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# Introduction

We all come across different things in our surroundings and even interact with them every day. It may surprise you to know that virtually all of our interactions with our surroundings are so arranged to affect you. Because of the interactions and interface with our surroundings, we are addicted to one social platform, it is important to understand that all the interactions that we have explained here revolve around user experience (UX) be it interaction with products, the environment, services and so forth.

Since the importance of UX design cannot be overemphasized, if you want to become a professional or have knowledge of UX design and interaction, we have compiled all the necessary information here.

## What is design?

A design is either a plan or specification for the building of an item or system, or the output of that strategy or specification in the form of a model, product, or process. To design is a verb that describes the process of creating a design. Direct building of an item without an explicit previous plan (as in craftwork, certain technology, computing, and graphic design) might be regarded as a design activity in some situations. The design must generally meet particular aims and limits, take into account artistic, operational, economic, or socio-political factors, and interact with a certain setting. Architectural blueprints, technical drawings, business procedures, schematics, and sewing patterns are all examples of designs.

A designer is a professional who works in one of the different design areas—usually indicating which field is being dealt with (such as a fashionista, product designer, web designer, or interior designer), but also architects and engineers. A design process is a series of actions carried out by a designer, which may include the use of design

methodologies. A design may be simple (a fast sketch) or complex (a protracted process requiring extensive study, negotiation, contemplation, modeling, interactive modification, and re-design).

# How is design related to technology?

The relationship between design and technology is often referred to as design technology. The research, layout, development, application, implementation, maintenance, and administration of non-computer and computer-related technologies for the goal of expressing the product's intended purpose and constructability are known as design technology. Design technology may be used to solve issues with product creation, operation, and maintenance.

While information technology is primarily focused on overall network infrastructure, hardware and software requirements, and implementation, design technology is specifically focused on supporting,

maintaining, and training design and engineering applications and tools, as well as collaborating with information technology to provide the necessary infrastructure for the most effective use of these applications.

The building is the output of the building design, construction, and maintenance industry (also known as AEC/O/FM), and the function of design technology is the successful use of technologies across all stages and parts of the construction process. Building Information Modeling (BIM) has been utilized by design technology processes to speed up construction, design, and facilities management. Although design technology includes BIM and Integrated Project Delivery, I.P.D., it also searches for methods to leverage and more efficiently use C.A.D., Virtual Design & Construction, V.D.C., as well as historical and legacy data and systems.

Industrial and product design, as well as their production and fabrication processes, are all covered by design technology.

In certain countries, there are official

programs of study called design and technology that specialize in specific subjects. In this scenario, the previous definition still holds if the topic is textiles technology and the product is replaced with textile in the preceding description.

# What you should understand by UI/UX design

The phrases "User Experience (UX)" and "User Interface (UI)" are often used when we talk about product design. Even though these phrases are not novel, app users are familiar with them.

Although the terms UX and UI have similar connotations, they are fundamentally separate design professions. The visual aspects of design, as well as the overall sense it transmits, are more important in UI design. However, even the most beautifully designed UI will result in a poor user experience if the UX is poor.

# Duties as a UX designer

Many businesses have recently learned that excellent design may provide them a competitive edge, and they are ready to spend large resources in producing a positive user experience. Consequently, the position of user experience designer has developed, and it is in great demand. In basic words, UX design is the process of developing things with the user in mind, thus their duties are seen below:

- UX designers are in charge of understanding the demands of the target audience and ensuring that the company's products fit those needs.
- Since UX design is a multidisciplinary discipline, UX designers may work on a variety of product development projects, including product research, ideation, prototyping, and testing.

**The following are typical tasks of a UX**

**designer:**

1. **Users must be understood**: The purpose of UX design is to understand the target audience, their goals, and requirements; therefore, it typically begins with considerable research. Empathy is an important ability for UX designers to have. It assists UX designers in comprehending and uncovering the hidden wants and expressions of the people for whom they are developing.
2. **Putting together a design approach:** Understanding the aim of a product and outlining a logical route is all part of the design approach.
3. **Examining the interface design:** UX designers study how people interact with things, including their interaction patterns, personal preferences, and UI shortcuts. All of

the information is put to good use to come up with superior design ideas.

4. **Wireframes and prototypes are created:** To pitch their ideas to the design team, UX designers often use UX tools to develop wireframes or prototypes.
5. **UX designers are engaged in the implementation of a product at all times:** They communicate with all members of the team to ensure that the product design is on track.

# The UI designer's job description

The function of user interface designers is mainly focused on the visual display of data. To build interfaces that have a nice appearance and feel, UI designers need to have graphic design, visual design, and branding design abilities. The user flow and wireframes for individual screens/pages generated by UX designers (skeleton of

design) are usually turned into something visually pleasant by UI designers (dressing-up the skeleton).

**Characteristics of a good designer**

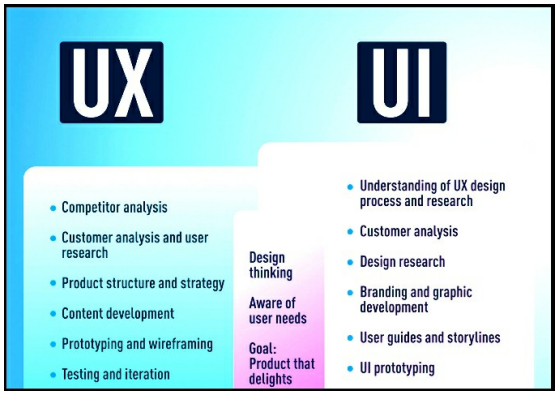
1. **Problem-solving abilities:** They always tackle a particular issue in design, no matter what you do. Designers should be prepared to devote sufficient effort to develop a suitable solution. However, there are a few factors that UI designers should be aware of.
2. **Analysis of the competition:** They must be able to study and undertake competitive analyses of goods and visual design choices.
3. **Communication**: UI designers usually collaborate closely with UX designers and engineering teams. Technical feasibility necessitates communication skills (whether the team can implement the design)

# What are the drawbacks of a mixed UI/UX position?

Because the concepts of UX and UI are so similar, many firms promote UI and UX design as a single function. The job description for this role normally states that the worker will work on both the conceptual and practical aspects of user interactions before transferring their expertise to real UI design. In actuality, this seems to be a single individual wearing two hats at the same time. Each function needs a unique set of skills and procedures. Even if a single individual has all of the essential talents, the mix of disciplines is detrimental to the design process since it makes it less focused.

When a person shifts back and forth between the conceptual and execution phases, she risks missing a key aspect of the design.

**Difference between UI/UX designs**




They may seem to be interchangeable, but once you grasp the distinctions between UX and UI, you'll see that they aren't. While both UX and UI (user interface) design aim to provide the greatest possible result for consumers, the two disciplines are unique and different in their ways as explained below:

UX design is a method of analysis that considers the complete picture of a product's design and launch, from user research through prototyping to marketing. UX designers' task is to bridge the gap between the user's wants and the company's or brand's demands.

On the other hand, UI focuses on designing the visible and tactile pieces that consumers

will interact with, while UX focuses on creating a full experience. To build a product, UX and UI designers work in tandem, and each function is equally important to its success.

Consider a UX/UI design team working on a website: a UX designer will concentrate on the site's overall flow and functioning, meeting with product designers, analysts, users, and marketers along the way. In this situation, they'll utilize this method to figure out what features are required to provide visitors with a pleasant website browsing experience, then pass their findings on to the UI designer.

A UI designer will next make the aesthetic considerations required to bring these ideas to life, such as picture size, content organization, and text quantity, among other things. They'll ask things like, "What is the most user-friendly website layout?" On the homepage, how much information should be displayed? Is the interface attractive and engaging?

# User persona for UX Design

User personas are archetypal users whose aims and traits mirror the demands of a wider group of people. A persona is usually given in a one- or two-page paper. Behavior patterns, objectives, talents, attitudes, and background information, as well as the context in which a persona functions, are all included in these 1–2-page profiles. Designers typically create user persona template that include a few fictional personal details to make the persona a realistic character (e.g. quotes from real users), as well as context-specific details (for example, for a banking app, a persona's financial sophistication and major expenses make sense).

# What are the benefits of creating user

# personas?

To create excellent goods, you must first have a thorough grasp of your target market. A product team may use user personas to address one of their most essential questions: "Who are we developing for?" It is feasible to develop a product that will fulfil consumers' demands and so be successful by first knowing their expectations, worries, and motivations.

Some of the reasons for the relevance of UX user personae are listed below.

1. **Develop empathy**

If designers want to create something beneficial for the people who will use it, empathy is necessary. Personas assist designers in developing empathy and understanding with end-users. Designers might sense the importance of empathy-building in the following ways:

2. **Gain an understanding of the user's point of view**

Creating user personas may assist designers in stepping outside of their comfort zone and recognizing that everyone has distinct wants and expectations. Designers may be better able to deduce what a real person requires by thinking about the demands of a fictitious character.

3. **Identify with the person for whom they are creating**

The more designers interact with user personas and view them as actual individuals, the more likely they are to think about them throughout the design process and desire to provide the best product possible for them.

4. **Guide how to make design choices**

User personas assist designers in developing product strategies and complement usability testing sessions. From a user-centered perspective, comprehensive knowledge of user behavior and requirements allows you to determine who a product is for and what is required or superfluous for them. This

enables feature requests to be prioritized by product teams (for example, features can be prioritized based on how well they address the needs of a primary persona). Instead of stating, "I believe the 'Send' button is too tiny," a designer may add, "Since our key persona, Carolyn, is constantly on the move, we need to build larger tap targets in our app to decrease the interaction cost."

**User personas may also assist you to avoid typical design errors in the following ways:**

- **Self-referential design**

This occurs when designers create as though the product is exclusively for them, while the intended audience is substantially different from them.

- **Users with a wide range of abilities are catered for**

A generic user, known as an elastic user, implies various things to different individuals. Designing for an "elastic user" occurs when product choices are made by several stakeholders, each of whom may define the "user" based on their preferences.

