

Websites For Freelancers 101

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SHOW OF HANDS







Ask yourself many questions before you start



- * Why
- ★ For Whom
- * Content
- * Design





- * Brand awareness, reputation
- * Sales
- Any reason supported by a goal and a strategy





- * Buyer persona
- * Customer journey
- ★ Real people, real problems, real solutions





It's not about you It's about the reader





- * Say no to lipstick on a pig
 - ★ Make it easy to navigate, easy to understand
 - ★ Fast and secure are more important that pretty





Must have



- * About Page (it's not about you)
- ★ Sales Page (it's not about you)
- ★ Contact (this one is about you)
- ★ Legal stuff (check with a lawyer)
- ★ In a blog: search, categories, tags





Nice to have



- ★ Mini bio
- ★ Links to social media
- * Testimonials
- * Newsletter signup form
- * Popular posts



EXAMPLES

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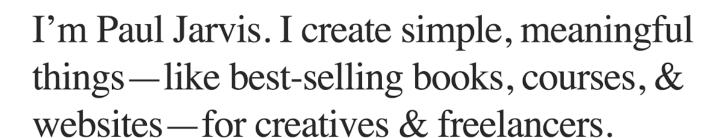
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Web design projects start at \$9,000 and I'm not considering new projects until mid-May. I am however running an online class for freelancers called The Creative Class right now, so check it out if that tickles your fancy.





My newsletter also goes out weekly and it happens to be pretty darn good (and it's not just my rats saying that).

"Paul Jarvis is a lively, talented & incredibly insightful writer." MACCABEE MONTANDON, FAST COMPANY

See? I told you so. My newest articles are sent to my newsletter first, then tend to show up on Inc., Fast Company, The Huffington Post, Forbes, Lifehacker, The Next Web, Smashing Magazine, Adobe's 99u and many more quality publications. There are already 13,000+ intelligent and attractive folks signed up.



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You can unsubscribe anytime (I won't even be offended). I'd actually rather eat my own right arm clean off my body than send you SPAM. (This is saying a lot since I'm vegan!) If you aren't sure, read some past articles to get a little taste first.

Anyhoo - this is my website.





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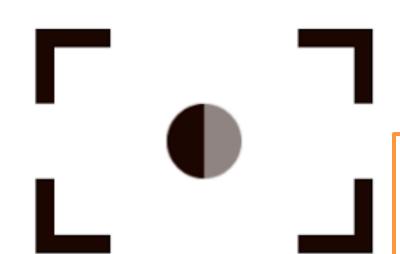
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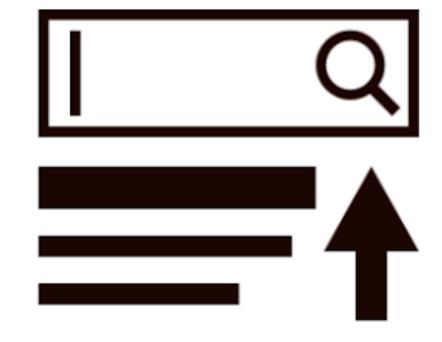


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Marketing — and especially copywriting — is the awesomest job in the world.
(Well, unless you suck. In which case, you'll be really poor.)

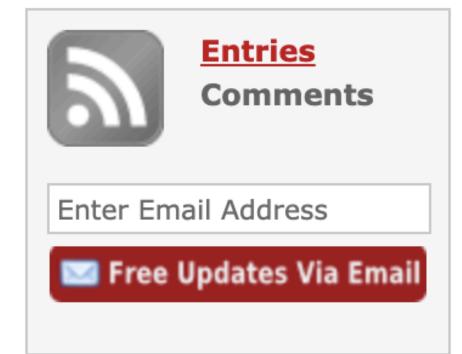
In marketing and copywriting, you can change the future. You can alter people's perceptions, change their behaviour, and make them do things they had no intention of doing before being in contact with you or your words. (Kind of like a cult leader in that way, come to think about it. I'm changing my passport occupation to "cult leader". So much cooler.)

Anyway, I was on IM with <u>another copywriter I know</u>. She's working on a campaign right now for a company that makes confections. She's working on taglines. What kind of confections, you ask?

