

Making a Plone Theme

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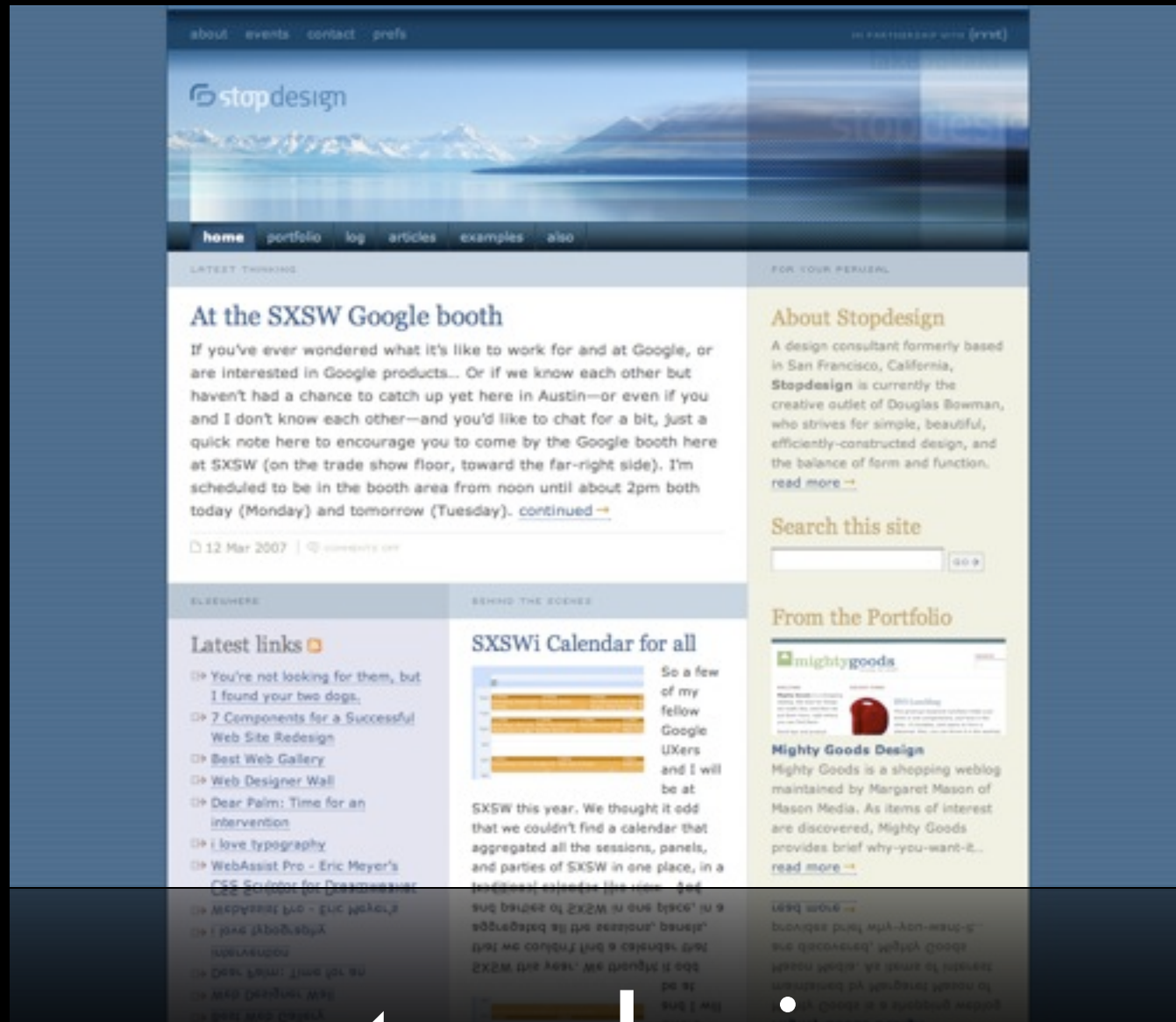


Fixed-width design



Examples





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God Knocks

"It's becoming a bedroom community for people who work on Wall Street," the Wife says of our beloved Manhattan. While the housing market everywhere else incurs gangrene, prices here are sky-high and climbing. A new condo goes up every three seconds and an angel does not get his wings.

When I moved to New York City in 1988, it was possible to find a rent-stabilized apartment in the East Village, Kips Bay, and plenty of other places—to live an artist's life, or a drunkard's, while securing a semblance of middle class security and stability. People moved here to pursue music careers, acting careers, writing careers, anything that didn't pay. Some even painted. They could live here indefinitely while the market ignored their talent.

Today the city is cleaner and safer, but a small one-bedroom in an indifferent neighborhood costs over a million dollars. It's not just the poor and the old who are getting priced out. Not just the working class. Not even just the middle class. New York is still a melting pot, but its ingredients are changing as the city squeezes out all but the richest rich.