Although user personas may assist designers in prioritizing features, they should not be utilized as the only tool for prioritization; the objectives and goals of the company should also be taken into account. To produce a harmonic solution, UX designers must strike a healthy balance between the business and user demands.

- **Disseminate research results**

Most designers work in interdisciplinary teams with people who have various levels of knowledge, experience, and perspectives. When it comes to design choices, everyone in the team should be on the same page. Personas condense the most important facts about users into a manner that all team members and stakeholders can comprehend.

- **Personality traits of a good character**

While it is simple to choose a collection of user traits and call it a persona, creating user personas that are useful design and communication tools is more difficult.

**A good persona has the following characteristics:**

- Personas aren't made-up representations of what a target user believes. Every detail of a person’s description should be based on genuine information (observed and researched).
- Not various user roles, but genuine user habits are reflected in personas. Personas aren't a representation of a system's duties.
- The present state (how people engage with a product) is the emphasis of a persona, not the future (how users will interact with a product).
- A persona is context-specific (it focuses on the behaviors and objectives associated with a product's specialized area).

# User research for UX design

User experience (UX) research is a systematic investigation of target users and their needs to provide realistic settings and insights to design processes. To find

challenges and design possibilities, UX researchers use a variety of methodologies. As a result, they uncover useful knowledge that may be input into the design process.

You'll be better equipped to provide people with the greatest solutions if you do UX research since you'll be able to find precisely what they need. UX research may be used at any level of the design process. To discover the motivations and demands of users, UX researchers often start with qualitative assessments. They may employ quantitative measures to test their findings afterward. When collecting data from your consumers, you must follow a disciplined method to undertake good UX research. It's critical to choose procedures that are appropriate for the aim of your study and will provide you with the most accurate results. Then you may analyze your results to incorporate useful information into your design.

**UX research may be divided into two categories:**

- **Qualitative research**

Using techniques like interviews and ethnographic field studies, you try to figure out why people do what they do, such as why they missed a call to action or why they have certain feelings about a website. You might, for example, conduct user interviews with a small group of users and ask open-ended questions to learn more about their exercise routines. Usability testing is another part of qualitative research that may be used to track user stress levels, for example. Qualitative research should be done with caution. Because it entails gathering non-numerical data like opinions and motives, there's a chance that your views may influence the results.

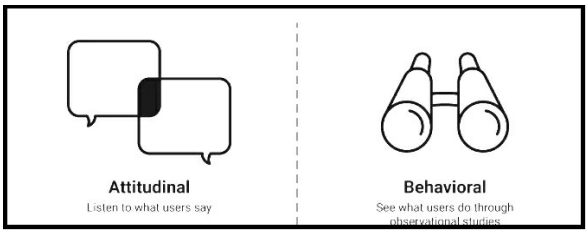
- **Quantitative research**

You obtain quantifiable data about what consumers do and evaluate assumptions drawn from qualitative research using more formal approaches, such as surveys and analytics. You may, for example, ask visitors to complete an online poll on their fitness habits, such as "How many hours do you work out each week?" You may find trends

among a huge user group using this data. You'll have a more statistically accurate technique of measuring the population of target consumers if you have a big enough sample of representative test users.

Whatever approach you choose, a thorough study design will allow you to collect objective data that is unaffected by your presence, personality, or preconceptions. Quantitative data, on the other hand, cannot provide deeper human insights on its own.

**We may also categorize UX research into two types:**




- **Attitudinal**

You pay attention to what consumers have to say, such as in interviews.

- **Behavioral**

Observational studies allow you to watch

what consumers do.

You may generally gain the clearest understanding of a design challenge when you combine quantitative and qualitative research, as well as attitudinal and behavioral techniques.

It is important to use several research methods throughout the development process, There are several more UX research methodologies that you may utilize throughout the four phases of a project. This research approach was created by the "Nielsen Norman Group," and it includes the following:

- **Discover:** Figure out what is important to users. Interview appropriate users in their setting to see how they do the task(s) in the issue.
- **Journal studies:** Have users keep track of their daily encounters with a design or report their activity completion.
- **Investigate:** Consider ways to meet the demands of all users.
- **Card sorting:** Write words and phrases

on cards, and then let players order them in the most relevant manner possible, labeling categories to ensure that your design is logically constructed.

- Create user journey maps to identify possible problems and critical times.
- Evaluate and test your designs.
- **Usability testing:** Check to see whether your design is user-friendly.
- **Evaluations of accessibility:** Make sure your design is accessible to everyone.
- **Listen:** Put concerns into context, look for new problems, and keep an eye out for patterns. Use surveys and questionnaires to find out how your customers feel about your product. Collect analytics/metrics to track (for example) website traffic and create reports.

**Note:** Whichever UX research strategy you pick, you must weigh the benefits and drawbacks of each methodology. For example, card sorting is inexpensive and simple, but it may be time-consuming when it comes to analysis. Furthermore, it is possible

that it will not provide you with in-depth contextual meaning. Another limitation is your financial resources, which will determine when, how much, and what sort of UX research you can do. As a result, carefully consider the most appropriate method(s) for your study. Also, early on, include stakeholders from your company. They may help you uncover useful UX insights and keep your research on track with your business objectives. Remember that UX research is important to a design team because it allows them to test their assumptions about consumers in the field, reduce the cost of the best deliverables, and maintain their products in high demand—ahead of their rivals'.

# UX research in the design process

In respect of design research initiatives, the majority of UX designers already possess the necessary expertise. This is because a good research method follows the same processes

as a good product design process, such as Discovery, Design, and Development.

We'll go through each of these strategies and how to use them successfully in the sections below.

**UX research's discovery phase**

Here's what you should know about this phase:

1. **Hold a kick-off meeting for your study:**

All you need for a kick-off meeting is a thought or idea you want to investigate, as well as an awareness of who should be participating on your team. Holding a meeting to begin understanding the issue you're trying to address, whether it originates from ENG, Design, PM, or your clients, is beneficial. You will discuss the issue space and map any assumptions or biases you have ahead of time during this discussion. You'll want to answer queries such as, "What do you know about the problem?" during the meeting. What do you think you don't know

about the problem? How are users now resolving the issue? In your research project, who are the persons you plan to interview? And how do you expect them to respond to the problem?

On sticky notes, jot down what your colleagues say throughout the meeting. Make a problem hypothesis using those sticky notes (you may end up with more than one). You'll utilize that issue hypothesis to come up with a research topic that you'd want to investigate further.

## 2. Create a research strategy

Decide which types of study will best tackle the issue with the help of your design research team (if you have one). Decide if you need to use generative/formative/strategic research (learning) or evaluative/tactical research (testing) methodologies, depending on where you are in the research process:

- **Discovery Interviews (learning):** Have talks with participants to see whether they

have the issue you're hypothesizing about and what variables could be causing it. These are more broad discussions on processes, pain spots, and other topics. There are no designs shown. Conversations with participants to better grasp the issue space and develop the problem hypothesis into a problem statement are part of concept exploration (learning). I'm displaying a handful of created ideas for which I'd need input.

- **Understanding how this design works via prototyping (testing)**: Prototypes that can be interacted with in real-time are shown.
- **Usability tests (learning/testing**): determining if you developed the right item for the user, whether it is understandable to the user, and whether you missed something. Designs are shown.

### 3. Carry out your research strategy

Discuss who is in charge of recruiting, who is

in charge of putting up exams, and who is the primary point of contact for engaging with users in the prior phase. Discuss all aspects of the call's logistics as well. Who's making the introduction, who’s leading the call, who's taking notes, and where and how are you taking notes? Arrange for a total of 4-5 discovery interviews with real users.

Working up a conversation guide to utilize during these interviews is also a good idea. It's a good idea to get all of your cross-functional team's questions out in the open right away, and then work with UX research partners to fine-tune the script so that it flows and raises questions in a non-leading fashion.

### 4. What to do on the day of your research conference calls

You'll be verifying or disproving your issue hypothesis throughout your research calls, as well as researching consumers' pain spots and requirements related to that problem. If at all feasible, discuss the primary takeaways and crucial discoveries that stuck out to you after each conversation; this ensures that no one

misses anything. You and your co-workers might remain on the line for five minutes after each call, or have a slack conversation/email.

### 5. Analyze and debrief

As previously said, debriefing for five minutes after each call is beneficial; but, having a meeting after the first round of interviews is over to discuss your results as a whole is much more significant. You should use this opportunity to consider if the research approach you choose is providing you with the information you need.

Analyze your results by going through all of your notes again and using tools like affinity mapping. It's ideal to undertake a post-it note affinity mapping activity with PM and ENG if at all feasible, so that everyone may participate in the discovery of any crucial ideas. Then, using your insights, create requirements that you can build around.

Following are the leading questions for your debriefing after each of the kinds of tests listed below:

- **Interview with the Discovery team**: Is this a problem that we should be addressing, and what are the issues in this area?
- **Concept testing**: Do our solutions to the issue match the demands of the users?
- What do consumers want to be able to achieve with this tool? Usability test
- **Prototype test:** How well does this design suit their requirements?

### 6. Create mockups

The mock-ups you develop in this step should assist all stakeholders to agree on what you learned from your research and a design direction. The realism of these mocks isn't as crucial as the clarity with which the workflow principles are presented. After you've created a set of mocks, you may conduct another round of user testing.

### 7. Put ideas to the test

You may still be conducting some idea validation in this round of testing; something may sound excellent to a consumer until they

see it. This might be a hint that your design isn't tackling the proper issues for the user, or it could be a sign that you misinterpreted their comments. If you believe your idea has been sufficiently proven, continue to evaluate the usability of the experience you've created.

Give less detailed instructions/directions to the participants as your design study becomes less exploratory and more focused on testing your design. What paths do they choose when given a broad aim to achieve? Is it possible for them to follow your desired route through the mockup or prototype without being instructed precisely on what to do? Are you able to integrate such other routes in your design? Is it possible for your design to more effectively guide the user to the desired outcome? Is it possible that your design inadvertently makes other duties more difficult? In this area of your experience, what additional duties could be normal for a user? Are they also simply attainable and supported by your design?

