

Level-1-mockup-v7-README

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Level 1 is the home page. This is the documentation for the Level 1 mockup (v7), going from the top to the bottom of the image. The mockup was developed in collaboration with Megan Ward, Angela Aliff, and Ashanka Kumari.

One key question is whether we can have this page auto-resize for monitors and laptops (let's ignore touchpads and mobiles for now), so that it exactly fits in the user's screen. In other words, users should not need to scroll up or down or left or right to see all of this page when they visit it.

1) Underlying Image

The underlying image is provided separately as a high quality JPEG. As you will see, I cropped this image in order to match the rectangular width of the average desktop/laptop browser window. I also increased the brightness slightly so that the text and icons we have put on top of the image would stand out better.

2) Icons and search box in upper-right hand corner

These icons and search box will be consistently placed across levels 1, 2, and 3 of the site. I pulled all the icons and the search box off other sites, so these (at least the home and email) will need to be replaced with versions that don't violate anyone's copyright. Please let me know what options we have for these, so that I can make a selection. We would like to go with the alternating scheme of blue and black for the icons.

Home icon – will link to this page itself (www.livingstoneonline.org) in the same tab.

Mail icon – should allow a user to send an email to awisnicki@yahoo.com We may replace this email address eventually.

Twitter icon – will link to our Twitter feed (<http://www.twitter.com/livingstone13d>) and appear in a new tab.

Wordpress icon – will link to our wordpress blog (<http://livingstoneonline.wordpress.com>) and will appear in a new tab.

Search box – will allow users to search the whole site (critical materials, transcriptions, etc). Results page will appear in the same tab on a new page.

3) Title and Subtitle in center of page

Please duplicate as you see here. The font is Calibri, but we hope to change this eventually.

4) Colored section tabs in center of page

Each of these colored section tabs will link to one of the six main sections of the site. The order, spacing,

colors, and text should be as you see here. The font is Calibri, but we hope to change this eventually.

We will tweak the colors more going forward. In particular, we'll eventually want to improve the color combination and go with slightly lighter colors so that the text stands out better.

Mousing over the given tab should result in some subtle change (suggestions welcome) to alert the user that there is an underlying link.

The one change to make in implementing the colored tabs is to make all the tabs the same width, rather than of varying widths as in the mockup.

5) Page change arrows at left and right of page, center

These arrows allow the user to cycle through the home page and the six main sections of the site. The arrows will be consistent across levels 1, 2, 3. Where the arrows take users (between home page and main sections of the site) will be consistent across levels 1 and 2 only. On level 3, these arrows will still be there, but will take you between the parts of the given section.

So, in other words, on the home page (level 1) and on level 2, clicking on the arrows will take you somewhere through the following sequence:

<--> Home <--> Livingstone / Online <--> In His Own Words <--> Life & Times <--> Our Technology <--> Behind the Scenes <--> Resources <-->

6) Colored circles near bottom of the image

We would like the underlying home page image to rotate periodically as one watches the home page, and, separately, to change each time a user revisits the home page. As a result, although only one underlying home image is being provided now, eventually we hope to have a few more. These colored circles allow users to see which of the underlying home page images they are currently viewing.

7) Footer

Note that the color of the footer is black.

Institutional icons – Each of these should be linked to the relevant institutional home page, which will open up in a new tab.

UCLA Library <http://www.library.ucla.edu/>

National Trust for Scotland <http://www.nts.org.uk/property/david-livingstone-centre/>

National Endowment for the Humanities <http://www.neh.gov/>

National Library of Scotland <http://www.nls.uk/>

University of Nebraska-Lincoln www.unl.edu/

8) Pop-up text on mouse overs for accessibility

In order to make the site accessible to visually challenged users, for the desktop/laptop version of level 1, at

least, we would like mousing over of each element to result after a short delay in a pop up (black with white text on it) that describes that element. Take a look at how this element works on the following page:
<https://www.gc.cuny.edu/Home>

So, for instance, if the user were to mouse over (but not yet click) on the UCLA Library icon at the bottom of the page, after a moment a small pop up would appear that said "UCLA Library". As another example, if the user were to mouse over (but not yet click on or enter any information into) our search box, a small pop up would appear that said "Search".