

Web Design Resources

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After doing a fairly extensive search for materials of the design of web sites, I found the following to be the most useful. Nielsen is a good one to start with, and Raskin should be read after reading some of the others.

- Nielsen, Jakob, *Designing Web Usability*, 2000.

Well written. You could figure much of it on your own (e.g., a site should be easy to scan), but why bother? He does such a nice job.

- Mayhew, Deborah, *Principles and Guidelines for Software User Interface Design*, 1992.

Much more complete than Nielsen, and much better founded research. Contains guidelines I would have never figured out on my own. It is a comprehensive and wonderful resource and the best single resource.

- Constantine, L. L and A. D. Lockwood, *Software for Use*, 1999.

Uneven and starts slowly, but contains principles not found elsewhere

- Lynch, Patrick J. and Sarah Horton, *Web Style Guide*, 2nd edition (2001).

Oriented to sites whose basic objective is to provide information.

- Raskin, Jef, *The Humane Interface*, 2000.

Creative and useful, though not comprehensive. Fortunately, I read it last (of those mentioned); it would not have worked for me had I read it first.