

Logos: 7 Tips

Be creative

Understand the brand

Color is key

What's in a name? (Can you use a logotype?)

Keep it easy and flexible

Don't expect instant success

Use online resources and tools

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Company Recognition Easy visual recognition/identification Web designers may be asked to create/help create logo for company/website Many tools available, some free some not so much

Photoshop/Fireworks (definitely NOT free)

Free online photo editors from syllabus / Google

http://www.shopify.com/

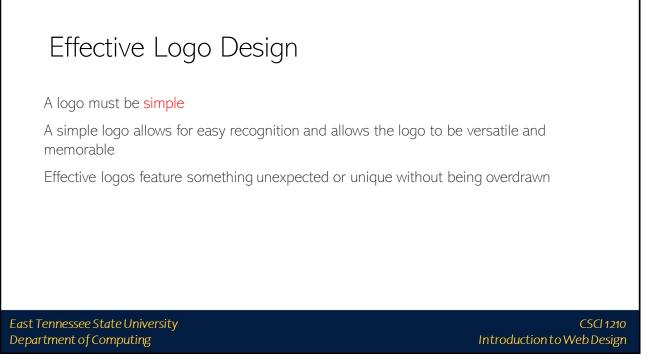
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"What's important is to create something that you believe is different from anything already out there." ~David Airey

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Effective Logo Design

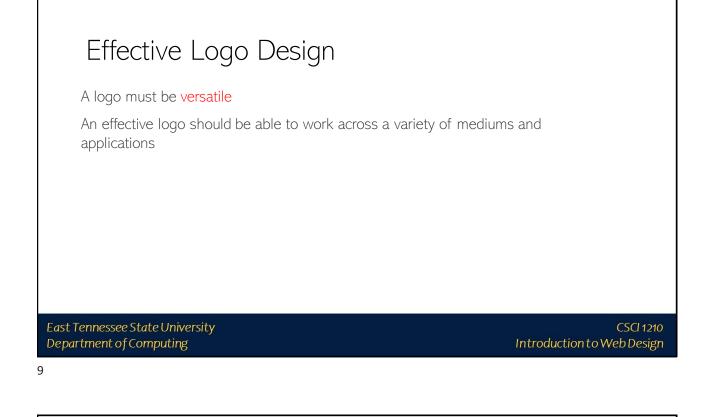
A logo must be enduring

An effective logo should endure the test of time

The logo should be 'future proof', meaning that it should still be effective in 10, 20, 50+ years time

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Effective Logo Design

A logo must be appropriate

How you position the logo should be appropriate for its intended purpose

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Logos: Colors

Every color has a different implication and can bring nuance to your message

Red: energetic, sexy, bold Orange: creative, friendly, youthful Yellow: sunny, inventive, optimism Green: growth, organic, instructional Brown: rural, historical, steady Blue: professional, medical, tranquil, trustworthy Purple: spiritual, wise, evocative Black: credible and powerful White: simple, clean, pure Pink: fun and flirty

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Logos: Outsourcing

If your team lacks the services of a good graphic designer (Hint: hire one!), there are online resources available to create professional logos, for a fee.

https://99designs.com/logo-design

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Some Logo Backstories - Android

Some speculation it was lifted from video game or Star Wars

Irina Blok – the Android designer who thought up the logo – clears up the question of what actually bought the little <u>bugdroid</u> into existence:

"This logo is designed to be international symbol for Android, and it is open source, just like the platform itself. There are no cultural references to any other characters or cultural icons... The process was very simple – we talked to the founder of android and did a research on the whole android/robot theme."

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Some Logo Backstories - Apple

Apple's logo has spawned a number of stories as it evolved over the years

Original (right, top) Robert Wayne, co-founder of Apple - for 11 days

Rob Janoff (right, bottom):

"I didn't have much of a formal brief on the logo assignment, other than "don't make it cute". But I did know the selling points of the Apple Computer, and one of the biggest was colour capability. To me, that looked like colour bars on a monitor, which became the stripes in the logo. The order of the stripes, I'm sorry to say, had no particular grand plan other than I liked them that way. And, of course, the green stripe would be at the top where the leaf is...The bite is really about scale and the common experience of biting into an apple. It was a happy accident that 'byte' is a computer term."