Brooklyn is where many families have moved and many creative people with or without families are moving, but Brooklyn's prices are

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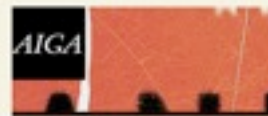
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www.happycog.com



CSS



```
#visual-portal-wrapper {  
  width: 980px;  
  margin-left: auto;  
  margin-right: auto;  
}
```





Liquid design




```
#visual-portal-wrapper {  
    margin-left: 20%;  
    margin-right: 20%;  
}
```





STYLES FOR DIFFERENT **INTERNET EXPLORER_s**



IE = BUG



BUGS != FUN



- IEFixes6.css
- IEFixes7.css
- IEFixes8.css



IEFixes.css



in XHTML...




```
<tal:iefixstart replace="structure string:&lt;!--[if IE]&gt;" />
```

```
    <style type="text/css"  
        media="all"  
        tal:condition="exists: portal/IEFixes.css"  
        tal:content="string:@import url($portal_url/  
IEFixes.css);">  
    </style>
```

```
<tal:iefixend replace="structure string:&lt;![endif]--&gt;" />
```



IEFixes.css



Notes



IE7 is cool!



(at least better than IE6)



I. Write styles for IE7
at first



2. Hack for others



How to hack?



for IE6 and lower



*html




IEFixes.css

```
#portal-top {
```

```
}
```





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Welcome to Plone

Congratulations! You have successfully installed Plone.

Also available in presentation mode...

If you're seeing this instead of the web site you were expecting, the owner of this web site has just installed Plone. Do not contact the Plone Team or the Plone mailing lists about this.

Get started

Before you start exploring your newly created Plone site, please do the following:

1. Make sure you are logged in as an admin/manager user. (You should see a Site Setup link in the top right corner)
2. Set up your mail server. (Plone needs a valid SMTP server to verify users and send out password reminders)
3. Decide what security level you want on your site. (Who can join, password policies, etc)

Get comfortable

After that, we suggest you do one or more of the following:

- Find out [What's new in Plone 3.0.](#)

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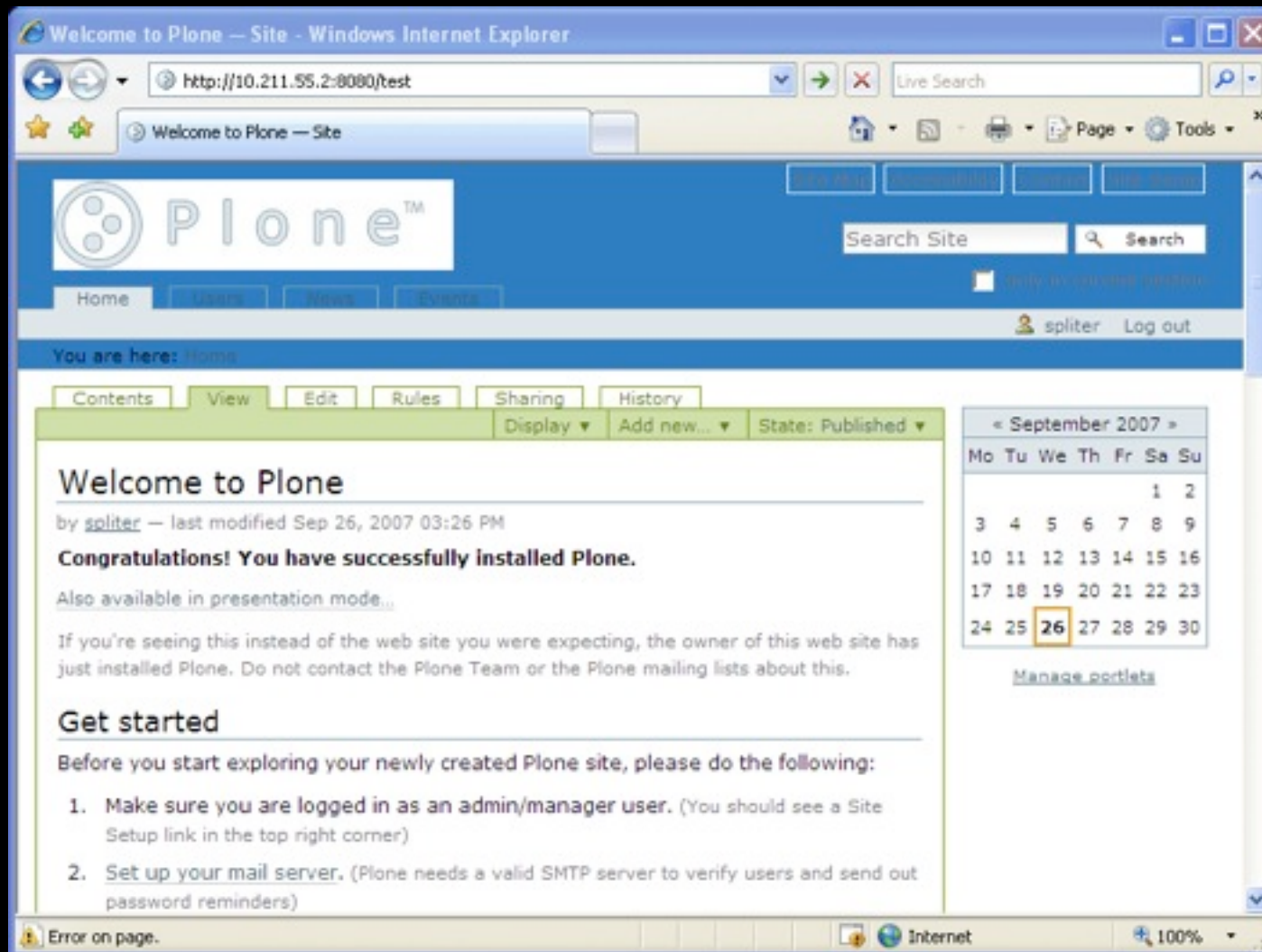
#portal-top



