

Instructions to set up the “actor’s website”

Introduction:

The actor’s website is a free site developed by Joachim Schnier (flashscript.biz). Except for a few minimal edits no changes are required in the html pages. The contents of the pages are in one data file, which needs to be edited. Further, images like headshots and other images and a demo-reel need to be provided. The background images can be used as such or you can replace them with different ones. There is a separate set of images provided. The html version of the site is HTML 5. I am assuming that users are updating the browsers to have the newest versions for security reasons already. I have tested the site in Safari, Chrome and Firefox. You can test the site on your computer hard drive by opening it in a browser, but this works only with Firefox.

The site contains a lot of javascript. So the browser needs to be javascript-enabled. If it is not, the user will see this line “THIS WEB SITE REQUIRES JAVASCRIPT!”.

Step 1: Changing data in index.html

Open the file “index.html” with a text editor. Do not use Microsoft Word but a text editor like NotePad (Windows) or TextWrangler (Mac). You can download free text editors for Windows or Mac, if you don’t have one. Go to the line, which says “Enter your name” and change the line “*This Web site is the profile web site for YOUR NAME as an actor.*” by substituting your name. That is all.

Step 2: Adding images

Open the “assets” folder and the “images” folder. Put two of your headshots inside the folder. This can be .png or .jpg images. I recommend that they are not larger than around 500 pixel in width. Write down the width and height of the headshots. Now open the “resume.html” page in the text editor and go to “////////Enter width...”. Where you see “width=450;height=608” enter the values for your first headshot, then below, where you see “width=450;height=579” enter the width and height values for your second headshot. Save the file and you are done for now with this page. If you have further images you want to present on the “images.html” page you can add up to five images. Put them into the folder and delete the two images named image1.jpg and image2.jpg. If you want your own background images you can replace the ones in the folder starting with “back_”. The name of your images should be exactly the same with the extension .jpg. The width should be about 1400 pixel. And you are done with this folder. We now edit the data file.

Step 3: View1 of the data file (index.html)

Open the “assets” folder, then the “data” folder and “persondata.xml” in a text editor. Here it is important that you do not change anything, which is in these \diamond or these \langle/\rangle brackets. We go through the file step by step.

```
<title>YOUR NAME, Actor</title>
```

```
<name>YOUR NAME &lt;br/&gt;&lt;.....
```

Replace “YOUR NAME” with your name.

```
<headshot>assets/images/headshot.jpg</headshot>
```

If your headshot is named differently from “headshot.jpg”, replace it with the different name. Do not alter the path “assets/images/”.

```
<description>SHORT DESCRIPTION OF YOURSELF.  
</description>
```

Enter a short description of yourself about 3 or so sentences to let people know who you are.

```
<footer>Copyright &#169; YOUR NAME OR DOMAIN NAME 2016  
&#160;&#160;&#160;&lt;a href=  
https://www.facebook.com/YOUR NAME'&gt;&lt;img  
src='assets/images/facebook.png' alt='Facebook'&gt;&lt;/a&gt;  
&#160;&#160;&lt;a  
href='https://www.youtube.com/user/USERNAME'&gt;&lt;img  
src='assets/images/youtube.png' alt='youtube'&gt;&lt;/a&gt;
```

Change “YOUR NAME OR DOMAIN NAME” with your domain name or if you don’t have one, simply with your name. If you have a facebook page, enter the url for it (<https://www.facebook.com/YOUR NAME>). If you have a youtube account, which you should have, enter the url for it (<https://www.youtube.com/user/USERNAME>).

```
<link url="URL FOR VIDEO HERE">TITLE</link>
```

Here you have the possibility to enter urls for trailers or movies. Replace URL FOR VIDEO HERE with a url and replace TITLE with the title. Do not remove the

Quotations (“). If you want to add more urls, copy the above line and paste it underneath. Repeat the steps.

At this point we make a brake, save everything and test the html. So open “index.html” in Firefox and you should see the changes you made. Test the links to the movies, that they are working correctly. If you see a blank page, you have altered the structure of the xml file. You may find the mistake by opening persondata.xml in a browser. It will tell you, in which line the mistake has occurred.