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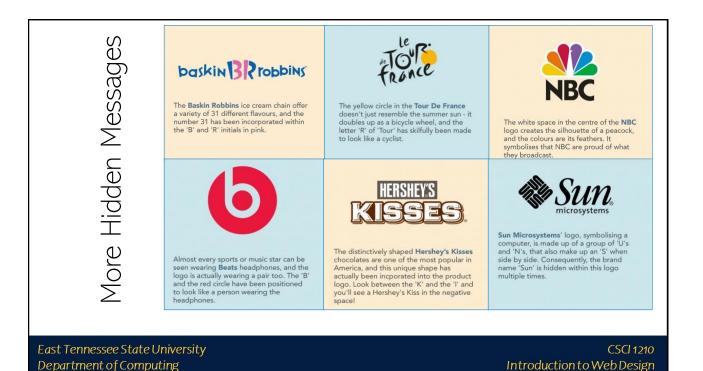


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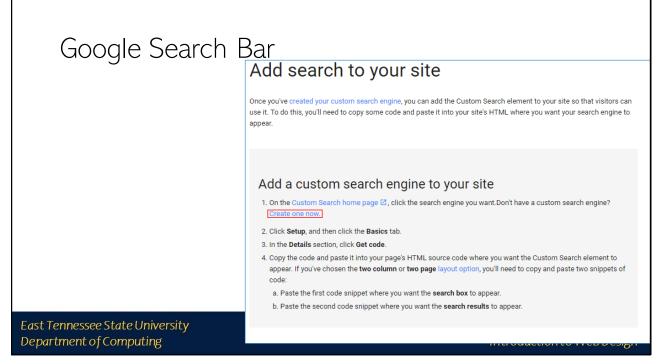
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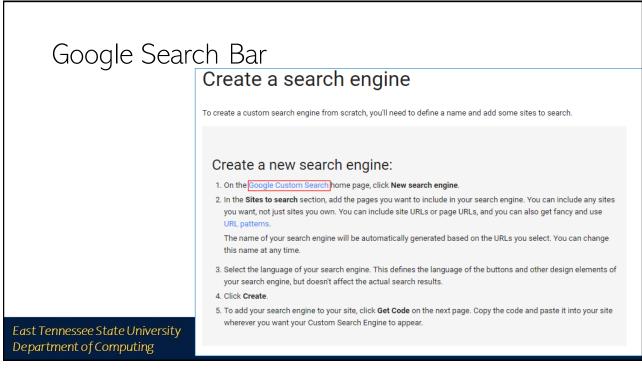
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You may want to add a search bar to your website