IEFixes.css

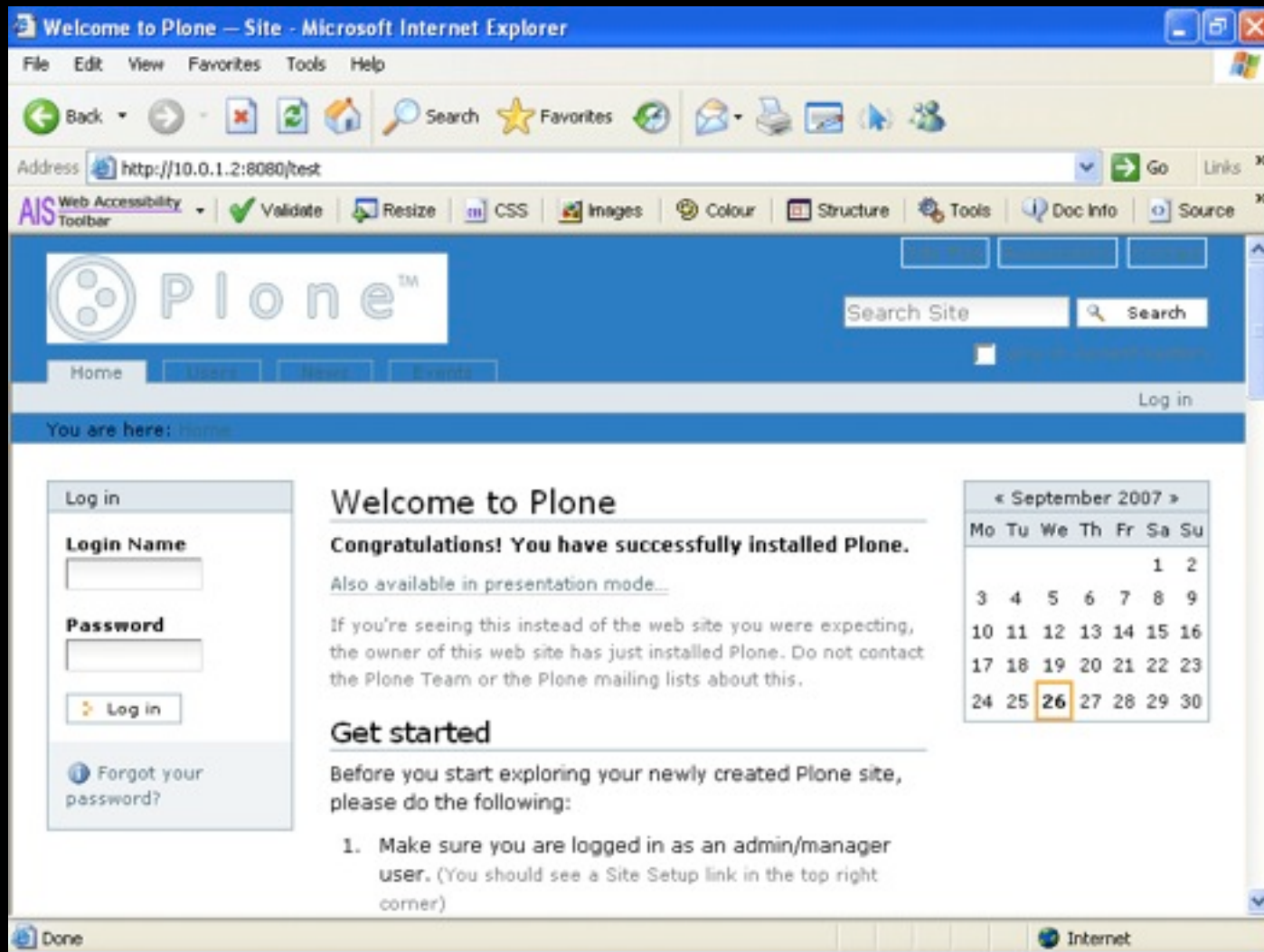
```
#portal-top {  
    background: #007AC5;  
}
```