**8. Follow up with a debriefing and**

**iteration**

Don't get too caught up in the opinions of a few individuals. Before you consider pushing your mock-ups in any one way, make sure you've done at least three idea testing. After all of the tests have been completed, make a design iteration based on the results of this round of feedback. You may discover that you need to completely pivot your designs...or you may be dead on.

These revised mock-ups will either be used for further idea testing or will be used to progress to usability testing. If you're going on to usability testing, figure out what level of design fidelity you can achieve for the tests.

9. **Create new mocks or retest old ones.**

You should have obtained enough useful input on your mock-ups by this point in the process to either pass them on to ENG to prototype or build on an interactive prototype yourself utilizing a website prototyping tool. A clickable prototype will be quite useful if

you have complicated interactions and novel UI patterns. Prototypes typically allow users to see a new feature in their workplace, allowing them to better imagine how they might utilize it in their daily tasks. This is the first stage in the UX research development phase since everything you learn during the prototype phase will have a significant influence on how fast and easy development can be completed.

Prototyping may also aid in the "selling" of ideas and features to key stakeholders. They can recognize the benefit of the improvements you're pursuing if you show them live prototypes.

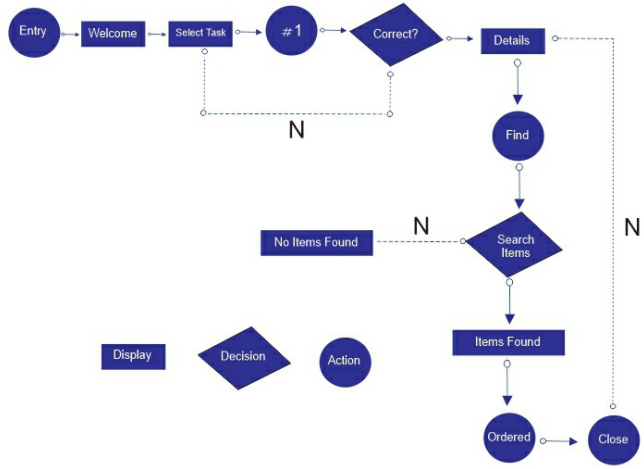
### 10. Put your design out there and see what kind of response you get.

Before exposing your experience to the public, outside of a testing environment, you should consult with your PM and ENG teams to determine the metrics that will be used to assess the feature's performance. Schedule a

meeting with your development team to go over the design and make sure everything is working properly. Work with ENG to describe precisely what you need to be tagged in the UI to receive the data to support your success metrics if this is an option accessible to you.

Once your new feature or experience has been released, listen to what customers have to say about it. Consider scheduling a few calls with users to learn more about how they're using the new feature. This might help you with a V2 of your design.

**User flow in the UX design**



When dealing with a product, a consumer might take numerous distinct paths. A user flow is a visual depiction of the many paths that may be followed while using an app or website, which can be written down or created digitally. The flowchart starts with the consumer's first interaction with the product, such as an onboarding screen or homepage, and finishes with the final action or result, such as buying a product or creating an account. By depicting this process, designers can assess and improve the user experience, increasing client conversion rates.

A node in the flowchart represents each touchpoint throughout the user's trip. Shapes distinguish these nodes, and each form denotes a distinct process. A diamond, for example, indicates that a choice is being made and is accompanied by "Yes" and "No" arrows. A rectangle denotes a job or action that must be completed, such as "Log in" or "Purchase."

1. **Get to know your audience:**

You must have a thorough grasp of your user

to develop the best possible user flow. Understanding the demands and motivations of your consumers helps you to make educated decisions about how to bring them into a flow-like state while engaging with your product. Here are some questions to consider when you learn more about your user.

- What are your users' requirements?
- What issues would they prefer to have resolved?
- What are the most significant aspects to them, and why?
- What are their first concerns about your product?
- What information must be supplied for them to engage with your product without difficulty?

Consider all of the possible paths for your user to traverse around the site or app to uncover critical routes. These are usually the most straightforward and straightforward routes. Prepare for the first information that may be required, such as the usage of an

email address or a username rather than merely a phone number. Consider the following questions: "Is this functionality necessary?" It will be a snap to create your user flow after you've identified these important channels.

2. **Make a flowchart.**

It's ideal to start with a first draft or outline, like with most things in design. Begin by sketching down a basic flow, similar to a mind map. Each box you design should reflect a user action phase. It's a good idea to divide your flow chart into three stages: an entrance point, steps to completion, and the last step in finishing a task or final interaction.

- **Point of entry**

The entry points are the methods through which a user first gains access to a product. Websites might have several entrance points, while applications often have a few discrete entry points. A google search or clicking on

product advertising and sharing URLs are the most common ways to access a website. Applications, on the other hand, are often accessed via the app store or a user's phone's downloaded version. An article, links, or adverts may all serve as ports of entry for an application.

- **A user flow's starting point**

### 3. The Way to the Finish

This is where the flow chart's meat is. This stage often includes login or registration screens, onboarding, a home screen, and any other screens required to complete a job. Keep things simple by ensuring that each step is critical to the job. You don't have to cover every aspect of your platform in your initial draft. For example, a complete step-by-step guide on password recovery isn't necessary at this time. Follow the steps that will help your user attain their final objective.

When the user completes the desired task, the user will view the final interaction screen. What is the final screen that appears to alert them that the work has been completed? A

confirmation page that informs you that your order has been received is an example of the last interaction for buying an item. When finishing the sign-up process for an account, another example of the last encounter is. Is it preferable to finish your product with direct access to the homepage, or would the login page be a better final step?

**4. Define your user flow's components.**

Designers utilize a variety of shapes and colors to represent a distinct collection of items in the user interface. Each shape represents an interaction (or a potential interaction) and provides more information to the reader about what is occurring in each stage. Some shapes are versatile and may be used for a variety of purposes, such as representing entry/exit points or a link to a separate website or screen using circles. By including a key or legend in your user flow, your colleagues and clients will be able to better understand and comprehend your diagram. We've broken down some of the most frequent forms in the business and when

to utilize them down below.

- **Rectangle**

In user flows, the rectangle is perhaps the most prevalent form. They are often used to represent a page or a display screen. There is no action to be done in circles, unlike circles. When displaying things like a homepage, onboarding screen, confirmation page, and so on, rectangles work best.

- **Arrows on Lines**

The lines with arrows bind everything together and dictate the flow of the chart, therefore this is perhaps the most significant aspect of the user flow. Lines with arrows guide the reader through the chart from top to bottom, left to right, and form to shape.

- **Circle**

The circle is mostly used to depict an activity. They depict a job or a series of tasks that must be done. When you wish to depict a procedure, task, or operation, use a circle. Examine the way a circle is designated to see whether you're utilizing it correctly. A verb

such as "Select Item" or "Send Order" is nearly typically used to designate circles.

- **Diamonds**

This design, often known as a "decision diamond," is continually asking a question. While other shapes may be employed for various reasons, the diamond is always utilized to indicate when a choice must be taken. The lines extending out of the diamond reflect the potential responses to the question being asked, and they decide which course to take. You may, for example, inquire, "Do you have an account?" or "Is this correct?" with yes and no arrows pointing in opposite directions.

It's crucial to note that there are no hard and fast rules for building a user flow, and each person's flow chart will be unique. You should have a good user flow as long as your shapes are consistent and the reader can follow and comprehend the flow.

### 5. Revise your plan

When creating a UX flowchart, the same ideas that you use when designing an

interface may and should be implemented. Here are our top three UI design principles that must be followed.

- **Make labels that have significance**.

When navigating the user flow, labels are the reader's lifeline. The title of the flowchart is the most essential label. Make an effort to select a title that accurately portrays the user flow. Whether you're not sure if your title is clear, get it read by a co-worker. You should rework the flowchart if they can't tell you what it's for. Additionally, it has been shown that utilizing full capital characters on labels reduces readability.

- **Choose your colors carefully.**

In a UX flowchart, color should be used to assist the reader to identify and classify resources, as well as to emphasize critical user activities. Instead of being utilized for style, colors are better employed as a coding system.

- **Keep the aesthetic framework constant.**

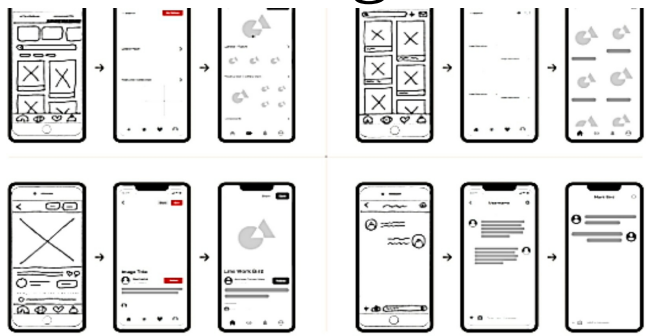
Maintaining a consistent visual layout may assist guarantee that your user flow is clear and unmisleading. Shapes and line components, for example, should always have the same function and be accompanied by a key or caption. Also, think about how you're going to utilize the space in your design. For a clutter-free design, arrange objects on the screen rationally and consistently. To assist you to arrange the components on the screen, most design programs (including "**Justinmind"**) feature rulers and grids.

### 6. Creating a user flow

A user flow is a terrific method to put yourself in the shoes of your users and make sure your product prioritizes their requirements. User flows are very significant from a strategic perspective, and they're often utilized in UX audits. Making a flowchart at the start of the design process may help you avoid misunderstandings regarding design parameters and rework. User flows are often included in deliverables to the design team or your customer as a visual depiction of how

the product will flow. There is no alternative for practice when it comes to perfecting the user experience. It takes time and practice to create successful flows. To improve your UX abilities, create user flows for current websites or apps.