https://support.google.com/customsearch/answer/2630969?hl=en

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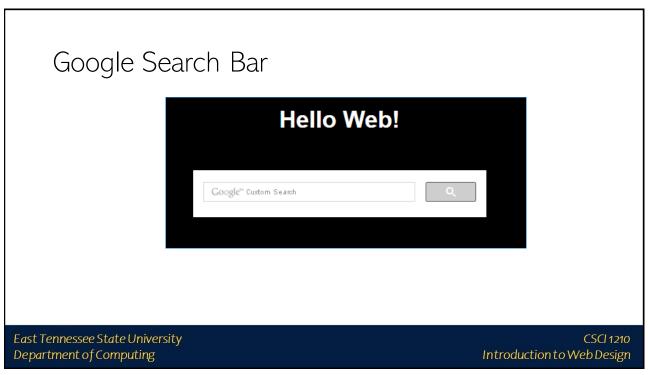
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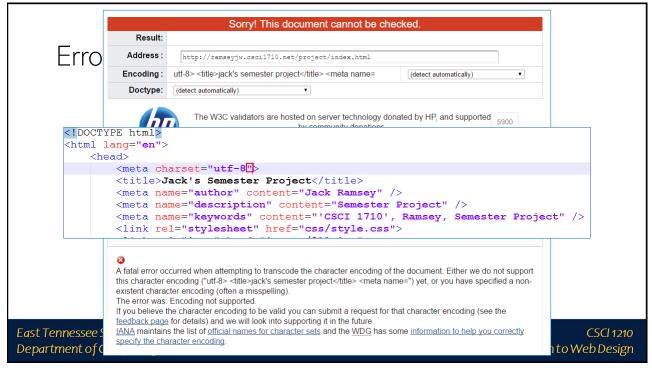
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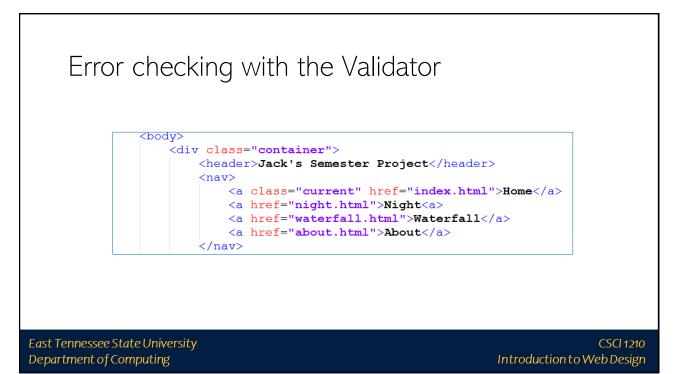
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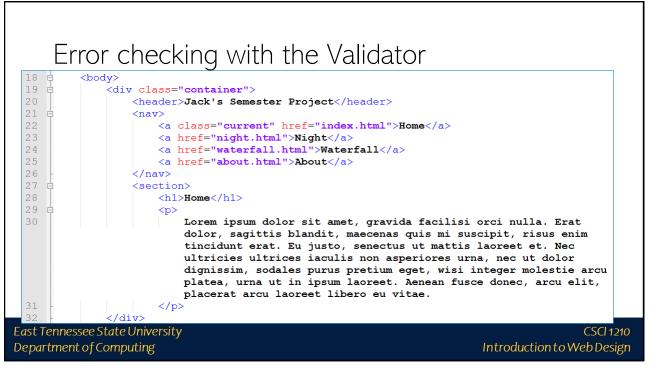
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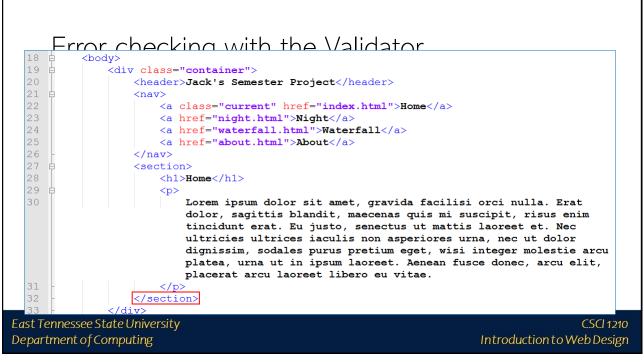


