110 Hand-picked Freebies for Learning Experience Designers



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Keep Learning

- 1. <u>Accessibility From the Ground Up: A Guide to Making eLearning Barrier Free</u>: Important guidance on inclusivity from the eLearning Guild
- 2. Creating Compliance Training Learners Will Love: Expert advice and tips
- 3. Data Visualization Checklist: Guide for creating high impact data visualizations
- 4. <u>Field Guide to Human-Centered Design</u>: Scroll down to download the free book as a PDF or purchase the print version
- 5. Learning Technology Manager's Guide to XAPI
- 6. <u>Learning While Working Framework</u>: Based on 70:20:10 and other models
- 7. Learning Transfer-Evaluation Model: Research-based evaluation method
- 8. <u>Leaving ADDIE for SAM Poster</u>: Explains an Agile methodology for instructional design
- 9. <u>The New World Kirkpatrick Model</u>: Improved version of the previous model
- 10. Chartopedia: Guide for choosing the best chart for your purpose

Bonus I Visually Captivating Presentations: eBook covers presentation and visual design basics

Free Stock Photos

- 1. Burst: Decent collection of free stock images
- 2. <u>Death to Stock</u>: At the linked page, scroll all the way to the bottom to find the field for entering your email address to receive free photo packs.
- 3. <u>Gratisopgraphy</u>: Quirky stock photos
- 4. <u>ISO Republic</u>: Good selection of stock photos
- 5. <u>Kaboompics</u>: Generic stock photos
- 6. <u>Pexels</u>: One of the better sites for photos of people working variety of jobs
- 7. <u>Startup Stock Photos</u>: Yep. Photos of people in startup type environments
- 8. <u>Stocksnap.io</u>: One of the better stock photo sites
- 9. <u>Unsplash</u>: Giant collection of artistic, creative photographs
- 10. <u>Women of Color in Tech</u>: Helps close the diversity gap for tech photos

Bonus I Vintage Stock Photos: Retro and vintage images

Free Vector Graphics: Illustrations and Icons

Vector graphics are scalable without losing resolution when you work with .svg, .eps or .ai formats

- 1. Drylcons: Well-designed icons, attribution to the company required
- 2. Flaticon: Thousands of free icons
- 3. Free Vector Download: Colorful icons and illustrations
- 4. <u>FreeDesignFile</u>: Illustrations, icons and other assets
- 5. <u>Freepik</u>: Lots of vector graphics and some photos
- 6. <u>Iconmnstr</u>: Good selection of filled and line art icons
- 7. <u>Icons8</u>: Both free and paid icons in a variety of styles
- 8. <u>Pixabay</u>: Choose vector graphics in the Images drop down in search bar
- 9. Stockio: Vector art, icons, photos and videos too
- 10. VisualPharm: Categorized collection of icons in varied styles

Free Cut Out People

Use these sites for eLearning characters in scenarios because they come in different poses.

- 1. <u>eLearning Art</u>: Sign up for a starter pack of cut out eLearning characters and other assets
- 2. <u>eLearning Brothers</u>: Sign up for a starter pack of eLearning characters
- 3. eLearning Network: Free character packs
- 4. Faster Course: Six cartoonish characters in different styles
- 5. Interactive Solutions: Cartoon character packs

These cut outs, made for architectural renderings, might work best in backgrounds to add realism.

- 6. <u>Cutout Life</u>: Cut out people from around the world
- 7. Escalatina: People from Latin American countries
- 8. Mr. Cutout: Good selection of individuals and groups
- 9. <u>XOIO</u>: Office people. Use the button on the right at the linked page to download some cutouts
- 10. Skal Gubbar: Cut outs to add realism to scenes (made for architectural renderings

Bonus I <u>Clipped</u>: Cut out people by a variety of designers

Free Video Footage and Cinemagraphs

Most of the free video footage is not the highest resolution but will typically suffice for eLearning and websites.

- 1. <u>Bottled Video</u>: Free 640x480 clips
- 2. <u>Burst</u>: Limited number of free cinemagraphs (photo with subtle looped animation)
- 3. <u>Clipstill</u>: Limited number of free cinemagraphs—others are inexpensive
- 4. Motionplaces: Geographically oriented footage
- 5. <u>Pexels</u>: Free stock video footage
- 6. <u>Pixabay</u>: One of the better selections of free video footage
- 7. <u>Stockio</u>: Free stock video footage (plus other media assets)
- 8. <u>Stockfootageforfree</u>: Limited footage but you might find something.
- 9. Life of Vids: Free stock video footage
- 10. <u>Videezy</u>: Decent selection

Free Music and Sound Effects

- 1. Audio Archive: Loads of free music, poor user interface
- 2. Audionautix: Free music
- 3. DigCCMixter: Free music, including for video games, with attribution
- 4. FreePlay Music: Free music you can download
- 5. FreeSound: Search for sound effects and music
- 6. <u>Gamesounds</u>: Music and sound effects
- 7. <u>Musopen</u>: Catalog of public domain music
- 8. <u>Sonic Squirrel</u>: Free music in many different genres
- 9. <u>Soundjay</u>: Good collection of sound effects
- 10. ZapSplat: Access to a large creative commons sound effect library

Bonus I YouTube Audio Library: Free music downloads for your projects

Free Fonts

These sites have a reputation for providing legitimate (legal) free fonts.