# Wireframes in the UX design



Wireframes are used at the start of the design phase in the User-Centred Design methodology. Designers visualize the entire skeleton for the digital application during Designing Mobile and Web App Wireframes, similar to how an architect first thinks of the blueprint of a building and decides the

relative positioning of different rooms for each other before thinking of interior design.

Here are a few additional reasons why wireframes are critical:

A. **Saves Time:** This is mostly because wireframes may be rapidly created using preliminary drawings. As a result, removing large problems and making fast modifications becomes easy.

B. **Aids in Collecting feedback**

Gathering input from the end-user is critical for a User Interface and User Experience Designer. Wireframes may assist with this. Because they are colorless, the end-user can enjoy the UX design features more easily.

C. **Producing Accurate Drawings**

A UI/UX designer may use many forms of wireframes to produce precise blueprints of his concepts. As the designer, you'll be able to see where each piece of information will go.

**Wireframes come in a variety of shapes and sizes**

The following are the three most popular forms of wireframes:

### 1). Wireframe with Low Fidelity

They're also known as paper wireframes since they're made haphazardly. There are no precise grids, sizes, or pixels in them. However, functionalities, contents, titles, and themes are present in an unstructured state.

### 2). Wireframe with Medium Fidelity

Wireframes of this sort are often used to communicate with stakeholders and end-users. Grid, size, and pixel are all included in mid-fidelity wireframes, making them more realistic than low-fidelity wireframes. As a result, it's one of the most used wireframe styles among UI/UX designers.

### 3. Wireframe with High Fidelity

Feature graphics and textual material are absent from Low Fidelity and Mid Fidelity wireframes. They do, however, present in high-fidelity wireframes. The high fidelity wireframe, which has a more definite form to UI Components, comprises the whole

blueprint of the design and is the most exact and practically identical to visual design displays without much color

**Wireframing tools come in a variety of shapes and sizes**:

Wireframes may be sketched by hand, but they're more often created using tools such as AdobeXD, Figma, Sketch, and Balsamiq to offer an on-screen layout. You may use such tools to develop interactive wireframes that highlight the interactions between screens as well as do fast usability testing and heuristic assessment.

- **Figma**

This web-based tool enables a UI/UX designer to quickly build wireframes while also keeping them structured. To sustain communication among stakeholders and end-users, Figma enables the designer to share his plans.

- **doodle**

It's a popular tool among UI/UX designers since it's fast and simple to use. It mostly

works on Mac computers.

- **Adobe Photoshop**

It's well-known for its versatility. The amount of wireframes you may create is unrestricted. With the different free wireframing kits available, designers may construct an endless amount of plans on AdobeXD.

- **Balsamiq**

This is a wireframing tool alone, not anything else comparable to the other tools described above. This is very important for non-designers who are just learning about UX/UI Design.

The designers' process includes drawing paper wireframes and capturing them, but the Designers community has been utilizing UX Journal as part of the UI/UX Design Training program to collect all wireframes in one location for a typical UX/UI Design Project. More information on the UX Journal may be found here.

# Wire framing’s

# Benefits

- In terms of usability, the wireframes guarantee that page information and functionality are properly positioned depending on user and business requirements.
- Wireframing creates an early image that may be shared with the client for approval. Users may also use it as a kind of early feedback for usability evaluations.
- Wireframes define the product's features. A wireframe shows a customer how these features will work, where they will display on the website, and how valuable they will be.

# Drawbacks of Wireframing

- Because wireframes lack visual elements and do not account for technological

consequences, it might be difficult for the customer to comprehend the idea at first.

- To support the wireframe, the designer will have to convey and explain directly. However, the benefits exceed the drawbacks, and it is widely utilized in the industry by UX/UI designers as part of their design process.

To prevent these drawbacks, users should take note: Early in a project, wireframes should be utilized to acquire user and client permission on the layout of essential pages and navigation. This will give the project team, particularly the designers, confidence in their ability to go ahead. Wireframes will help save time and money throughout the project's testing and amendments phase.

# UX research to define UX strategy

A UX strategy, to put it simply, is the logic behind a product and is a critical component of the UX process. It includes the strategies,

philosophies, and methods that guide how a team develops a product.

# The significance of a user experience strategy

We are seeing more and more thinking and analysis put into goods as design techniques develop. We've moved away from merely making pretty interfaces and toward building solutions that solve issues for as many people as possible. This transition has occurred in part as a result of the introduction of user experience design and the thinking process that goes with it. The current corporate environment has grown more user-centric, with an emphasis on delivering actual value to users.

UX strategies are important because they enable businesses to deliver consistent experiences across all user touchpoints. Due to our consistency, we have been able to boost consumer happiness and build brand

loyalty.

From the standpoint of a team, strategies enable all members to be aligned and operate as a common denominator. They'll be guaranteed to address the proper challenges with the right insight and arguments this way.

# How do you create a UX strategy?

To make UX strategies more understandable, we'll describe three key issues they should address:

1. **Where are we currently (in terms of analyzing the present situation)**

Every journey starts somewhere. You may determine the appropriate course of action to achieve your objectives by first determining your starting place. It's also a certain approach to learn about your product's most critical problems. We need to utilize product analytics, user research, and competition research to get a comprehensive picture of

where a product is right now.

### 2. Metrics for the product

These are a set of performance indicators and data points used to assess a product's success. They enable us to assess how effectively a product serves its consumers and to spot any possible problems. Various firms, understandably, prefer to concentrate on different KPIs.

### 3. User testing

This element of the UX process, often known as UX research, carefully investigates a product's users, as well as their demands and motivations. Both qualitative and quantitative research methodologies are used in this study. They provide useful information, which is subsequently used in the design process to create the context in which a product will exist.

This helps us to discover what is important to our consumers and how we can best meet their requirements and desires. This kind of research aids teams in gaining a better

understanding of the product landscape, including the market, direct rivals, pricing, and so on.

It enables businesses to comprehend who your product competes with and the visual design language of the market. It also emphasizes the key contrasts between your goods and those of your competitors.

4. **What are our plans (defined aims and objectives)**

This section of your UX strategy focuses on the overall goals and commercial objectives of your product. We must create reasonable, clear, and quantifiable goals in this area. These objectives are usually related to lowering expenses, boosting income, enhancing user engagement, and so on. When deciding on a strategy for achieving your objectives, it's critical to include as many stakeholders as possible to generate the most ideas and solutions. Because organizations aren't usually acquainted with how to host good brainstorming sessions, this is frequently easier said than done. A team

alignment workshop is the most effective technique to increase the efficiency with which your team solves challenges together. More information about workshops may be found here.

5. **How do we get there (finding solutions to bridge the gap between where we are now and where we want to go with the product)**

Once you've determined the direction in which your product is heading, you'll need to consider how you'll close the gap. This stage, like the others before it, must be explicit and comprehensive.

This portion of your strategy will drive your design choices, so it should be well-considered. This section may deal with both technical and management issues.

6. **Innovation**

This concept of UX strategy tries to balance the novelty of a product with its cost and

usefulness. The fundamental concept is to come up with a creative solution to a problem that may also provide a favorable return on investment. In layman's term, it means delivering as much value as possible for the least amount of money.

### 7. Verified User experience

The notion behind this principle is that the company focuses on addressing challenges for a certain segment of its customer base. The idea is to research their behavior and back it up with hard evidence.

### 8. Exceptional user experience

Businesses do not opt to include user experience in their processes out of altruism. At the end of the day, every company wants to make more money, and that's perfectly great. The best thing is that excellent UX may help a product stand out from the competition and expand its market share.

# UX design prototypes

During usability testing, prototypes are

critical for discovering and resolving user pain points with participants. UX teams may visualize and optimize the user experience throughout the design phase by testing prototypes with end-users.

Engineering is costly, and making modifications to a finished product is not always as simple as teams expect. Finding and correcting flaws throughout the design phase is thus crucial!

**Prototypes have four distinct characteristics:**

- The prototype itself, whether it's on paper for mobile or HTML for desktop.
- Precision refers to the prototype's fidelity, or how detailed it is, low-fidelity or high-fidelity. Interactivity refers to the amount of functionality available to the user, such as whether it is completely functional, somewhat functional, or view-only.
- The prototype's lifespan is called evolution. Some are produced fast, tested,

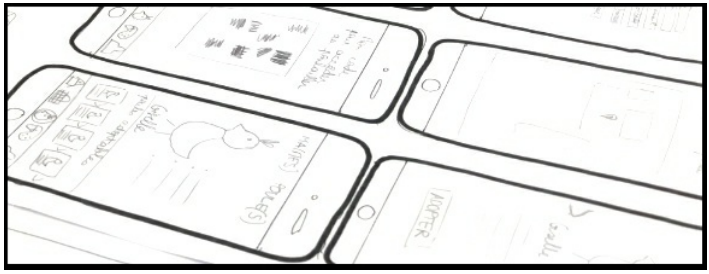
discarded, and replaced with a better one (a process known as "rapid prototyping"). Others might be developed and enhanced, eventually leading to the final product.

You should prototype every iteration of your design, including your first concepts. Prototyping should not be limited to final version beta testing; you should test any versions of your product.

It's worth spending the time to collect feedback and iterate if testing a prototype yields fresh insights into how end consumers will interact with your product. Whether it's paper, low-fidelity, high-fidelity, or HTML, we've got you covered.

## The Most Effective Methodology for Prototyping

### Prototyping on paper



The paper prototype works best during the early phases of design when UX teams cooperate to quickly explore a variety of possibilities. Members of the team doodle ideas using basic lines, shapes, and text. The focus is on a large number of ideas and quickness rather than beauty.

- UX to replicate user flows, teams place paper screens on the floor, table, or pinned to aboard. One typical method of testing these prototypes is to have one person play "the product" while swapping the drawings based on the user's actions.

# Pros and Cons of Paper Prototypes

- Quick: Paper works great for testing a variety of concepts since you can draw a prototype in minutes. If an idea fails, you can rapidly create a prototype (even during a brainstorming session), so you haven't spent more than a few minutes.
- Prototyping is inexpensive and

accessible since all you need is a marker pen and paper to get started.