Internet Explorer 7





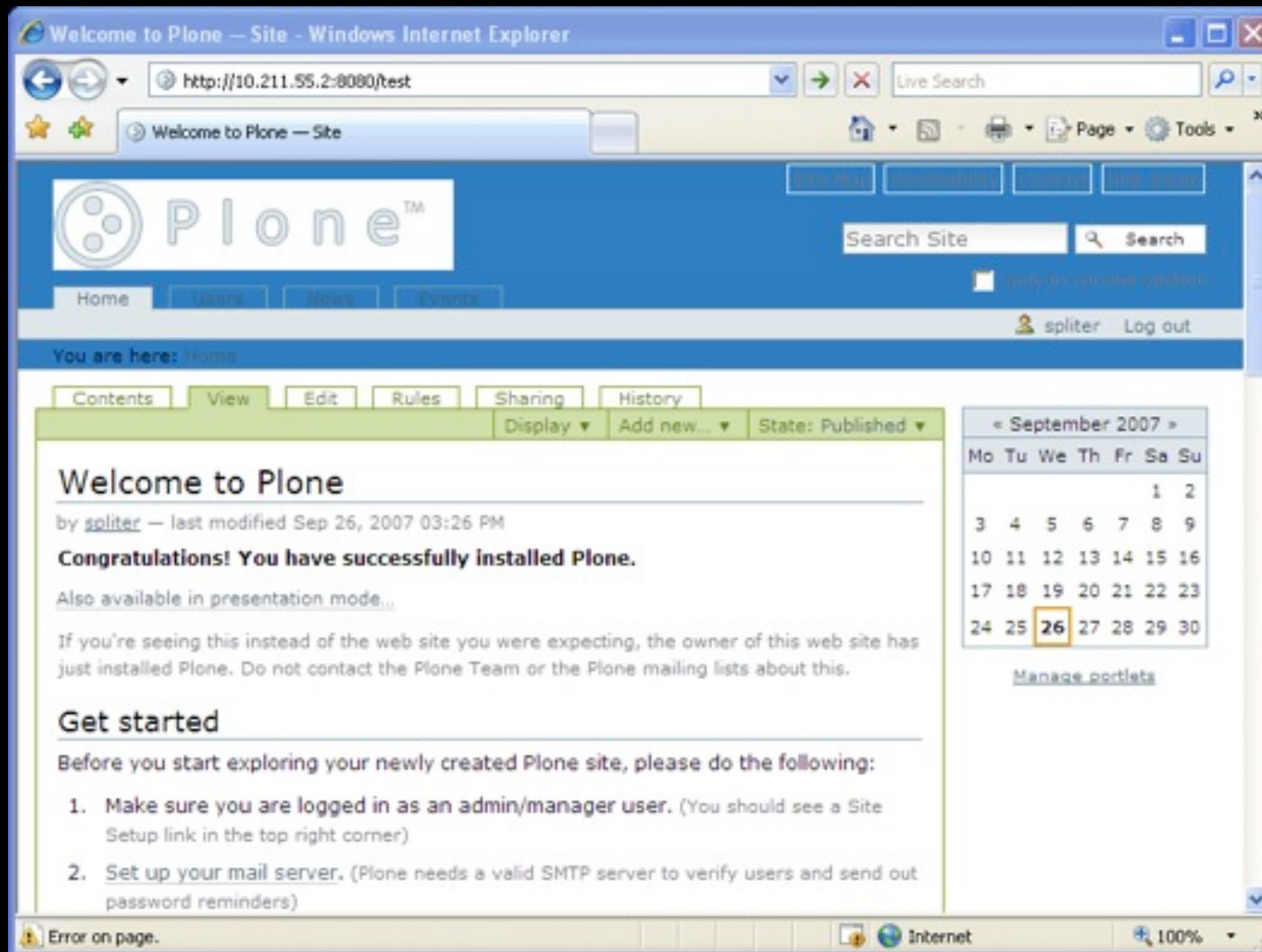
Internet Explorer 6



IEFixes.css

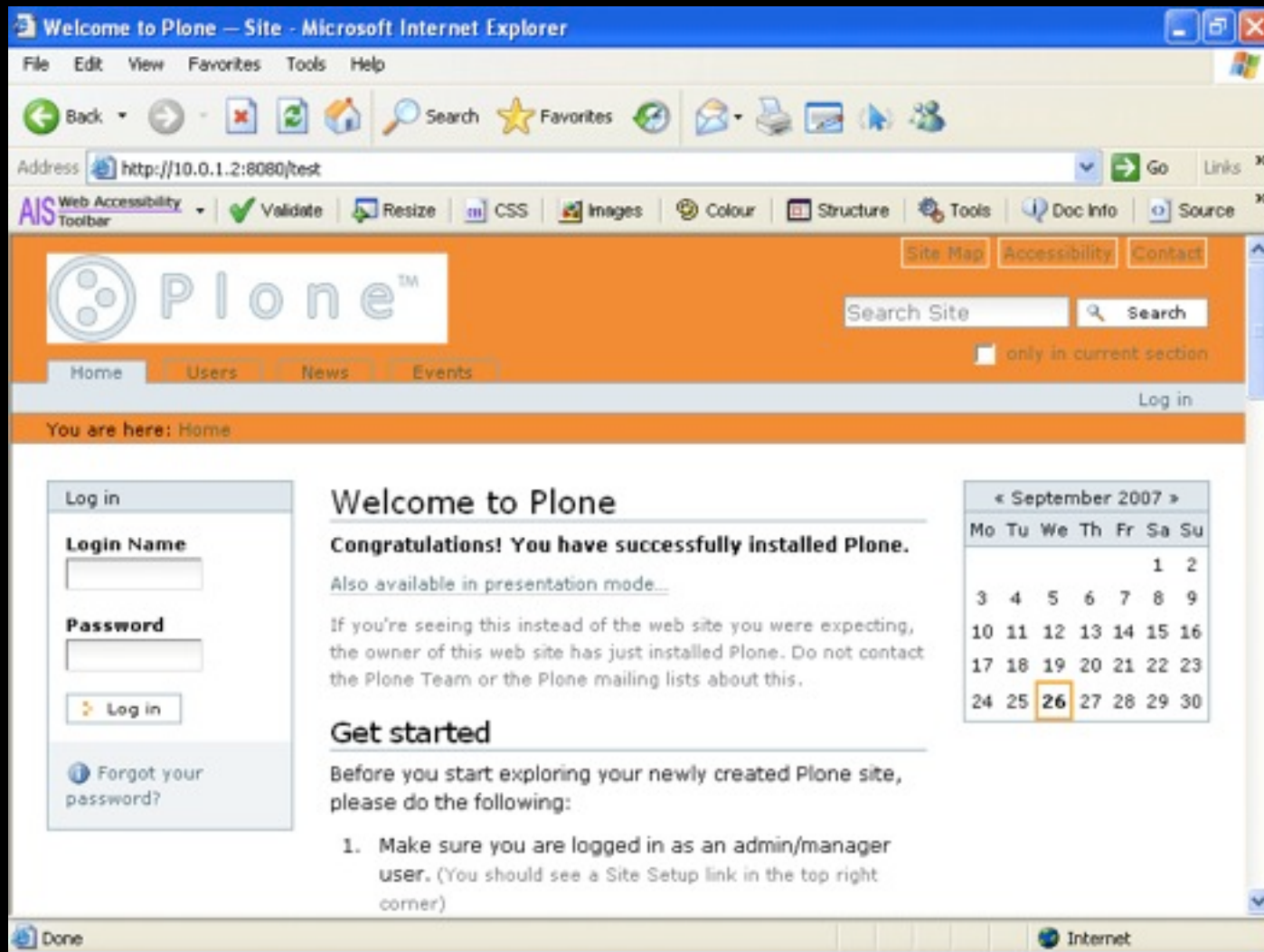
```
#portal-top {  
    background: #007AC5;  
