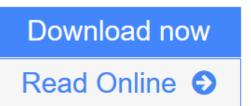# Bulletproof Web Design: Improving flexibility and protecting against worst-case scenarios with XHTML and CSS

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No matter how visually appealing or packed with content your Web site is, it isn't succeeding if it's not reaching the widest possible audience. If you get this guide, you can be assured it will! By deconstructing a series of real-world Web sites, author and Web designer extraordinaire **Dan Cederholm** outlines 10 strategies for creating standards-based designs that provide flexibility, readability, and user controlâ€"key components of every successful Web site. Each chapter starts out with an example of what Dan refers to as an *"unbulletproof"* conceptâ€"an existing site that employs a traditional approach and its associated pitfalls. Dan then deconstructs that approach, noting its downsides and then making the site over using Cascading Style Sheets (CSS). By the end of each chapter, you'll have replaced traditional, bloated, inaccessible page components with lean markup and CSS. The guide culminates with a chapter that pieces together all of the page components discussed in prior chapters into a single page template.

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Diana says

Awesome book! First web design book I was able to pick up, read and actually take it all in, without needing to read each chapter over and over. Dan Cederholm writes very down to earth and easy to understand.

Widi says

This is book for my inspiration first web design.
Although i'm not yet read at all..

Lisa says

One of my very first html books. This book helped me code by thinking of flexibility and different scenarios. It was a great starter book.

Shane C says

the book is very useful and informative!

Janis says

Really excellent book on making both standards compliant design with CSS, but also building in precautions for careless users.

Kevin Connery says

OK, but seriously out of date: spent a lot of time explaining how to deal with Netscape 4 and IE 5. Also spent more time on the technology, and virtually nothing on actual *design*

Otis Chandler says

I liked his other one - anyone know about this one?

Chad Warner says

The concepts behind "bulletproof" web design remain relevant, but the specific examples haven't aged well. Using code snippets and screenshots, Cedarholm shows how to replace bloated code with lean, semantic, accessible markup. The goal is bulletproof design: thinking ahead and designing for multiple scenarios, and protecting content. The book covers flexible text, fluid layouts, and making content readable without images or CSS.

Cedarholm's techniques were fine when the book was published in 2006, but some of them are outdated. For example, gradients and graphical rounded corners can now be done with CSS3.

I read this book because I liked the sequel, Handcrafted CSS (my review).

Notes

• For flexible text, set font-size on the element to a keyword like small. Set all other font sizes as percentages relative to the body size.
• Use ems for margins and padding on text elements so they resize proportionately to the text.

Marian says

A bit outdated and some of it isn't relevant any longer but some good things also.

Lea Verou says

Was a great book when it came out, but I wouldn't recommend it to anyone today: Too outdated by now.

Kizito says

Fantastic book. Dan makes web design an easy fun and colorful experience. Examples, tips and ideas are well presented and easy to follow.
Simply put, this book is a must have.

Matteo Tomasulo says

Must-have for web designers and web developers as well.

Ryan Parman says

This is a well-written, practical book that gives you concrete, hands-on examples for how to write some of the best markup on earth. Highly recommended to any new web designers who are interested in how to better hone their craft.

Sergio J. says

Helps you alot to understand how Html works with CSS

Max says

Useful reference, well written.