- **Building a team:** Paper prototyping is a collaborative activity, and it's typically a lot of fun for teams to come up with new ideas. It's an excellent team-building activity, and these free-thinking sessions are often creative.
- Physical copies of paper prototypes, notes, and to-dos may be kept by team members for easy reference throughout subsequent revisions.

# Disadvantages of paper prototypes

- Paper prototypes will never be more than hand-drawn representations of a digital product, no matter how good the art or workmanship. Although, paper prototypes are fast to create, they provide little or no results when tested with end customers.
- **False positives:** Paper prototypes don't

always effectively evaluate concepts. What seems to be a fantastic concept on paper may not be so in a digital wireframe.

- **No visceral responses:** Paper prototypes depend on the user's imagination, creating a gap between perceiving and reacting to the input. For a great UX, that "gut" response is vital.

Note: We propose paper prototyping only during the early stages of design, based on these benefits and drawbacks. There should be no need to revisit hand-sketched prototypes for the same designs or user processes after you've moved from paper to digital.

# Prototyping on the Computer

Prototyping digitally is an exciting aspect of the design process. Prototypes begin to approximate the finished product, enabling teams to test and confirm concepts.

**Digital prototypes may be divided into two categories:**

- **Wireframes**: they are used to create low-fidelity prototypes of user flow. High-fidelity prototypes: representations of a user flow Research teams may utilize low-fidelity prototypes to sketch out fundamental user flows and information architecture. High-fidelity prototypes assess user interfaces, interactions, and how usability testers engage with a product in more detail.
- **Design software and tools:** Designers use design software such as Figma, Adobe XD, and others to create prototypes: Non-designers in product teams have been known to utilize PowerPoint or Google Slides to replicate user flows. UXPin is different from other popular design tools in that it enables designers to develop prototypes that appear and perform precisely like the final product.

# Advantages of prototyping on computer

- **Realistic interactions:** Using high-fidelity digital prototypes, UX teams can observe how people interact with the final product, allowing them to quickly identify any usability flaws.
- **Flexibility:** Test frequently and early! You may start with low-fidelity prototypes and work your way up as the design process progresses.
- Digital prototypes are the quickest method to evaluate usability concerns, whereas paper prototypes are the fastest way to test concepts. Changes cost substantially more time and money after a project reaches the engineering stage.

# Disadvantages

- **Learning curve**: You'll need to learn

and comprehend the program before you can construct a prototype, which is why product teams often utilize Powerpoint instead of a specialist design tool. The good news is that most design software includes the same capabilities, making switching between them quite simple.

- Time and labor expenses rise as you go from low-fidelity to high-fidelity prototype.
- The success of a prototype is determined by teams defining clear goals and KPIs for each usability research. Designers might become sidetracked if they don't have a strategy in place, adding unneeded features and interactions.

# HTML and JavaScript prototypes

Users may use HTML and JavaScript prototypes to get more precise results. The disadvantage of this strategy is that coding takes a long time and requires a lot of

technical knowledge. That isn't the case with UXPin Merge. Designers (and non-designers) may make high-fidelity prototypes based on code that looks and works like the final product. Teams may utilize React components taken from a Git repository or Storybook components to construct a working high-fidelity prototypes using UXPin Merge, for example. Participants never have to "imagine" what a button or dropdown will accomplish with UXPin Merge since the prototype works exactly like the final product.

# Advantages of HTML and JavaScript

- HTML prototypes offer participants a realistic depiction of the ultimate product's capabilities.
- The technological framework for the final product: Creating an HTML prototype is a useful research tool for researchers and gives the foundations for

developers to construct the final product.

- Platform agnostic: You may test your prototype on almost any operating system or device, and the user will not have to install any additional software.

# Disadvantages

- Depending on the designer's skill level: The quality of your HTML prototype is limited by your ability to code. Usability concerns that have nothing to do with UX design might be introduced by poorly programmed prototypes!
- Coding requires time and concentration to create a workable prototype, which limits inventiveness. Designers may not be able to reach the same degree of invention or creativity as they would if they were utilizing a well-known design tool.

# UX research for

# prototypes

In UX research, prototypes are critical. You should, however, avoid several prototype hazards. The steps for creating prototypes for user experience research are as follows:

- Make the Prototype Work on a Small/Low-Resolution Screen: Your prototype may be built on a wonderfully large display, but your participant may be seeing it on a much smaller or lower-resolution screen. As a result, crucial components of your prototype may be overlooked.
- Make Your Prototype Work in All Feasible Task Flows: During their test on your prototype, your participant should be able to complete all of the tasks you assigned them in any manner possible. For example, if you ask your participant to remark on your test and there are three ways to do so, your prototype should support all three methods.
- Maintain a Regular Schedule: A

consistent prototype is required. If a portion of your prototype is labeled 'Let's Get Started' on one page, it should be labeled the same way on other pages. Make that the material, for example, titles, photos, progress indicators. Each prototype is the same if your participant is evaluating numerous prototypes that are expected to exhibit the same information. This guarantees that any comparisons are based exclusively on interface differences rather than content differences.

- If you ask your participant to do an activity that would be anticipated to result in a change in the interface, make an evident modification so the user gets some genuine system feedback. If you want your participant to move from one picture to another, for example, make it extremely clear when they do so.
- Include the features that users expect in a graphical user interface (GUI): Include elements that participants would expect to see on the sort of site you're developing,

such as a profile area if they're expected to be logged in. This improves your prototype's believability.

- Even if you do your hardest, you could miss anything in your prototype that will cause an issue for your participants. Pilot your test before deploying it for peace of mind, if time and resources allow, so you can detect and rectify any issues. This is particularly crucial if you're testing with hard-to-find volunteers (you don't want to sabotage your experiments because of a dumb prototype flaw!).
- After research has begun, do not change your prototype: The prototype cannot be updated, edited, or revised after the study has begun. To be clear, this implies that you shouldn't make any modifications to the prototype until the study report is provided.

# Chapter Two
# Visual design Principles in UI Design

The concepts of size, visual hierarchy, balance, contrast, and Gestalt are some of the most common principles.

- **Scale Idea:** This is a well-known principle that is applied in practically every effective visual design. The use of relative size to convey significance and rank in a composition is referred to as the principle of scale. To put it another way, when this concept is correctly used, the most significant aspects in a design are larger than the less important ones. The explanation for this is simple: anything that is large is more likely to be noticed.
- **Visual Hierarchy Principle**: The visual

hierarchy principle refers to directing the attention on the page to distinct design components in the order of their significance. Variations in size, value, color, spacing, positioning, and several other signals may be used to create a visual hierarchy. The experience is delivered through a visual hierarchy. If you can't figure out where to look on a website, it's most likely because the layout lacks a clear visual hierarchy.

- **Balance Principle:** A pleasing arrangement or proportion of design components is referred to as the principle of balance. When a visual signal is evenly dispersed (although not necessarily symmetrical) on both sides of an imaginary axis running through the center of the screen, it is said to be balanced. This axis is usually vertical, although it may be horizontal as well. If you have one little design element and one huge design element on opposite sides of the axis, the design will seem imbalanced,

much as when balancing weight. When it comes to achieving balance, the size of the design element counts more than the number of pieces.

- **The contrast principle**: The juxtaposition of visually distinct items to express the fact that these elements are different is known as the contrast principle (e.g., belong in different categories, have different functions, behave differently). To put it another way, contrast draws the eye's attention to a notable difference (for example, in size or color) between two items (or two groups of objects) to highlight their separation. Color is often used to apply the notion of contrast. For example, red is widely used in UI designs to indicate deletion, particularly on iOS. A red element is distinguished from the others by its brilliant hue.
- **Gestalt principle:** describe how people simplify and organize complicated visuals with many aspects by unconsciously

organizing the pieces into an orderly system that generates a whole, rather than seeing them as a collection of unrelated bits. In other words, Gestalt principles capture our proclivity to recognize the whole rather than the parts.

# What is design thinking?

Herbert A. Simon, a cognitive scientist, and Nobel Laureate coined the term "design thinking" in 1969 to describe a human-centered design technique. However, the concept did not end there. With the exponential rise of the IT sector, design thinking has only progressed.

Design thinking is now widely recognized as a critical component of user-centered design. Having said that, knowing the technique is critical for anyone who wants to work as a UX/UI designer.

# What are the benefits

# of empathy?

Empathy is the capacity to comprehend and empathize with the emotions of another. It's about being aware of what other people are going through and sharing their feelings. It acts as a connection between you and another individual. Empathy is what you're talking about when you say "placing yourself in someone else's shoes." Empathy is sometimes mistaken for compassion.

Sympathy is a sentiment expressed for someone else, while empathy is the act of experiencing another person's feelings or emotions by putting oneself in their shoes. The act of expressing worry or compassion for another person is known as sympathy.

# What is anticipation?

The thing that distinguishes anticipatory design is that these decisions are made without the user's actual input at the time. When creating these types of design patterns, the goal is to eliminate the need for the user to make decisions.

Anticipatory design is based on the user's previous feedback, allowing the interfaces they interact with to "know" them. It may range from synchronized goods (think about all the Google-based applications you use), to preserving information in auto-fill areas for later use, to letting a mobile device follow your position.

Anticipatory design combines data collection, user behavior research, artificial intelligence, and just good design. Anticipatory Design is a pattern that revolves around learning (IoT), prediction (Machine Learning), and anticipation (UX Design)

# What is intuition?

Informally, intuitive design refers to designs that are simple to utilize. As a result, when a user can quickly comprehend and utilize a design, that is, without having to deliberately think about how to do it we call it "intuitive."

While there is no universally accepted definition, certain research organizations have attempted to clarify the phrase "intuitive design." Members of the multidisciplinary

study group Intuitive Use of User Interfaces contend that intuitive use is a property of the interaction process between a given user and the design, rather than a feature of the design. So, to determine if a design is intuitive, we must consider who will be using it.