}  
  
* html #portal-top {  
    background: #FF8700;  
}
```





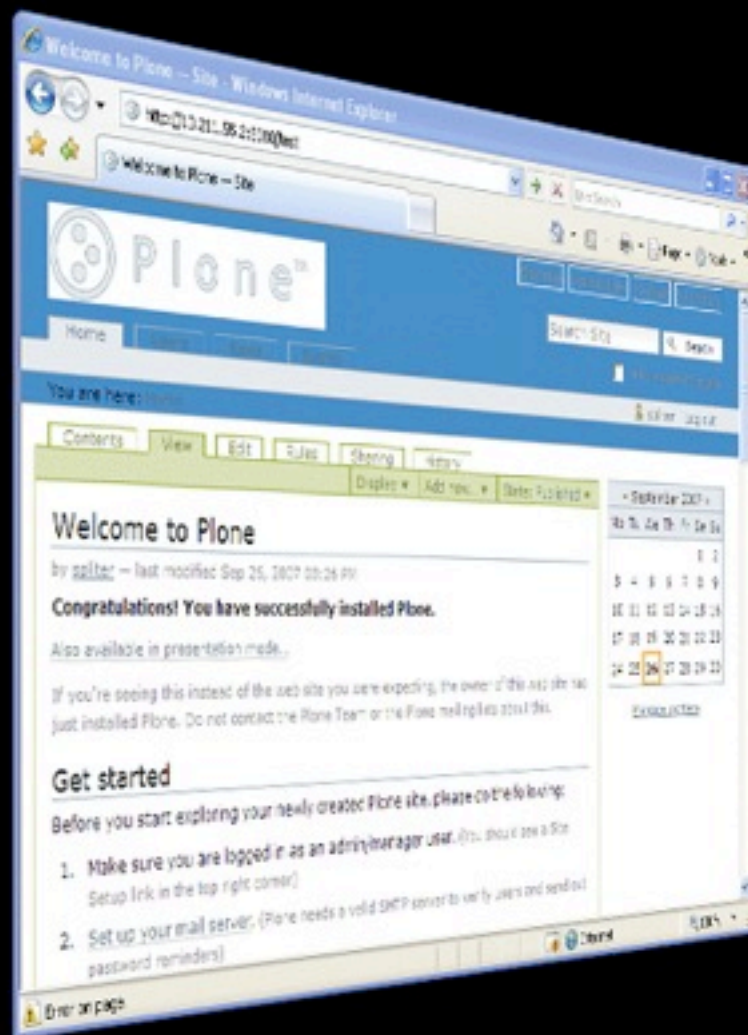
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Internet Explorer 6