- 1. 1001 Fonts
- 2. Abstract Fonts
- 3. DaFont
- 4. FontSpace
- 5. FontSpring
- 6. Font Squirrel
- 7. FontStruct
- 8. FontZone
- 9. Google Fonts
- 10. UrbanFonts

Bonus I <u>Behance</u>: Here you can find free fonts directly from the typographer. Scroll through the examples to a download button at the bottom. Donation requested.

Free Multimedia Tools

- 1. Auphonic: Automatic audio post production (two free hours of audio per month)
- 2. <u>Canva</u>: Graphic design app for presentations, infographics, etc. Offers free and paid images to add to your designs.
- 3. Contrast Analyzer: Improve visual accessibility by seeing the contrast in visual elements
- 4. Design Bold: Similar to Canva with some additional features like sharing
- 5. Handbreak: Desktop app that converts video from one format to another
- 6. Inkscape: Top of the line app for creating and editing vector graphics
- 7. Invision: Popular collaborative prototyping tool allows for team communication
- 8. Krita: Free open source paint program
- 9. OBS Studio: Desktop application for video recording and live streaming
- 10. Vectr: for creating vector (scalable) graphics online or on the desktop

Bonus I OpenShot: Free desktop video editor

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Free Infographic, Chart & Diagram Tools

Some of the apps below have limited features on the free plans.

- 1. AsciiFlow: Simple free diagramming tool for quick starts
- 2. ChartBlocks: Create custom charts and share
- 3. Chartify: Create all kinds of charts and diagrams, currently free
- 4. Chartsbin: Create interactive maps, currently free
- 5. Ease.ly: Lots of templates
- 6. Google Chart: Create interactive charts for websites; displays live data
- 7. Infogram: Charts, maps, infographics, reports
- 8. Snappa: General design tool with a lot of infographic templates
- 9. <u>Visme</u>: Good features but infographics on the free plan are public.
- 10. Visualize.me: Create an infographic resume and more

Bonus I Diagrammer: Free diagrams created as PowerPoint slides.

Free Work and Productivity Tools

- 1. Calendly: Scheduling tool
- 2. Diigo: Online bookmarking
- 3. <u>Doodle</u>: Meeting scheduler
- 4. FoxitOnline: Read and edit PDF files online
- 5. GoogleKeep: Save notes on computer or phone by typing or speaking
- 6. <u>HelloSign</u>: For signing documents digitally (free plan allows for 3 documents a month)
- 7. IFTTT: Automates integration of various apps and devices
- 8. MarinaraTimer: Use for the Pomodoro method or other timing techniques
- 9. Netvibes: Aggregates your RSS feeds into a visually appealing dashboard
- 10. RescueTime: Download and track where you spend your time online
- 11. <u>Scanbot</u>: Scan documents, books, etc. with your phone.
- 12. <u>ToDoist</u>: Popular task manager with a basic free plan

Bonus I Brain.fm: Music for focusing. Several free sessions.

Unique Search Tools for Your Work

- 1. <u>Creative Commons Search</u>: Search for assets available under a CC license (they recommend checking the license too)
- 2. <u>Every Stock Photo</u>: Search engine for free stock photos
- 3. <u>One Look</u>: Reverse dictionary. Describe a concept and get related words
- 4. <u>ResearchGate</u>: Millions of researchers submit their work for anyone to access. You may need to request access to a published article.
- 5. <u>SimilarSites</u>: Discover sites similar to ones you find useful
- 6. <u>Soungle</u>: Search engine for finding sound effects
- 7. <u>TinEye</u>: Reverse image search finds where an image appears online. I use this to find the original image for copyright restrictions on photos SMEs give me.
- 8. <u>Visual Hunt</u>: Search engine for free high quality stock photos
- 9. <u>Wolfram Alpha</u>: Enter a question and the app computes expert level answers
- 10. <u>Yippy</u>: Combines results from different search engines and assembles them according to related keywords.

Bonus I Everypixel: Image search using AI to search across 50 stock photo agencies



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