# What is playfulness?

Play is an activity that individuals do for fun rather than for a functional reason. To varying degrees, you may include the element of play into applications. A playful interactive encounter begins when individuals forget about their responsibilities for a while and participate in exchanges for the sake of the experience of discovery.

The majority of people who visit the Converse website for the first time do so to purchase shoes. Converse could have simply shown their assortment on their website and made the purchase procedure as simple as possible. Instead, they decided to provide a mechanism for clients to build their Converse sneakers. Customers first engage with this product for the sake of fun and curiosity,

similar to how a toddler may pick up a new toy at a playground.

# What are the benefits of creativity?

- **Centre of Expertise**: A graphic design firm is made up of a group of highly trained individuals that bring to the table unique, notable, and innovative ideas gleaned from years of experience and expertise.
- **High-Quality Design:** Creative Design is all about putting each element in the appropriate location, whether it's text, picture, or video. The appropriate strategy, which is the outcome of the study and joint efforts, is used to achieve perfect placement.
- **Dominating Design:** The appropriate strategic planning of strong or simple font, compelling graphics, complicated but graceful gradients, emotive photos or videos, or anything else results in a

commanding design.

- **Better User Engagements**: Because creativity generates engagement, the creative design specialists make sure that their designs represent your brand's consistency and trust.
- **Worth the Price:** What's worth it is a decent visual design that, although it may be a little pricey, will give your website a nice first impression and, in the end, encourage visitors to connect with you in the long term.

# What are the benefits of refinement?

Refinement is a formal process that allows us to transform one system into another while ensuring that the original system required properties are preserved. Any description at any level of abstraction, from specification to implementation, or anything in between, is referred to as a system. Refinement rules can be used to guide the transition from one

system to another, as well as to compare two systems to determine whether one is a correct refinement of the other. The following are some of the advantages of refinement:

- **Lowering the Abstraction Level**: As we add more information to our descriptions, they become less abstract, i.e., we become more precise about how data is stored or operations are carried out**.**
- **Removal of Nondeterminism**: We don't expect to find nondeterminism in user interface designs the same way we do in system specifications. Nondeterminism arises naturally and is acceptable in system descriptions because non-essential details are ignored to postpone decisions about certain behaviors.
- **Contractual Utility:** To keep our contract with the customer, the new UI must at the very least provide all of the previous UI's functionality (and any new functionality has to be consistent with the old). We'll begin by looking at the UI's

system functionality, or S Behaviours.

# Tools for UI Design

Designers may use UI design tools to create realistic hi-fi wireframes, mockups, and prototypes, as well as produce minimally viable products. They communicate the functionality of a design by representing the nuts and bolts. UX design tools are concerned with the user and how they will interact with the material. These tools may aid in the organization of information architecture as well as the flow of a user through the experience. Here are some design resources:

1. **Sketch:** With its library of symbols, layer styles, and text styles, as well as its smooth scaling and aligning capabilities, it can make universal adjustments. It allows designers to produce consistent prototypes in less time. It eliminates the laborious and allows designers to get right in and create.

2. **InVision Studio:** With collaboration tools that enable developers to share their work as they create it, get comments, and make recorded changes at each stage, they also make communication easier. The digital whiteboard, which enables team members to get their ideas out there, communicate, and gain that all-important sign-off before going ahead, is another valuable feature of InVision.
3. **Axure:** assists with prototyping and workflow management. It has a user-friendly design that allows you to document as you go. This software is driven by high quality, resulting in detailed prototypes. Many of the additional capabilities of popular prototype and UI design tools are available in Axure. It enables feature testing and brings everything together for a simple developer handoff.

4. **Craft:** this InVision plugin works alongside what you're doing in Photoshop or Sketch, with a sync mechanism that keeps track of what you're doing. Craft also includes everything you'll need for prototyping and collaboration, in addition to this time-saving functionality.
5. **Adobe XD:** provides vector-based user interface tools for prototyping and mockups, with a familiar UI for anybody who has used previous Adobe products. Many UI designers use it because of this, as well as the ability to collaborate in real-time.

And there's a lot more.

# Creating wireframe using Axure

Axure is a notion that refers to the use of Axure software to create the final wireframe

for a project. The nicest thing about Axure wireframing is that it is very secure and does not damage your data in any way.

The steps for producing a wireframe using Axure are as follows:

1. Get the Axure Wireframe Tool and install it.

2. Go to the main interface, by opening it

3. By now you should have a brand-new project in mind

4. To continue, click on the new file to open the second screen: It's worth noting that the library pane is utilized to ensure that the majority of the controls are used to generate the wireframe.

5. Begin creating your Axure wireframe.

Note: The design area is where the program's true strength lies. It may be used to design the user interface and user experience.

6. To make the pane horizontal, drag the horizontal control.

7. The inspector pane determines what should be done with the prototype in a certain

condition.

8. Using Grids and Guides to align or regulate position:

9. To access a grid's properties, right-click or double-click it:

10. Access the project-related guides using the context menu.

# Creating wireframe using Balsamiq

To begin, it's critical to grasp the fundamental concepts of Balsamiq wireframe, which are listed below:

- UI Control: A standard "widget" for the user interface (e.g., Button, Image, Dialog Window). The foundation of any wireframe. UI Controls are put on a grid-lined area called the canvas.
- UI Library: A collection of UI Controls that may be dragged and dropped into the Canvas.
- Property Inspector: A setup panel with

common operations (such as alignment and layering) as well as variables particular to each UI Control.

**To make the wireframe, follow the instructions below.**

1. Drag the Browser UI Panel onto the Canvas to get started: In Balsamiq, the content of practically all controls is specified by simple text. When you first add a control to the canvas, it will appear in edit mode, with instructions on how to utilize it. You may customize the title bar and URL text for the Browser controls, or leave them as is.

2. Next, use the adjust cursor buttons at the control's borders and corners to adjust the control to the appropriate size. Proceed by putting the Title, Text, and Image controls on the canvas.

3. In the Text control, type your placeholder text for the product information placeholder content, or write "lorem" and Lorem Ipsum text will be created automatically.

4. Add the small dots beneath the Image that suggest a spinning content or image control

as the following step.

5. Next, click the button beside the "Icon Search" box that says "Open Icon Library."

6. To the right of the Circle symbol, add three additional icons (use the Circle Outlined this time). After you've inserted the second icon, you may copy and paste it. Place the icons adjacent to each other using your mouse. Alignment guidelines display both horizontal and vertical, assisting you in placing them correctly.

7. The 4 icons underneath the Image control should now be center-aligned. To do this, group the icons first, and then match the icon group with the picture control. To pick a collection of controls, draw a border around them in your cursor or select each with your mouse while holding down SHIFT. Then hit CTRL+G (on Windows; CMD + G on Mac) or select the Group command in the Toolbar.

8. A series of tabs, extra text, and a chart make up the rest of the wireframes. Insert a Tabs Bar control to the bottom part of the wireframe and set it there.

9. In this control, commas are utilized to generate tabs, so you may make as many as you like by just typing more text divided by a comma. For example, typing "Introduction, Features, Design, Specs" will result in the tabs displayed below.

***Note***: Use the Selection attribute to display the "Introduction" tab as chosen or highlighted.

11. Add Label and Text controls after adjusting the Tabs Bar control to meet the width of the page.

12. Finally, as a closing touch, move a Chart: Column control into the vacant region within the Tabs Bar to complete the wireframe.

Note: Once the wireframe is complete, go to Project > Export > Wireframe to PNG. (shortcut: CTRL/CMD + R) to export it as a picture.

# Chapter Three
# Expression

Expression in design is also known as emotion. You'll need a decent functional design to work with before you can use expressional design. You must also do UX research to obtain a thorough knowledge of your users. Here are some ideas for using emotive or expressional design to your advantage:

- Give your work a distinct personality: a face/mascot that consumers can relate to and that represents your brand/organization/industry (for example, MailChimp's Monkey, Freddie).
- Allow your design to interact with users as if it were a character. To enhance the image of friendly assistance who knows consumers like an old friend, use personal touches in all duties.
- Use color and contrast to your advantage (blue for banking Indicates

trustworthiness, for example).

- Create writing that inspires or accommodates expressions by using the appropriate tone. Write relevant terms/phrases (e.g., "You're here!" on Slack). "The day has just gotten better." Use typefaces and styles that are appropriate for the picture you wish to convey.
- Customize microcopy (labels, etc.) that people can relate to and that fits the voice/tone of your other copy.
- Use film and music to provide messages that are "in character" (like in the above).
- Individualize the experience for each user. (For example, depending on their information, show them what else they would like.)
- Use narrative to convey your tale:
- Pay close attention to the details; particularly when it comes to error messages. When difficulties emerge, provide courteous, light-hearted/humorous notes to relieve

consumers' aggravation (e.g., downtime). Treats, such as opportunities to win account upgrades, may be used to compensate for hassles.

Imperatively, you need a pleasant presence in your design to create positive expressional engagement—to show people you know who they are. Customer testimonials and photos of your office/team might help to reinforce this. Your design should be distinct from those of your competition. It should also have a distinct vibe, as a dependable and enjoyable element of customers' life. Attractive designs that cater to the wants and sentiments of consumers provide the impression that they operate well as well. Whatever expressions your design evokes in people, these expressions will have an impact on your bottom line. Even a tiny blunder might lead to a negative impression.

# Why is expression important?

To achieve a desired/positive user experience, designers must create a design that invokes expression in the user. It's all about getting the user to respond in a specific manner, whether it's to elicit excitement, urgency, immersion, or sheer joy. Users will examine the 'joy' component of the overall experience in addition to the usefulness and functionality of your digital product. The following are some of the reasons why expressiveness is so vital.