*html



- Valid CSS
- Easy to use
- Almost no chance your styles will be broken





STYLES ALTERATION



 Different sections



Site root

News

Products

About us

Contact



in XHTML...



BODY class:

string:\${here/getSectionFromURL}



NEWS section
class="section-news"



PRODUCTS section
class="section-products"



CONTACT section
class="section-contact"



ABOUT US section
class="section-about-us"



in CSS...




```
body.section-news {  
    background-color: #007AC5;  
}  
body.section-products {  
    background-color: #FF8700;  
}  
...
```



 Particular template



in XHTML...



BODY class:

... template- $\{template/id\}$



any_cutom_view.pt



in CSS...



```
body.section-news {  
    background-color: #007AC5;  
}
```

```
body.template-any_custom_view {  
    background-color: #34BD0D;  
}
```

...



Real-life example



Web Couturier

www.webcouturier.com





body.section-...



ATELIER

professional and unique
custom-made design



BOUTIQUE

high-quality ready to use
plone themes



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Web Couturier on
plone.net



The Web
Couturier
project is
now listed as a provider
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companies, provided
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RARE COMBINATION OF SKILLS AND PROFESSIONALISM

“ Working on high-
profile, high-end
projects requires a team
with hard-to-find skills. I
needed someone with a
unique combination of
attributes: deep
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”

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Plone 3 theme
for Simplon
company. This
Plone theme is
the final stage of
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body.template-frontpage_view

