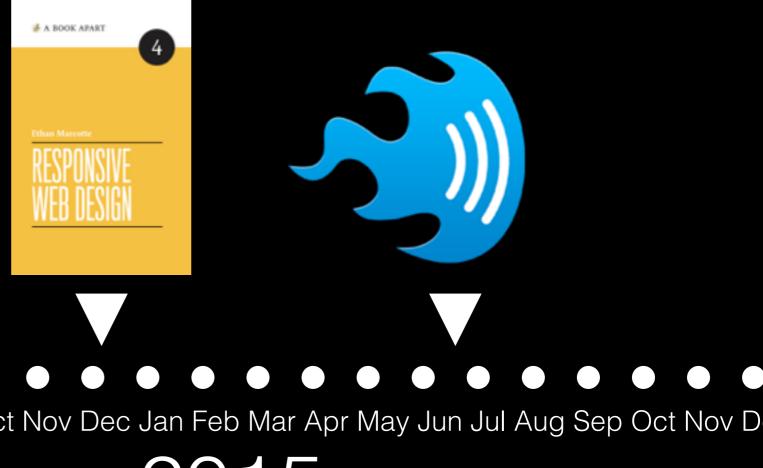


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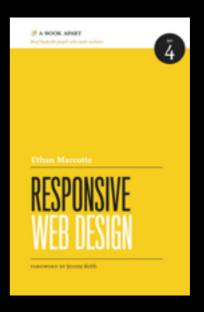


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A Dao of Web Design

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What Zen was to the 70's (most famously with motorcycle maintenance), the *Tao Te Ching* was to the 90's. From Piglet and Pooh to Physics and back, many have sought sense in applying the *Tao Te Ching* to something (the *Tao of Physics*), or something to the *Tao Te Ching* (the *Tao of Pooh*). It can be a cheap trick, but lately it has struck me that there is more than a little to be understood about web design by looking through the prism of the *Tao*.

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The control which designers know in the print medium, and often desire in the web medium, is simply a function of the limitation of the printed page. We should embrace the fact that the web doesn't have the same constraints, and design for this flexibility. But first, we must "accept the ebb and flow of things."

⁻John Allsopp, "A Dao of Web Design"



THIS IS THE WEB.



THIS WILL BE THE WEB.











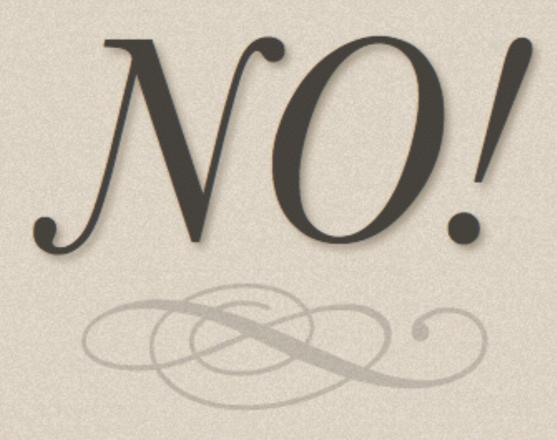












Using Photoshop/Fireworks for responsive design is like bringing a knife to a gunfight

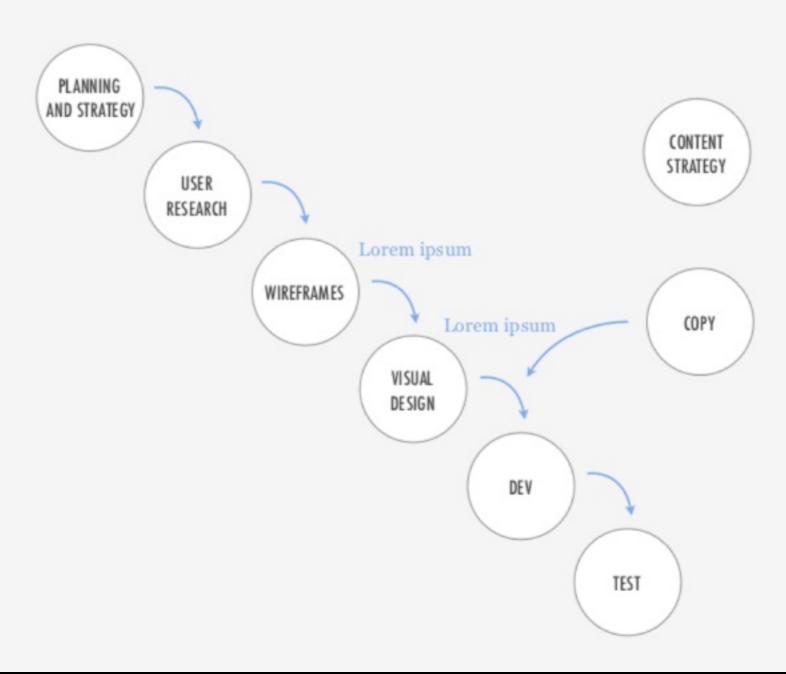
—Andy Clarke

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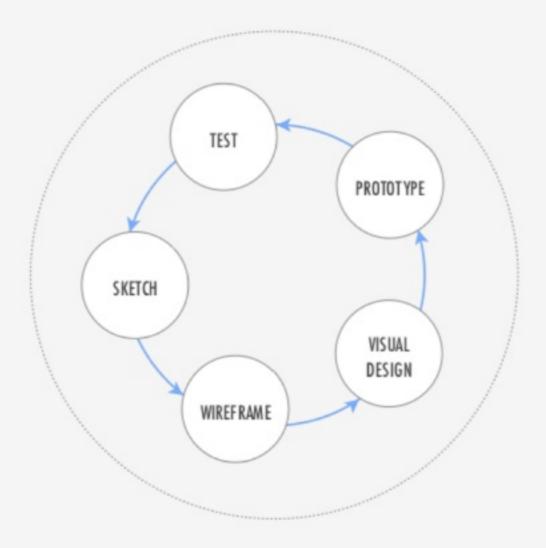
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Instead of making websites responsive we have to make sure to keep them responsive.

-Jeremy Keith

Remaining on 'm dot' is not what responsive is about.

—Andy Hume

Responsive web design or as I call it: web design

-John Allsopp