- Creating with certain goals in mind
- The expressional design may elicit four different types of pleasure: Physio-pleasure (as in ASMR, gaming, and entertainment goods), socio-pleasure (social networking, dating apps, and so on), psycho-pleasure (news sites, productivity applications, and learning platforms), and ideo-pleasure (movies, art, literature, philosophical/ intellectually-driven material). UX/UI concepts and strategies should be implemented depending on the sorts of

delightful experiences you want your design to elicit, all while being led by the business value generation and ROI targets.

- Design that appeals to the senses: Our visceral brains elicit expressional reactions depending on the product's appearance and feel, much like a first impression obtained via the senses. Here's where symmetry, patterns, proportion, size, texture, color, and structure, as well as the psychology of visual language, come into play. Each hue has a distinct essence that may be linked to certain expressions. Red, for example, is used to capture attention or to indicate danger. Green is connected with health and success, while blue is associated with relaxation. Similarly, while creating the layout, menu, buttons, logo, and so on, form psychology should be examined and utilized. Using the appropriate associations. In general, rectangles/squares evoke sentiments of

discipline and security, while circles may evoke feelings of mystery, and spirals can evoke feelings of progress. Design ideas as a whole, such as minimalism, essentialism, maximalism, or styles like vintage, retro, pop art, and so on, may elicit various feelings based on the demography, gender, and age of the consumer. Finally, designers must investigate these visual features to ensure that they elicit the appropriate expressions at first glance.

- Design with purpose and value in mind: Negative feelings and feedback are evoked when a website seems beautiful but fails to fulfil tasks or function smoothly, and fails to provide any satisfaction, intelligibility, or memorability after the interaction. These are the degrees of behavioral and reflecting expressional reactions that UX/UI creates. Users are happy when the design is intuitive, such as auto-fill, rapid page transitions, a visible menu bar, a

website's technological ability to do the claimed functions, and so on.

- Personalize the experience: To the degree that your design provides a trustworthy atmosphere, some positively affecting personal touches may leave the user feeling cherished and protected. This includes, but is not limited to, engaging storytelling scrolling, friendly/smart and inviting copy, personalized user mascots, personal helpers, videos/GIFs, contests, emoticons, micro-gestures, voice assistance, testimonials, personalized greetings/pages, and anything else that requires a positive affirmation from the users. The goal is to elicit feelings of ease, familiarity, and comfort without requiring the user to do any effort. The cognitive attractiveness of the information based on individual preferences is another expressional design factor. According to studies, 74% of people abandon a website if the information isn't tailored to their preferences. Because they're so good at

personal suggestions, sites like Netflix, Spotify, Pinterest, and YouTube never fail to elicit a feeling of excitement and passion in their customers.

- Put technology to good use in the appropriate locations: You may learn a lot about human expressions from theories and literature, but nothing beats direct and particular information from your consumers. Use surveys/focus groups to determine their expressional reactions to the design's aesthetic appeal, usability, and pleasurability, particularly when combined with page visit analytics/numbers. Advanced technology, such as facial expression technologies/sensors for expressional reaction identification, may also be used to create Adaptive User Interfaces. In the future years, the AI expression detection business is expected to explode. This technology enables AI to recognize, mimic, or react to human expressions, as well as complete tasks, produce feedback,

forecast behavior, and deliver a range of customized services in the form of chatbots and voice assistants. The better the UX, the more sophisticated the AI system is.

# What is the balance?

The distribution of visual weight is referred to as balance in design. For example, a basketball and a bowling ball look to weigh the same due to their respective sizes. Our experience, on the other hand, tells us differently. We know that a bowling ball is substantially heavier than a basketball in terms of physical weight. However, in design, we are constrained by our perspective. Because both things fight for our attention equally, the picture above stays visually balanced despite their actual weight differences.

The perceived weight of an element in your design is known as visual weight. It's a metric for how distinctive an element is in comparison to its surroundings.

# Visual Weight Factors

The size, color, contrast, and/or density of an element may all affect its visual weight. Let's look at how each of these elements affects visual weight, assuming everything else is equal.

- Size-based visual weighting: The most apparent thing that influences perceived weight is size. The left square in the illustration below has a greater visual weight than the right square.
- Colored Visual Weight: Visual weight is influenced by color in a less evident way. Our perception of color is influenced by the colors in our environment. The red square in the illustration below commands our attention, giving it more visual weight than the yellow square. This isn't always the case, as we'll see in the following example.
- Contrast-based visual weighting: We can show how contrast may substantially impact our perception of color by

utilizing the same colored squares as in the previous example. The left square's contrast is reduced by a deeper red backdrop, while the right square's contrast is increased. The attention is essentially shifted to the yellow square as a result of this.

- Visual weight by density: Although both squares have the same size, color, and contrast, the right square has greater visual weight as a result of its apparent density. This example demonstrates how white space may help to achieve equilibrium.

# Tension vs. Balance

We generate visual tension without balance, which might have a detrimental influence on how people perceive our work.

The terms "balance" and "stress" do not have to be mutually incompatible. Using the same example as before, a designer would want to emphasize the right button more than the left without disturbing the balance. This

primary/secondary button connection isn't anything new. By combining the variables of visual weight, we may avoid producing excessive visual stress.

# Four Different Types of Balance

There are four techniques to establish design balance. Balance is usually achieved on two sides of an unseen axis, which might be vertical or horizontal. This refers to your design's visual direction. While vertical and horizontal balance is the most frequent, it may also be achieved using diagonal or numerous axes.

- **Formal / Symmetrical Balance**

Many different features of nature, such as human faces or butterflies, have symmetry. Mirroring things on one or more axes achieves symmetrical (also known as formal) equilibrium. Reflective symmetry is seen here, in which two items on a vertical axis mirror each other.

A feeling of grace, elegance, or formality is typically expressed by symmetrical balance. A design with too much symmetry, on the other hand, might become dry and dull. Adham Dannaway employs symmetrical balance in the example above while differentiating both sides enough to keep things interesting.

- **Balance that is asymmetrical or informal**

Asymmetry may also be seen in nature, such as in tree or rock formations. The term "asymmetry" implies a lack of symmetry by definition. Asymmetrical components, on the other hand, may be used to achieve equilibrium.

Asymmetry, as opposed to symmetry, which may be a little boring, can be employed to make a design more dynamic and energetic. Ricardo Mestre achieves a pleasing and consistent design with asymmetrical balance in the image above.

- **Radial Equilibrium**

When components seem to radiate from a central focal point, radial balance is achieved. This technique may be utilized to bring attention to the design's focal point.

- **Crystallographic / Mosaic Balance**

Mosaic or crystallographic balance is "organized chaos" that takes the form of pattern or repetition, with no one element standing out more than the others.

# How to create a balance?

All of the pieces must be well-balanced and harmoniously organized so that people can quickly understand the information on the screen and engage with the product without exerting effort.

Professionals use a combination of art science techniques and methodologies, as well as fundamental mathematical ideas, to generate an effective design composition. A mathematical proportion known as the golden ratio is one of the most used methods for

creating beautiful graphic compositions.

# About the Golden Ratio

Everything in the universe strives for balance and harmony. Mother Nature, too, creates things in near-perfect shapes. People like anything that has a natural feel to it, and they want to incorporate these patterns and shapes into their final product. Mathematicians computed a formula that exists in the majority of objects on Earth in their quest to unravel the mysteries of creation.

The golden ratio is a mathematical proportion between items of various sizes that are regarded to be the most appealing to the human eye. The golden ratio is 1:1.618 and is often represented by spirals in the form of seashells.

# The relationship between the Golden

# Ratio and Design

- The golden ratio and art designs: A design's effective composition is crucial: To enhance a pleasurable experience, all of the pieces must operate together. Furthermore, each element, even a little one such as an icon, must be made in harmony with itself. Because the golden ratio has a good impact on visual perception, many graphic and UI designers use it in their work.
- The golden ratio and graphics design: The golden ratio is increasingly popular among graphic artists. The problem is that art professors often describe the golden ratio theory to assist pupils to understand how to deal with proportions. As a result, many designers continue to use this tool while designing different designs, particularly for minor but important design components like logos. The creation of a logo or an emblem requires meticulous attention to detail. The golden

ratio helps you to create pictures in which each element is in proportion to the rest and harmony. Furthermore, since logo design is at the core of a brand, designers attempt to display it in the most engaging manner possible. A logo's golden proportion may improve its visual appeal and brand recognition.

Going further, so that consumers can use a product without issues, the user interface must have a clear visual display of the components. The golden ratio is often used to efficiently arrange UI components. For starters, it may be employed at the wireframing stage. This allows you to build a layout structure based on the golden proportion, which includes arranging and scaling user interface components. Furthermore, the golden ratio technique may assist experts in cropping photographs for web design to ensure that the photo's composition stays balanced.

# How to Improve UI

# Design Using the Golden Ratio

- **Apply mathematical calculations**

This may seem tedious and time-consuming, prompting the issue of whether it is worthwhile. Let's take a look at what the golden ratio can do for a design.

- **Ensure a well-balanced content**

Designers often encounter situations in which a product must have a large number of diverse materials, each of which is critical and cannot be replaced. The golden ratio may be used to bring all of the elements together in a pleasing arrangement. Divide the layout into parts with a 1:1.618 ratio and place the material in the sectors according to its relevance. This kind of content creation is adequate for user perception and aids in the organization of all the components.

- **Apply a Visual hierarchy that works**

We can't talk about content structure without

including a visual hierarchy. It's a strategy for efficiently arranging content components, as we described in prior articles. When designers combine the ideas of these two strategies, they increase their chances of creating a compelling design composition.

- **Apply quality levels of powerful typography**

Designers must separate copy information into multiple levels to generate effective typography. Headers, subheadings, body content, captions, and other types of material are generally included. Professionals may rapidly determine an acceptable proportion between the typographic levels by using the golden ratio. For example, you can set a certain size for the header and divide it by 1.618. Consequently, you will be able to see what size sub-headers are most suitable.