Whipped cream, baby.

(Imagine having a job where you can play around with taglines for a whipped cream company. Now imagine that you do that in your pajamas and that people sometimes pay you \$200 an hour. And they ask me why I do what I do. Jesus.)

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Recessions Are For Losers

Editor's Note: In keeping with our recession busting theme, I have convinced the most sarcastic son of a bitch I know to talk about the R word. This one's a rarity, folks.

Life looks grim. Nothing good is happening. The economy sucks. Business isn't great. People are losing their jobs. Marriages are failing. The cost of gas and food is going up. Income is going down. It's hopeless.

We should all just give up.

No, seriously. That's exactly what we should do if **it's all so hopeless**. Why bother finding the opportunities? Why bother looking ahead? We should just move into protectionism, hoard everything and when it's all gone, we should all just go huddle in bed until life's over. I mean, really. There's no point at all in doing anything. The world's imploding. It's over. Life as we know it is gone.

"Oh, come on, James. It's not that bad."

That's right. It's not.

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Making and Selling What People Want To Buy

BY NAOMI DUNFORD

I talk to a lot of people in a lot of different lines of work. One of the most consistent problems I see in would-be ittybiz owners — whether they're selling ebooks online, plumbing services from their basement, hats in a bricks and mortar store or gloves in an Etsy shop — is the total lack of consideration for what their customers actually want.

The "should we make and sell this?" question is answered — if you can call it an answer — by saying, "You know what would be AWESOME?!?!"

Awesome for you, or awesome for them?

A good friend of mine was about to make their first ebook. It was on Obscure And Academic But Still Fairly Interesting Topic X. It didn't have much to do with what was going on in his existing business, but he knew

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How To Stop Being So Goddamn Scared All The Time

So, you're scared. Let's finally talk about that, shall we?

I know you're worried. I know it feels impossible and daunting and terrifying. I know you wish someone would make it all better. We're going to do our best to start getting you there, ok? Promise.

I'm going to talk you through this. I can't make it all better, but I'm pretty sure I can make the fear you're feeling a whole lot more bearable, so you can save that important part of your sanity. (The one that lets you do the things that keep food on the table.)

I'm going to take you through three steps to get the panic to go away, and I won't make it complicated, because your head is likely already swimming.

Before we move on to the three steps, though, I have a question for you.



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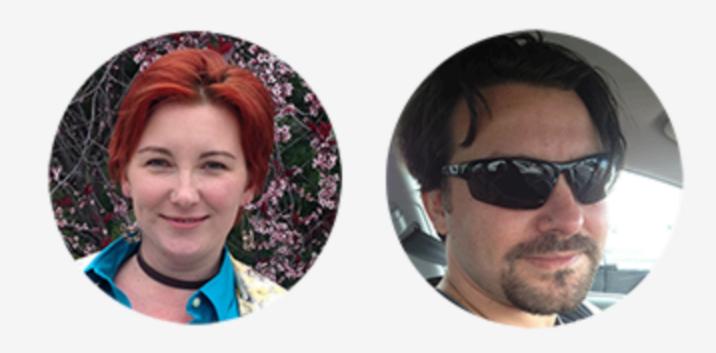
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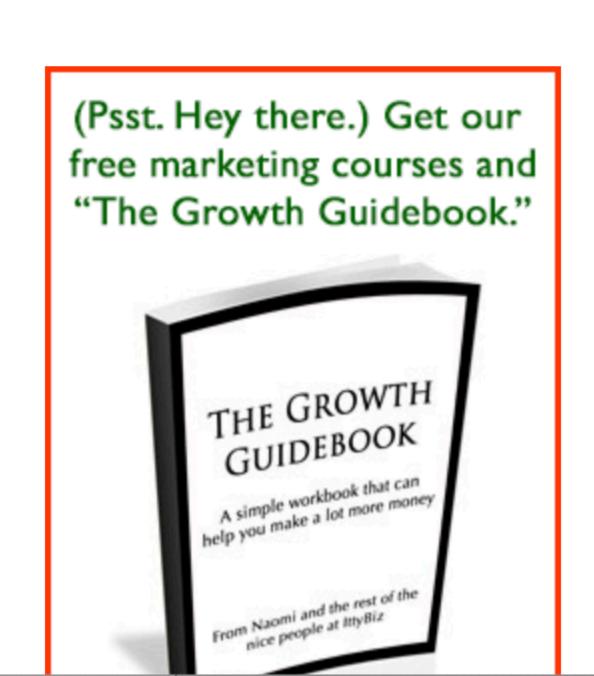
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by Naomi Dunford

