Subject: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by SickOptometrist on Mon, 13 Jun 2005 16:06:58 GMT
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Help me out dudes -I'm the band's "webmaster" now. I have never worked with HTML so I'm clueless as to what I'm doing, but I'm learning. This site is "in progress" & I recently gave it a facelift.
- What y'all think? - Please critique (gloves off)
http://www.challengetheory.com

Subject: Re: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by cheesesoda on Mon, 13 Jun 2005 16:14:17 GMT
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Well, as Vitaminous (he's actually good at web design, other than that... meh) and I agreed upon last time, you have too little content space. If you're going to have 3 columns, my suggestion is to widen the width of the site, either that or go to 2 columns and shorten the width of the navigation. The text is too big and it makes that column bigger than it needs to be. I'm on 1280 x 1024 and I can read it just fine, so you can definetely shrink it. Also, if you haven't already noticed, your rollovers don't work like they should. You still have your old rollover images uploaded.

Subject: Re: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by Mindtzar on Mon, 13 Jun 2005 16:57:10 GMT
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Who made you a webmaster? If you don't know what your doing then why are you looking after their site :/

Subject: Re: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by SickOptometrist on Mon, 13 Jun 2005 17:21:25 GMT
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Mindtzar wrote on Mon, 13 June 2005 12:57Who made you a webmaster? If you don't know what your doing then why are you looking after their site :/
...because I am the "shizznit" & can figure this stuff out in time.
Yeah j' - I just started this two nights ago & haven't had time to remake all of the button rollovers (all of the photos, images & gifs are my work). My problem is that I'm trying to work with the raw HTML code without the help of HTML editing software. A friend is going to try to hook me up with some software, so I don't have to do so much head scratching. Then I can work with the 'real estate' & resize and move things around. Right now, I'm just re-doing the 'look' of the site - Am I on the right track?

Subject: Re: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by Dave Mason on Mon, 13 Jun 2005 18:08:36 GMT
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if you want I can hook you with with a version of Dreamweaver "free" *cough* of charge.

Subject: Re: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by cheesesoda on Mon, 13 Jun 2005 18:42:01 GMT
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pfft, i'm starting to learn to code, so i'm using araneae, which is a free program. It isn't, however, a program like frontpage or dreamweaver.

Subject: Re: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by Dave Mason on Mon, 13 Jun 2005 19:10:58 GMT
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You want dreamweaver? Come to your uncle Dave.

Subject: Re: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by phlakaton on Mon, 13 Jun 2005 19:49:36 GMT
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Now that I've thrown out ambiguous points go from there!

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Posted by Dave Mason on Mon, 13 Jun 2005 22:03:47 GMT
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I like this guy.

Subject: Re: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by flyingfox on Mon, 13 Jun 2005 22:11:08 GMT
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Yea, thats what I was trying to say about the graphics. The banner seemed to give the message "look at my awesome design", not so much "Hey, this is challenge theory, you like?" but no no I like the banner now sicko.

Subject: Re: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by Dave Mason on Mon, 13 Jun 2005 22:22:20 GMT
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Just got to say, I really don't like the animation of the sound waves.

Subject: Re: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by Jecht on Tue, 14 Jun 2005 02:08:50 GMT
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Me either, and the buttons need work because the image quality is somewaht blurry www.good-tutorials.com can show you how to do some good web-quality work. I see you went with a more pure HTML than a template with a Sliced Template. Which probably works pretty well for a starter website. Perhaps in the future you can get the hang of using photoshop to create sliced templates for your design. Nice work for going in blind though.

Subject: Re: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by SickOptometrist on Tue, 14 Jun 2005 14:48:31 GMT
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I want it to look like this - http://www.redbullxfighters.com/
  Flash hard to work with?

Subject: Re: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by Dave Mason on Tue, 14 Jun 2005 15:31:46 GMT
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You got the full copy?

Subject: Re: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by Jecht on Wed, 15 Jun 2005 02:51:52 GMT
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Flash isn't hard to get the basics, but its hard to master.

Subject: Re: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by Dave Anderson on Wed, 15 Jun 2005 04:03:01 GMT
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SickO wrote:OK thanks guys - it's appreciated. I got a copy of DreamWeaver last night & I know it will make it much easier but you know....
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In the navigation menu if you notice the motocross...ahhh, makes me feel at home. The only sport I do, motocross. Motocross is a sport that is one of a kind. I love it. *Although I don't like the part when I brake my bones which I have done mayn times.*

Subject: Re: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by msgtpain on Wed, 15 Jun 2005 04:29:12 GMT
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SickOptometrist wrote on Tue, 14 June 2005 10:48
  Flash hard to work with?

What that site has done in Flash is simple.. what this site has done is hard:
http://www.2advanced.com/flashindex.htm

Subject: Re: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by Jecht on Wed, 15 Jun 2005 05:16:56 GMT
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whoever did that site is a fucking genius.

Subject: Re: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by cheesesoda on Wed, 15 Jun 2005 05:22:41 GMT
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The whole team probably did that.

Subject: Re: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by zgunner12 on Wed, 15 Jun 2005 06:26:18 GMT
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Err,it's a band,put music in backround of course!!!

Subject: Re: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by Goztow on Wed, 15 Jun 2005 07:30:13 GMT
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zgunner12 wrote on Wed, 15 June 2005 02:26Err,it's a band,put music in backround of course!!!
Nah, i don't like music ion background of websites. It just never sounds right and it suddenly
restart if u go to a new section or it ends too promptly or it takes ages to lad... Nah, no music in
background.

And yes: Flash is freaking difficult to get really good at. The basics are quite ok but you'll need hell
loads of time and tutorials to make something really nice!

Subject: Re: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by zgunner12 on Wed, 15 Jun 2005 07:35:41 GMT
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Ok maybe you can put there music videos in WMP form

Subject: Re: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by SickOptometrist on Wed, 15 Jun 2005 19:08:07 GMT
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msgtpain wrote on Wed, 15 June 2005 00:29SickOptometrist wrote on Tue, 14 June 2005 10:48
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http://www.2advanced.com/flashindex.htm
Yes that is way cool- I wanna do that!
Since we are on the subject of flash sites, this one is cool as well - http://www.cafcat.com/
I got FlashMX demo last pm & spent a couple of hours tryin' to figure it out... ...with time I'll get it.

Subject: Re: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by Walrus on Wed, 15 Jun 2005 21:05:15 GMT
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First you do the tutorials in the help files. They will start you off. if you don't have them I might be able to mail them.

Then you go here. For basic websites.

http://www.apdz.com/v5/tuts/viewtut.php?tut=20

 Then here. Make sure you sort by easy first. There are lots of starter text effects for you.

http://webdesign.templatemonster.com/web/flash/tutorials/

 You learn action script here.

http://www.actionscripts.org/tutorials.shtml

 Everything else you will need is here.

http://www.metamorphozis.com/tutorials/table_of_content.php

Subject: Re: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by SickOptometrist on Wed, 15 Jun 2005 22:54:13 GMT
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Hey Walrus - thanks! I did the first tutorial & it helped a bunch.

Subject: Re: What do you Chumps think?...
Posted by Walrus on Wed, 15 Jun 2005 23:07:43 GMT
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I'm pretty good with flash. If you have any problems just say; some of it can take some getting

used too.