embed an SVG file and not inline so it's easy to edit and swap assets!



### full screen & creative menus



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Television

News Contact

Documentary About Us **Highlights** 

## page transitions & intro messages



#### page transitions & intro messages



Created by Laymik from Noun Project

Page transitions help turn a website into a web experience by making separate pages and content feel like one **connected** story.

Introductory messaging gives the experience a voice.

https://affinity.pt/en

https://www.tentwenty.me/

https://www.deshaw.com/

https://www.hellomonday.com/nat-geo

https://humaan.com/work/







### Let's make engaging experiences.

Consumer/retail websites tend to lead the charge.

B2B sites can **lag behind** when they look at their direct competitors to copy directly. This only encourages stagnation.

Let's encourage creative thinking and problem solving across all channels and lead our clients to the front of the pack with better digital experiences.

from Noun Project





Which of these are solid trends, increase performance, create better UX and will pass the test of time?



#### **FAD**

Which of these if left too long and copied by too many designers will become uncouth? Does anyone remember reflections ad nauseum 10 years ago?



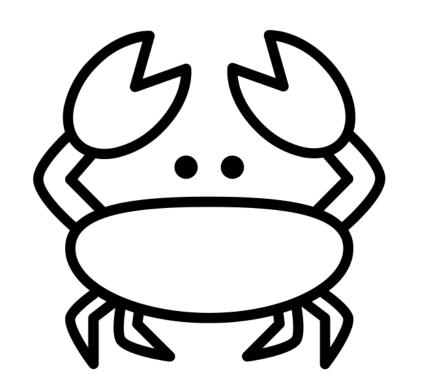


Let's keep the conversation going!

Slack channel #nicewebsites

(and banners, and emails...)





thank you!

Created by Graham Jefferson from Noun Project

