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30 Awesome Web Designs That Create an Illusion of Depth

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Depth perception is our ability to see the world in three dimensions. It allows us to gauge the relative distances of objects we can see. In a plane/2D surface, depth can be simulated by the use of concepts related to depth of field, perspective, focal/vantage point, shading, lighting, and others.

Web design is traditionally a two-dimensional medium. However, experimenting with faux 3D effects can lead to interesting and memorable user experiences. In this showcase, I present to you web designs that successfully create an illusion of depth.

Mike Dascola

The [portfolio website](#) of web designer Mike Dascolaa establishes an illusion of depth. A surreal quality characterizes the three-dimensional scene presented on the site.



The Dascola Barbers

The Dascola Barbers website pays homage to Ann Arbor, while focusing on the people that make the shop a success. A figure/ground perspective is achieved through the caricatures of the barbers.



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