Step 4: View2 of the data file (resume.html)

Now the data for the resume.html page are added. The resume page should be about 1 page long, when you go to an audition. Open persondata.xml again and scroll to view2.

```
<title>YOUR NAME, Resume</title>
```

Enter your name,

```
<headshot>assets/images/headshottwo.jpg</headshot>
```

Replace headshottwo.jpg with the name for a second headshot if different.

```
<title>TITLE HERE</title>
```

```
<character>CHARACTER</character>
```

```
<direction>DIRECTOR, PLACE, YEAR</direction>
```

We now work on the film resume. The upper three lines stand for one movie. To add more movies copy and paste the three lines under the previous ones for as many movies as you want to show. Start with the oldest one first moving towards the newer films. Just replace the text with what it says, title, character etc.

When the film section is finished, we move to the theater section. If you did not perform in theater, just leave it free and delete the lines

```
<title>TITLE HERE</title>
```

```
<character>CHARACTER</character>
```

```
<direction>DIRECTOR, PLACE, YEAR</direction>
```

under <theaterresume>. Otherwise repeat the same as for film. Repeat the procedure for <comercresume> (commercials) and <printresume> (prints). Then we move to <eduresume> (education).

```
<title>TITLE OF COURSE/STUDY</title>
```

```
<direction>NAME OF TEACHER</direction>
```

Enter the course and teacher's name. Select what you think were the most important courses. You can also enter a University/college here. Then come skills and languages.

```
<skill>SPORTS YOU ARE GOOD AT.</skill>
```

```
<skill>OTHER SKILLS</skill>
```

```
<language>LANGUAGE HERE, (IF) DIALEKTS HERE</language>
```

And you are done. Now open the "resume.html" page and make some changes here. Go to "/////DELETE "(selected)", if it does not apply. /////" and do that for

films and theater, if necessary. If you don't have theater to present you can remove this line `<h2>Theater (selected)</h2>` but not the one underneath. Theater will not appear. You can do the same for other headlines which have the `<h2></h2>` tags. You can then check, how the resume page appears by opening `resume.html` in a browser window.

Step 5: View3 of the data file (demo_reel.html)

If you appear in films you should have a 2 to 3 min long movie with pieces from those films. The format of this video should be .mp4. Open the "assets" folder, then "videos" and place the video inside this folder.

```
<title>YOUR NAME, Demo-Reel</title>
```

```
<videoreel>assets/videos/YOUR DEMO-REEL (.MP4 FORMAT)</videoreel>
```

Enter your name and replace YOUR DEMO-REEL (.MP4 FORMAT) with the name of the video, for example `demoreel.mp4`. And you are done. You can now open the `demo_reel.html` page in a browser and see, if it works.

Step 6: View4 of the data file (images.html)

We now work on images. You can show up to 5 different images on the `images.html` page. Place all the images (jpg or png format) in the "assets/images" folder. Then make changes in the `persondata.xml` file. Go to `<view4>`. You see

```
<title>YOUR NAME, Images</title>
```

Replace YOUR NAME with your name. Then enter the name of the images. You see for example

```
<image>assets/images/image1.jpg</image>
```

Change “image1.jpg” to the name your image has for example “johndoe.png”. Then the path is

```
<image>assets/images/johndoe.png</image>
```

If you have less than 5 images, enter “null” into each empty slot. And you are done with images.

Step 7: View5 of the data file (contact.html)

This is the form, which allows other people to contact you. Open the persondata.xml file and go to view5. Change

```
<title>YOUR NAME, Contact Form</title>
```

and replace YOUR NAME. Then open the form.php file. Change

```
$from = 'From: YOUR NAME HERE';
```

YOUR NAME HERE and change

```
$to = 'YOUR EMAIL HERE';
```

YOUR EMAIL HERE with an email address you want to use for this form. Do not make any other changes and do not delete the quotations ('). And now you are done. You need to upload the site to a server and test it. You can also get your own domain name.