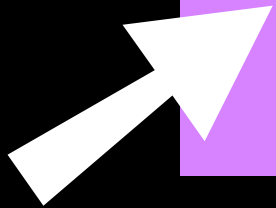


- it is NOT about “Changing a Theme”
- slight modifications only



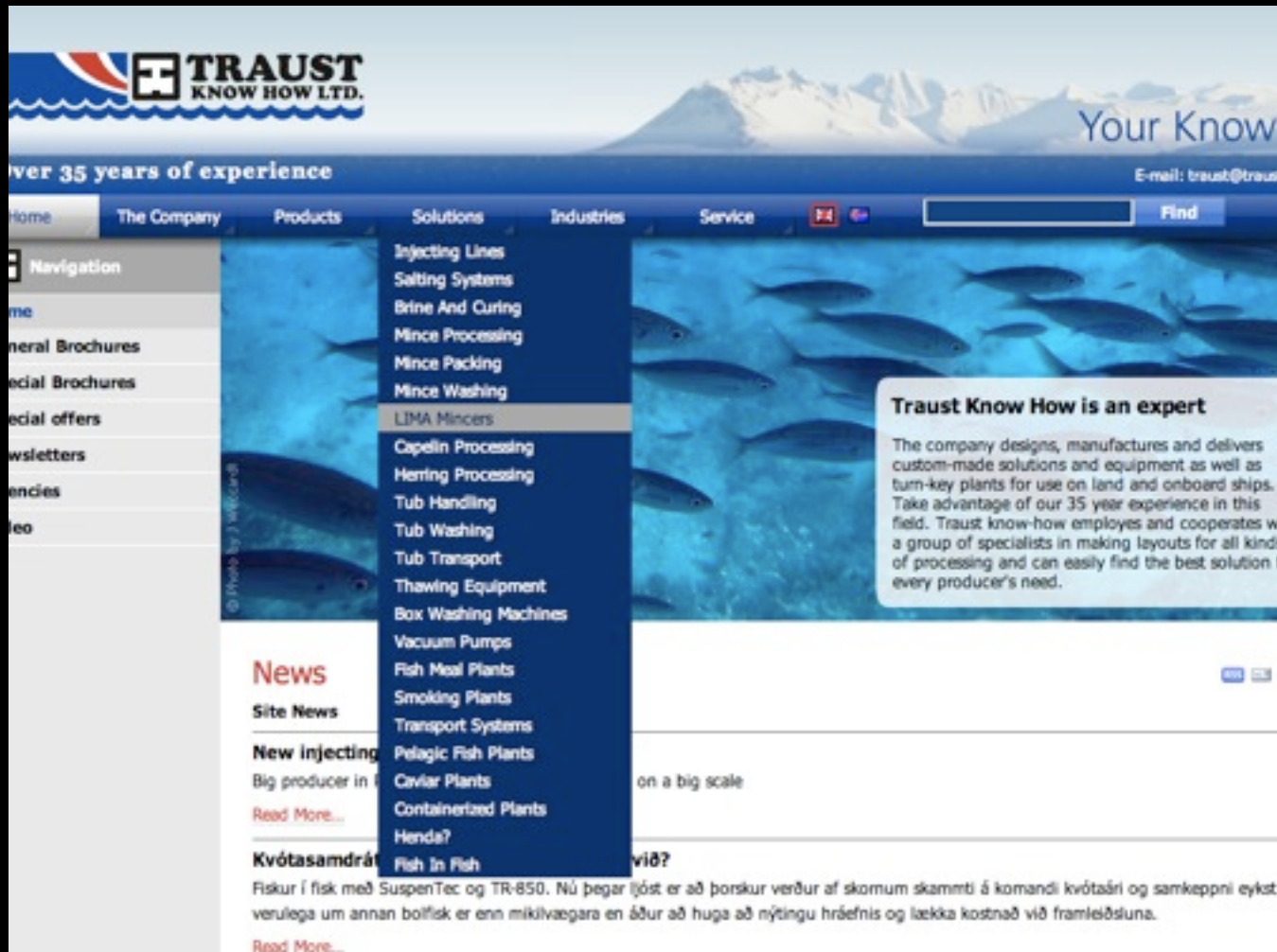


DROPDOWN MENUS



Examples





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Perciformes!

Welcome to the universe of Perciformes - perch-like fish that include the world famous **Suckerfish**

Percoidei	Anabantoidel	Gobioidel
Hello. You have found a page with a lot of HTML and CSS and a teensy bit of JavaScript. It's accessible, it's usable, it's fun.	Climbing perches ▶	
	Labyrinthfishes ▶	Belonti
	Kissing gouramis	Betta
	Pike-heads	Colisa
	Giant gouramis	Macropodus
Suckerfish Dropdowns are brought to you by Patrick and the letter C. To find out more about Suckerfish I wrote the article in HTML Dog . To find out more about per Google a try.		Malpulutta
		Parosphromenus
		Sphaerichthys
		Trichogaster
		Trichopsis

Something else that might (possibly) be of interest (maybe) is that this page has an [elastic layout](#). Try increasing your browser's text size setting and watch that layout grow! It's just like those toys that expand when you put them in water. Only without the water. And with more HTML. And CSS. Oh forget it. It's not really like them at all.

www.htmldog.com



Son of the Suckerfish Dropdowns



Patrick Griffiths
and
Dan Webb



- Accessible
- valid CSS
- obvious and clean XHTML



PLONE Dropdowns



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Tabs with drop-down menus using the suckerfish method

This How-to applies to: Plone 2.5.x, Plone 2.1.x

This How-to is intended for: Site Administrators, Integrators, Customizers, Developers

Three step customization of Plone 2.1 and 2.5 that will show a menu under the tab the mouse points to, and a container with items inside that will appear as menu items.

Introduction

This how-to shows you a three step customization process that will give you the following functionality:

- A tab that represents a folder or another type of container will have its contents shown as a drop-down menu.
- The items on the top level tabs and those items inside each menu will be shown with an icon that represents the item.
- If an item that is inside of a menu is itself a folder or another type of container too then its contents will be shown as a drop-down menu system for each tab.

You will have multiple version support:

- It will work equally well in Plone 2.1.x and in 2.5.x, using a slightly modified template.
- It will work equally well with the most popular browsers: Internet Explorer 5.5, 6, and 7, Firefox 1.5, 2, and 3, and Safari 1.2, 2, and 3.

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by Paulo Lopez



- Plone 2.5.x, Plone 2.1.x
- manual work
- need to read the how-to



PLONE 3



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- Plone 2.5.x, Plone 2.1.x
- manual work
- need to read the how-to



- Plone 3.0.x
- NO manual work
- NO need to read the how-to



New Product



webcouturier.dropdownmenu



Site's structure



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Navigation

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 - Subfolder level 3**
 - Subfolder level 3
- Subfolder level 2

Log in

Login Name

Password

Log in

Log in

Subfolder level 3

There are currently no items in this folder.



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Subfolder level 2

There are currently no items in this folder.