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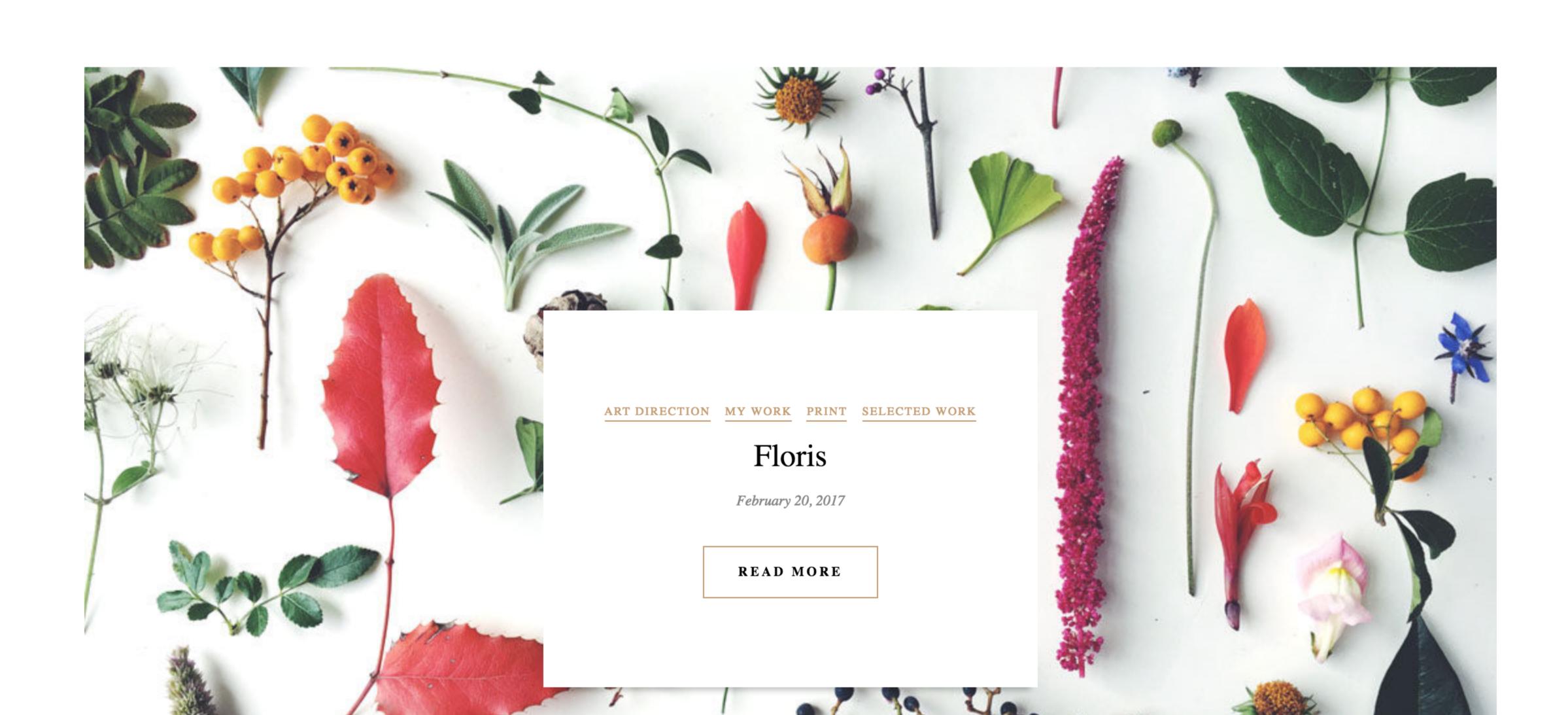
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