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News

Actionscript 2.0 Training

AH Digital FX Studios has begun another site dedicated to Flash MX 2004 Actionscript 2.0 training. This site, <http://www.ahfx.com>, is in its early development stage. It will focus on applying Object Oriented Programming concepts to Flash MX 2004. We especially want to address simpler ways of using Flash for e-commerce. We have begun creating the following Actionscript 2.0 classes to enhance the abilities of Flash: Vector, Iterator, Product, Shopping Cart. Training on creating these classes and implementing them in real-world scenarios will be the focus of the initial tutorials.

We have also created an enhanced MovieClip class that will reduce development time by simplifying the way that transitions are handled.

If you are interested in helping beta test these new classes, please email us at info@ahfx.net with "Actionscript 2.0 beta" as the subject.

Actionscript 2.0 Writers

AH Digital FX Studios is looking for Actionscript 2.0 coders to support the Flash Community and submit tutorials on Actionscript 2.0. All submissions may be sent to info@ahfx.net.

Sample FLA's

XML Text Scroller

AH Digital FX Studios has added a new sample FLA to the <http://www.ahfx.net> site. This FLA demonstrates how to read an XML file and use its contents to create a scrolling text field. This could be modified to display news, links, products offered, etc. It is a great little tool that can be quickly plugged into almost any Flash site.

Make sure you read the Acceptable Use Policy at <http://www.ahfx.net/aup.pdf>.

Toolbox

FREE Stock Images



Every web designer could use more high quality stock photographs. We have found a great little site that provides FREE Stock Images. The site is <http://www.sxc.hu/>. With everything from people to places to business phones, this site has it all. It is completely FREE to become a member and membership gives you the ability to download full-size, high resolution images. This is a must have for any designer's toolbox.

FREE Fonts

This site I just happened upon today. It has thousands of FREE fonts to choose from. Some fonts are better than others, but a quick look will be well worth your time. The site is <http://www.dafont.com/en/>. Every toolbox deserves a few new fonts every few months. These fonts could come in handy in our new contest. See below for details.

Design Concepts

Which Color Would You Like

How powerful is color? Color is a very powerful design concept, especially when mixed with white, gray, or black. Look at the following logos and examine how the designer has combined colored text with either white, gray, or black text.





How much more powerful is the logo when a color is used next to white, gray, or black? Would these be as powerful if they were all one color? This brings in the design concept of contrast.

To practice this design concept, I would challenge you to take your own business name, or another business that you know and design a new logo using text of one unique color and either white, gray, or black. We would love to see your designs, plus this is the contest for this month also. Please see below for details.

Contest

Logo Design

The rules for this contest are as follows:

1. The logo can consist of only text
2. The logo text can only use two colors. One of the colors must be either (1)white, (2) gray, or (3) black.
3. You may use any font that you would like. (You might check out the Toolbox to find some great new fonts for this contest)
4. You must submit the logo via E-mail to info@ahfx.net by July 20, 2004.
5. The top three designs will be included in the next e-list.
6. We will only accept images in .gif or .jpg format.
7. You must state the name of the font(s) used in the E-mail.
8. The background must be a solid color.
9. Only two entries per person.
10. All entries must come from e-list subscribers. (You may subscribe and enter the contest on the same day.)

Contact

Thank you for joining AH Digital FX Studios' e-list. If you would like AH

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Digital FX Studios to do an in-depth evaluation of your current website, email us at info@ahfx.net. If you have any questions, require our services, or know of someone that might need our services please contact us with information below.

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