- uses INavtreeStrategy
- uses SitemapQueryBuilder()
- uses 'sitemapDepth' (default == 3) in portal_properties/navtree_properties
- works in all modern browsers, incl. Safari, IE6, IE7





ROUNDED CORNERS



“Rounded corners
in CSS has become
sort of a holy grail”



About 20 different
techniques



[http://css-discuss.incutio.com/?
page=RoundedCorners](http://css-discuss.incutio.com/?page=RoundedCorners)





Pure CSS solution



Example Techniques



```
<div id="container">  
  <b class="rtop">  
    <b class="r1"></b> <b class="r2"></b> <b class="r3"></b> <b class="r4"></b>  
  </b>  
  <!--content goes here -->  
  <b class="rbottom">  
    <b class="r4"></b> <b class="r3"></b> <b class="r2"></b> <b class="r1"></b>  
  </b>  
</div>
```

Initial Nifty Corners



- The more radius the more complex CSS
- Too ugly XHTML
- No hooks in Plone
- People don't like dealing with CSS if they can change images



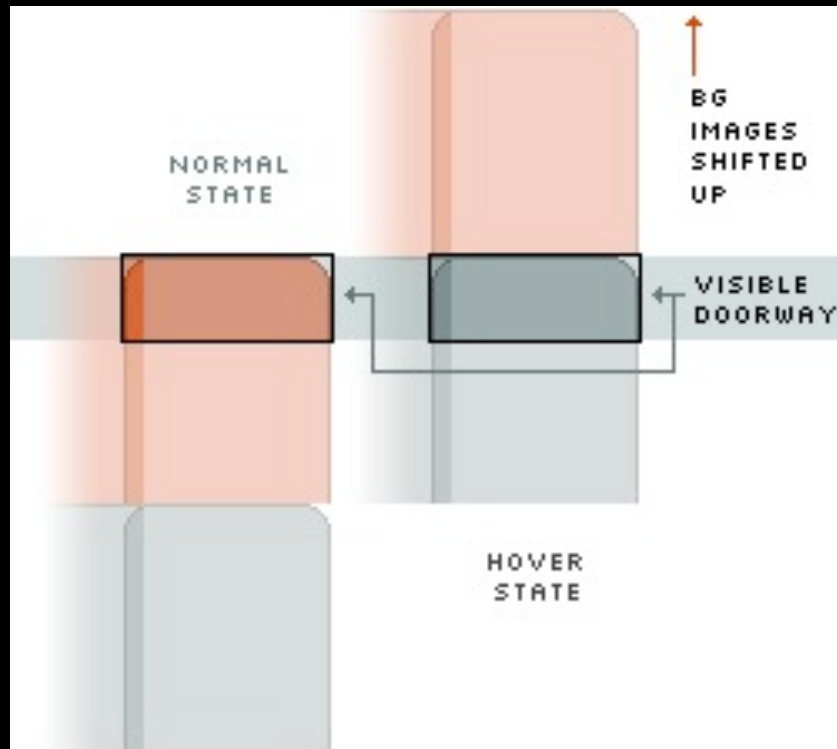


Images-based solutions



Example Techniques





Sliding Doors



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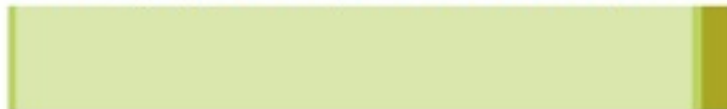
Adam Kalsey technique



haut.gif (top part. Dimension : 275px X 40px)



milieu.gif (central part that will repeat itself. **true dimensions: 275px X 1px**)



bas.gif (bottom part that will be stuck to the bottom of the block. True dimensions: 275px X 40px)



<http://tutorials.alsacreations.com>



And so on...



- Plone has XHTML hooks in portlets for this
- Pretty simple (but not trivial) CSS
- Most of the cases use nested HTML elements
- Fixed set of images for the corners
- Inflexible for changes



* JS+CSS solution



- The most flexible
- Does not require nested elements in HTML to be put manually
- Does not require additional CSS



Examples





by Alessandro Fulciniti

Nifty Corners Cube





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Anti-aliased Rounded corners with JQuery



September 24, 2007 Published in: Web development Tagged as: development, Javascript, JQuery, rounded corners



Recently I've been searching for a method of creating nice looking rounded corners with Javascript & JQuery.

First I found the "jQuery Corner" plugin¹ for rounded corners, but was disappointed that it did not include smooth, anti-aliased corners.

I then did some more google-trawling and found [this post](#)², which contained a modified version of [Curvy Corners](#)³ for use with JQuery. Now this script was much much better.

However...the filesize was a massive 40kb, way too big for production use, and to make things worse the code was not compatible with [packer](#)⁴ so I could not reduce the filesize.

Well, I got busy, and fixed the errors. It is now fully packer friendly meaning easy rounded corners in JQuery at only 9kb [8kb](#). Excellent. [Read more for the download link.](#)

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JQuery corners



- First seems not to work with borders and background images
- The second one doesn't work nice with Safari and requires JQuery





CurvyCorners library



by
Cameron Cooke
and
Tim Hutchison



Pros



- Supports most of the modern browsers
- Works with borders
- Works with background images
- Supports antialiased corners





Cons



- Some obvious problems when background images are used and box has different radiuses
- Other small issues when used with other rounded boxes - box shifts to the top or bottom





Improvement of JS





<http://www.ophrisphotography.co.uk>

<http://www.ophrisphotography.co.uk>



How it works?



<http://www.curvycorners.net/usage.php>