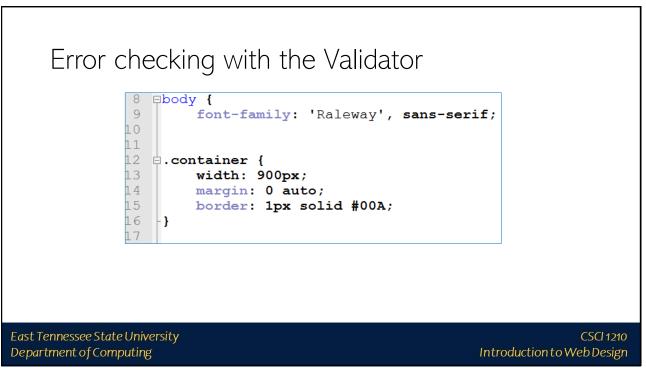




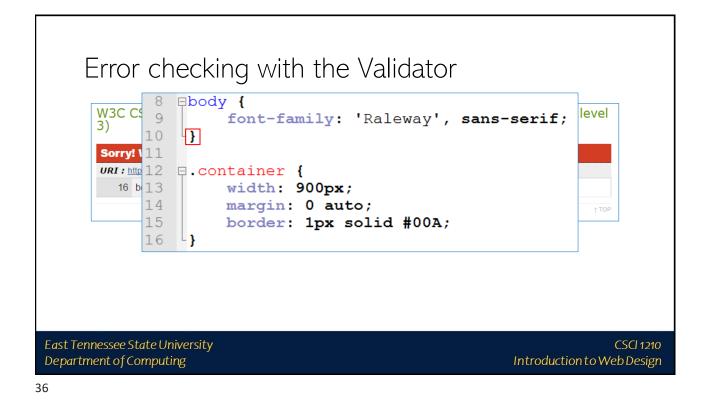


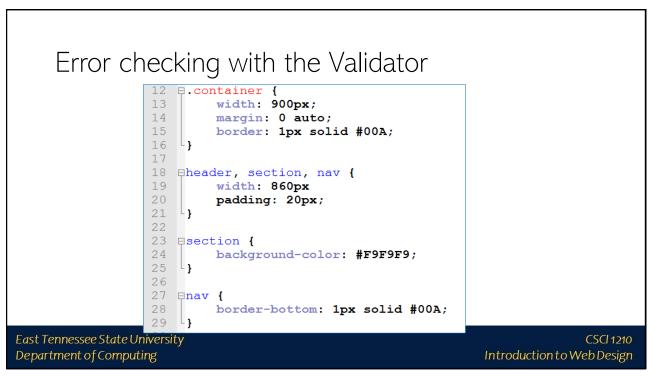




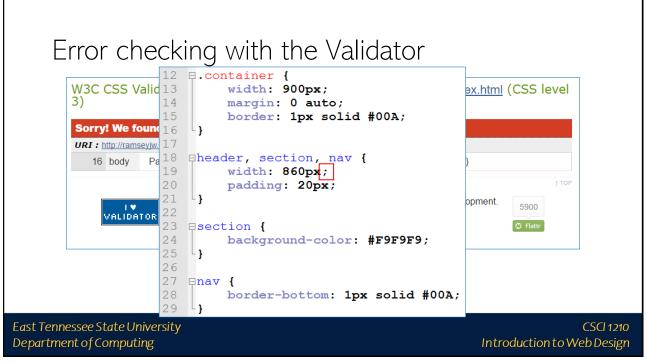


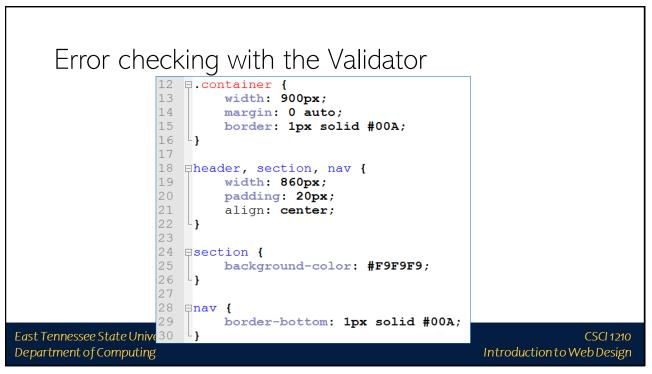




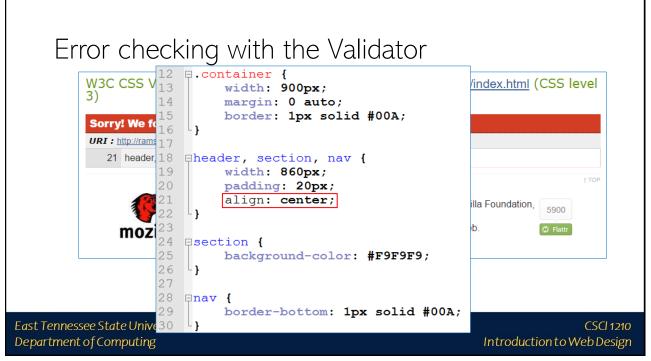










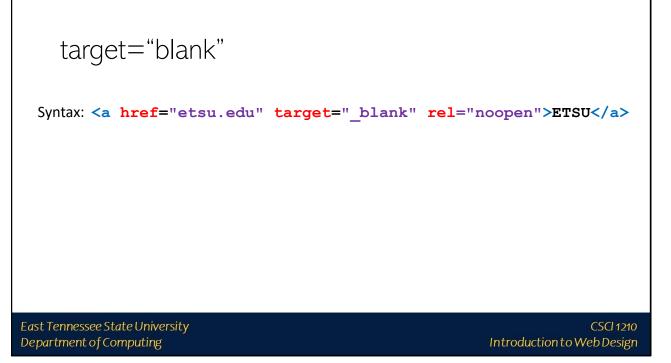


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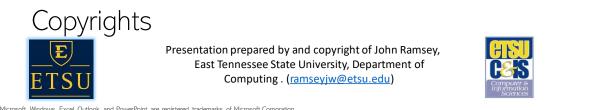
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