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Choosing Fonts; Choosing Colors; Chapter 7: Developing Your Overall Blog Layout; Getting Familiar with Common Layout Types; Selecting a Blog Theme; Exploring Ways to Showcase Blog Posts on Your Home Page; Deciding Where to Place Advertising; Chapter 8: Customizing Your Header, Footer, and Background; Expressing Visual Identity with a Strong Blog Header; Enhancing Navigation with a Blog Footer; Polishing Your Design with a Blog Background; Chapter 9: Customizing the Design with Coding Basics
Seeing How HTML and CSS Work Together
Basic HTML Every Blogger Should Know; Basic CSS Every Blogger Should Know; Accessing the CSS in Your Blogging Platform; Inspecting Your Blog with Firebug; Part III: Designing for Easy Navigation and Interactivity; Chapter 10: Navigation and SEO Basics; Discovering the Mission of Good Navigation; Easing Navigation with SEO-optimized Blog Components; Making Your Blog Mobile-Friendly; Chapter 11: Laying Out Your Navigation Menu and Sidebars; Introducing Important Content with a Navigation Menu; Putting Together Your Navigation Menu
Showcasing Key Information with a Sidebar
Identifying Elements to Build a Sidebar; Including Visual Design within Your Sidebar; Staying Clear of Sidebar Distractions; Chapter 12: Making Content Easy to Find; Giving Visitors the Opportunity to Explore; Making Sure Visitors Find What They're After; Organizing with Categories and Tags; Helping Readers Find Old Content; Increasing Reach by Highlighting Your Blog Posts; Chapter 13: Increasing Ability to Share and Interact; Exploring Sharing Buttons for Your Blog Posts; Managing Comments; Highlighting Social Media Profiles
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The average blogger does not typically have experience with design or coding, but that shouldn't deter them from having a professional-looking blog design. This friendly and easy-to-understand guide provides you with the tools you need to establish a creative, unique, and aesthetically memorable blog without having to learn how to code beyond some basic CSS. Whether you're looking to write for a major brand, become a brand ambassador, sell a product, acquire new clients, advocate for a cause, or simply tell a story, you'll find design tricks, helpful techniques, and invaluable advice for cr
