



Free & Cheap Resources for Web Professionals

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HTML/Code Editors

- These free programs make it easy to edit your code as an alternative to Dreamweaver.
 1. Notepad++ (<http://notepad-plus.sourceforge.net/uk/site.htm>)
 2. Crimson Editor (<http://www.crimsoneditor.com/>)
 3. ConTEXT (<http://www.contexteditor.org/>)
 4. Emacs (<http://www.gnu.org/software/emacs/>)
 5. Bepin (online editor) (<https://bepin.mozilla.com/>)
 6. HTML-Kit (<http://www.chami.com>) Lots of features / plug-ins

Graphic Editors

- Free on- and offline software that might eliminate the need for Photoshop.
1. GIMP (<http://www.gimp.org/>)
 2. GIMPShop (<http://www.gimpshop.com/>)
 3. Photoshop.com (online editor) (<http://photoshop.com>)
 4. FotoFlexer (online editor) (<http://fotoflexer.com/>)
 5. Pixier (online editor) (<http://pixer.us/>)
 6. IrfanView (www.irfanview.com) Batch rename and resize in one pass

Color Contrast Analyzers

- Choosing the right color and contrast makes your site usable by low-vision users, an important part of accessibility.
1. Colour Contrast Analyzer
(<http://www.visionaustralia.org.au/info.aspx?page=628>)
 2. Colors on the Web
(<http://www.colorsontheweb.com/colorcontrast.asp>)
 3. Contrast Analyser 2.2
(<http://www.pacielogroup.com/resources/contrast-analyser.html>)
 4. Colour Contrast Analyser Firefox Add-on
(<https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/7313>)

Color Schemes

- Your site's color scheme conveys its mood and message.
 1. ColorCache (<http://www.colorcache.com/>) Cheap, not free
 2. ColorPic (<http://www.iconico.com/colorpic/>) There are some very cool tools at iconico.com. Check them out.
 3. Kuler (<http://kuler.adobe.com/>)
 4. Colourlovers (<http://www.colourlovers.com/>)
 5. Color Wizard (<http://www.colorsontheweb.com/colorwizard.asp>)
 6. Top 25 Color Scheme Generators (<http://www.cssjuice.com/25-popular-color-scheme-and-palette-generators/>)
 7. Color palette from photo: <http://colorhunter.com>, <http://degraeve.com/color-palette>, <http://jrm.cc/color-palette-generator>

Icon Editors

- Free and cheap programs to help edit/create your own favicons.
 1. IcoFX 1.6 (<http://icofx.ro/>) Vista & XP compatible
 2. IconDeveloper (<http://www.stardock.com>) Free & premium versions
 3. Iconmaker (<http://free-icon-editor.com/>) 30 day trial

CSS Generators/Layouts

- Free CSS layout/menu generators and fully coded layouts make design a snap!
 1. Position is Everything (<http://www.positioniseverything.net/>)
 2. CSS Layouts (<http://layouts.ironmyers.com/>)
 3. Open Source Web Design (<http://www.oswd.org/>)
 4. Alfred Fox Templates (<http://alfredfox.com/download-free-website-css-valid-xhtml-templates.html>)
 5. CSS Menu Generator (<http://www.webmaster-toolkit.com/css-menu-generator.shtml?style=2>)
 6. Grid Designer (<http://grid.mindplay.dk/>)
 7. CSS Templates (<http://www.intensivstation.ch/en/templates/>)

Background Patterns/Images

- Free background images/patterns to use and image generators to create your own backgrounds.

1. Zen Textures (<http://zentextures.com/>)
2. Pattern Cooler (<http://www.patterncooler.com/>)
3. BG Patterns (generator) (<http://bgpatterns.com/>)
4. Stripe Generator 2.0 (generator) (<http://www.stripegenerator.com/>)
5. PIXELKNETEs (generator) (<http://www.pixelknete.de/dotter/index.php>)
6. Striped Backgrounds (generator) (<http://stripedbgs.com/>)

Button Generators

- Create modern, Web 2.0 style buttons using these free online generators.
 1. My Cool Button (<http://www.mycoolbutton.com/>)
 2. ButtonBoost (<http://www.buttonboost.com/>)
 3. The Buttonator (<http://www.buttonator.com/>)

JS Frameworks/Snippets

- No need to start from scratch – use prebuilt Javascript to make your site.
1. DevSnippets (<http://devsnippets.com/>)
 2. JQuery (<http://jquery.com/>) framework
 3. Mootools (<http://mootools.net/>) framework
 4. Script & Style (<http://scriptandstyle.com/>)
 5. Ask Apache (<http://www.askapache.com/>)

Tutorial Sites

- No travel budget? Great training is available for free online.
1. Tuts+ Network (<http://tutsplus.com/>)
 2. Smashing Magazine (<http://smashingmagazine.com>)
 3. Six Revisions (<http://sixrevisions.com/>)
 4. W3Schools (<http://www.w3schools.com/>)
 5. HP Learning Center (<http://h30187.www3.hp.com/>)
 6. Javascript Kit (<http://www.javascriptkit.com/howto/>)
 7. Lynda.com (<http://www.lynda.com>) Not free but great training

Free Images

- Free stock images for use on your sites.
 1. DeviantArt (<http://deviantart.com>) Note: every artist has their own terms of use. Be sure to read them before using the image!
 2. Stock.xchng (<http://www.sxc.hu/>)
 3. EveryStockPhoto (<http://www.everystockphoto.com/>)
 4. Flickr Creative Commons (<http://www.flickr.com/creativecommons>)
 5. 123 Royalty Free (<http://123rf.com>)
 6. PhotoFunia (<http://photofunia.com>)
 7. PhotoPlus (<http://photoplus.com>)

Other Resources

1. Smiling Designer (<http://smilingdesigner.com/>)
2. Design Float (<http://www.designfloat.com/>)
3. Design Bump (<http://www.designbump.com>)
4. HongKiat (<http://www.hongkiat.com/blog/>)
5. Deziner Folio (<http://www.dezinerfolio.com/downloads/>)
6. Convert PDF (<http://www.pdfonline.com/convert-pdf/>)
7. Free PDF Convert (<http://freepdfconvert.com>)
8. FoxIt – free Reader clone (<http://foxitsoftware.com>)
9. Xenu link checker (<http://home.snafu.de/tilman/xenulink.html>)
10. Online Link Checker (<http://2bone.com/links/linkchecker.html>)
11. JAlbum (<http://jalbum.net/>) great photo album creator
12. Screen Calipers (<http://www.iconico.com/caliper/>) On-screen measuring tool
13. Analytics – Compete.com (<http://www.compete.com/>) compare up to five sites, traffic, graphs