STAR WARS THE OLD REPUBLIC SITE RE-DESIGN

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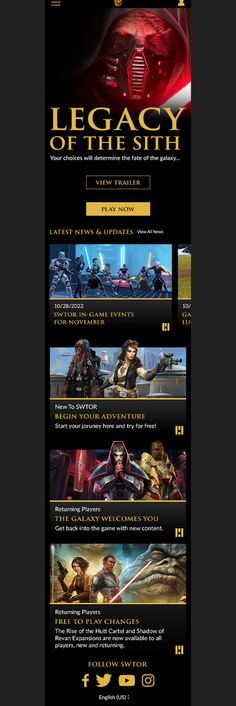


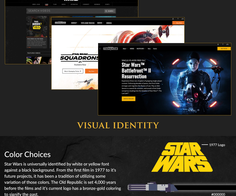
RESEARCH

Current Site

It is important to note that the current SWTOR site does not have a responsive design, which means that the current site on a phone, it displays the desktop version. The current site has not been updated in years. I studied their style and considered what content changes would be a better visual and user experience.

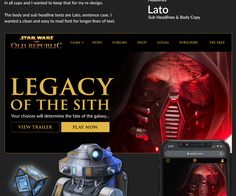
Competition

I focused on other MMO game sites to understand what visual elements were effective or not. WoW, FF, STO and LotRO are competitor sites I looked into, most of these sites also look like they need updating. Their competition lead me to a design language that I felt would fit a more modern market and still have a Star Wars/SWTOR influence on the style.



Inspiration

All of SWTOR's branding throughout the years has utilized their concept art and impressive cinematic trailers. I wanted to take their greatest strengths and feature them more prominently on their new site. Externally I was looking at websites like Star Wars Battlefront 2 to seek to look for inspiration from the main series of Star Wars for a game right? and other's such as EA's own Battlefront II and Squadrons games.



VISUAL IDENTITY

Color Choices

Star Wars is universally identified by white or yellow font against a black background. From the first film in 1977 to it's future projects. It has been a tradition of utilizing some variation of those colors. The Old Republic is set 4,000 years before the films and it's current logo has a bronze-gold coloring to signify the past.

I wanted to maintain that basic trinity of colors, finding a middle ground between the original SW yellow logo and the bronze coloring of SWTOR's logo. The rest of the site I wanted to be clean and modern, using black backgrounds and 2 monotone colors, with a little bit of grey to distinguish some images from the background.

Typography

The Old Republic logo is made from an edited version of Trajan Pro 3. It's used throughout their website as main headline texts in all caps and I wanted to keep that for my re-design.

The body and sub headline texts are Lato, sentence case. I wanted a clean and easy to read font for longer lines of text.

TRAJAN PRO 3
Headlines

Lato
Sub Headlines & Body Copy