- **Ensure that your design creates a positive first impression**

When people first experience a product, they scan the user interface to determine if they like it or not. People determine whether they

like something or not within a few seconds of looking at it, according to the psychological concept known as the gut response. We are unaware of this response because it occurs quicker than our awareness. That is why it is critical to ensure that a product's initial impression is positive. The golden ratio-based design has a favorable impact on consumers' thoughts and visual perception, and it works from the first glance at a product.

- **Use an appropriate White**

The region between pieces in a design composition is known as white space. Designers must constantly consider the quantity of white space in the user interface since it is critical to the composition's cohesiveness. The golden ratio may help you space things out much more easily and quickly. Using golden proportions, you'll be able to specify the appropriate amount of white space for the design.

# Discovery

The discovery phase of the UX design

process includes exploring the issue area, defining the problem(s) to be addressed, and accumulating sufficient information and first guidance on what to do next. It is not necessary to test hypotheses or solutions to make discoveries.

Discoveries are essential for getting design projects off to a good start by concentrating on the appropriate challenges and, as a result, designing the correct item. 'Product discoveries' is a term that is often used to describe them. Discoveries that are well-done guarantee that any solutions suggested afterward are appealing to consumers, viable for the company, and technologically achievable.

The following should happen because of a discovery:

- **Users' comprehension:** The project team learns who the users are and how they are impacted by a specific issue, as well as what they need, want, and value from a solution, via user research (and why).

- **Understanding of the issues at hand as well as the opportunities:** The team learns how and why the issue(s) arise, as well as the impact the problem has on users and the company, via investigative work. It recognizes the scope of the issue and the prospects for the company, product, or service.
- **A common goal:** During discovery, the team collaborates with stakeholders to determine overall business goals and intended results, as well as answers to questions like "what do we want to achieve?" and "what does success look like?" This strategy, in turn, directs the team's attention to the issues (and, eventually, solutions) that will have the most influence on the desired result. The team should also have a notion of what to measure in the future to see whether the solution is achieving the intended result.

# What is the purpose of

# discovery?

Depending on the sort of topic the team has to examine, discoveries are typically carried out in a variety of ways. Some instances of discoveries are as follows:

- Opportunities in new markets: A discovery is often required when a business is attempting to increase its product or service offerings. Researching a new audience, doing competitive analysis, and determining if the scale of the potential supports entering the market are all examples of discovery.
- Mergers and acquisitions: When companies combine, systems, procedures, and tools will almost certainly need to be merged as well. To develop a shared answer, a discovery might concentrate on common difficulties experienced by each institution.
- To solve organizational issues that persist: Perhaps a year's sales have been poor, or perhaps customer satisfaction has

been low for many quarters. Organizations often fall into the trap of concentrating just on symptoms.

# Discoveries' Most Common Activities

In discovery, there are many various sorts of activities that may be done.

- **Investigative Research**

We can discover new information about a domain by doing research. Because it creates fresh, open-ended discoveries, this form of study is referred to as generative or exploratory research. We learn about the issue space by doing this study (or the opportunity space). A hypothesis is not tested or a possible solution is not evaluated during the discovery phase.

- **Interviews with Stakeholders**

Stakeholders frequently have unique insight, expertise, and data regarding internal, backstage operations, as well as the users that

engage with them. Interviewing stakeholders adds another layer of information to the team's understanding of the problem's scope as well as the possibility of future solutions.

- **Workshops**

Workshops bring together team members and stakeholders, and they're a good way to find out what's going on. Kick-off workshops, assumption map workshops, and other workshops are often utilized in discoveries.

**People who are involved in the discovery**

- Multidisciplinary teams, whose team members are devoted full-time to the project and collocated, are ideally suited for discovery. The number of persons engaged and the types of roles they perform may vary depending on the scope of the issue and the discovery activities. They are as follows:
- Someone capable of doing research: User research must be planned and carried out by a UX researcher or UX designer.

- Someone who can lead or guide the team: Although self-organizing teams are usually the best, team members who are new to discovery may want some guidance, or the team may be huge and require some management.
- A sponsor or owner: The project must be owned by someone from the organization. This individual often has extensive domain and subject-matter knowledge, as well as information about who should be contacted.
- Someone technical: To examine available technologies, their capabilities, and limits, a developer or a technical architect who knows enough technical information to talk with engineers is required.

# The End Result or yield of a Discovery

The following are the results of the discovery.

- The team has a thorough grasp of the issue and what goals to strive for after the discovery, as well as where to concentrate its efforts.
- An explanation of the issue backed up with information that shows how huge it is and why it matters
- User journey maps, a user needs statements, personas, and high-level ideas or wireframes are all examples of service blueprints (for exploring in the next phase)

# Design

User interface (UI) design, also known as user interface engineering, is the process of creating user interfaces for machines and software, such as computers, household appliances, mobile phones, and other electronic devices, to increase usability and improve the user experience. In terms of achieving user objectives, the purpose of user interface design is to make the user's interaction as easy and efficient as feasible

(user-centered design). To build a system that is not only operational but also accessible and adaptive to changing user demands, the design process must balance technical functionality and aesthetic features (e.g., mental model).

Interface design is used in a variety of projects, including computer systems, automobiles, and commercial jets; all of these projects contain many of the same fundamental human interactions, but they also demand certain specific skills and expertise.

Good user interface design makes it easier to do the work at hand without attracting too much attention to itself. Graphic design and typography are used to promote the interface's usability, affecting how the user performs particular interactions and boosting the design's visual appeal; design aesthetics may increase or detract from users' ability to use the interface's functionalities.

# Designing a User

# Interface

User interface design requires an in-depth knowledge of user requirements. It primarily focuses on the platform's requirements and user expectations. In user interface design, there are various stages and procedures, some of which are more demanding than others, depending on the project. They are as outlined below:

- Gathering functional requirements: making a list of the system's functionality requirements to meet the project's aims and the users' possible demands.
- Applying user and task analysis as a kind of field research that involves analyzing prospective system users by seeing how they accomplish the activities that the design must enable and conducting interviews to learn more about their objectives.
- The creation of the system's process and/or information flow which is also known as information architecture (i.e. for

phone tree systems, this would be an option tree flowchart and for websites, this would be a site flow that shows the hierarchy of the pages).

- Creating wireframes: Wireframes are created in the form of paper prototypes or small interactive displays during prototyping. To focus on the interface, these prototypes are stripped of all look and feel aspects as well as the majority of information.
- Allowing an evaluator to evaluate a user interface, which is known as usability inspection. This is typically thought to be less expensive to deploy than usability testing (see step below), and it may be used early in the development process to assess prototypes or system specifications that can't be tested on people.
- Usability testing: This is putting prototypes to the test on real people, frequently utilizing a method known as the think-aloud procedure, in which you encourage the user to speak about their

ideas as they go through the experience. User interface design testing helps the designer to better understand how the design is received from the perspective of the viewer, which aids in the development of successful applications. Graphical user interface design - the final look and feel of the design of the graphical user interface (GUI). These are the control panels and faces of design; voice-controlled interfaces employ oral-auditory interaction, whilst gesture-based interfaces use physical gestures to engage with 3D design environments. It might be based on the findings of the user research and tweaked to address any usability issues discovered during testing.

- Software maintenance: when a new interface is deployed, it may be necessary to do routine maintenance to address issues, add new features, or replace the system. When the choice is made to update the interface, the legacy system will go through a new iteration of the

design process, and the phases of the interface life cycle will begin to repeat.

# Understanding the hierarchy

The notion of visual hierarchy is the arrangement of things to emphasize their relative significance. Designers organize visual qualities, such as menu symbols, so that consumers may quickly comprehend information. Designers affect users' perceptions and steer them to desired behaviors by putting up materials logically and strategically. Visual Hierarchy's Building Blocks are seen below:

- **Size:** Users are more likely to notice bigger components.
- **Color:** Vibrant colors tend to draw more attention than subdued hues.
- **Color contrast:** Colors that are dramatically contrasted are more eye-catching.
- **Alignment:** Elements that are out of

alignment stand out more than those that are aligned.

- **Repetition:** Using the same style repeatedly might indicate that the material is linked.
- **Proximity:** Elements that are close together seem to be linked.
- More whitespace surrounding components.
- Richer textures.

**Note that:** An efficient visual hierarchy in user interface (UI) design helps educate, impress, and convince people who have expectations – particularly regarding the look of an interface. To succeed, a website, app, or similar product must layout its pages or screens to reduce consumers' confusion, demonstrate maximum empathy, and provide them with something enjoyable to look at.

# How to Create an Effective Visual

# Hierarchy

A good visual hierarchy guides visitors to the functionality of a page/screen and provides them with the appropriate visual signals. To discover more about your users, you'll need to do user research. To create a visual Hierarchy, follow the steps below:

- **The Gestalt principles**: These are designed with the human vision in mind. Use them to help visitors organize visual components, notice what's vital on each page, and create brand trust.
- **Consistency:** For users, familiar symbols, menu hierarchy, colors, and other elements are essential.
- Use the center stage UI design technique to display consumers' vital information straight away.
- Use whitespace to settle consumers' eyes and lead them to vital foreground items; it's the cornerstone to crisp, clean minimalist designs.
- **Typography**: For desktop-accessible

displays, use the best font, color, and contrast to provide three levels of text, two (skipping the middle one) for mobile:

- **Specifics of mobile UX design:** On smaller displays, users must be able to detect items more quickly and navigate more effortlessly.

**Note that:** In certain businesses, elaborate typefaces are more suitable, although ornate text and special effects (e.g., embossed, washed-out lettering) may distract users, and even minor distractions diminish usability. Follow the steps to understand the modalities for applying typefaces and texts in the visual hierarchy:

- **Primary:** Use a header, similar to a newspaper headline, to draw readers' attention to the page/essential screen's content. The first two words of a header should give visitors a good idea of what the section underneath it is about.
- **Secondary:** Use sub-headers, for example, to aid visitors in scanning and navigating material.

- **Tertiary:** The main body, which is smaller but still readable.

Other things to think about when it comes to Visual Hierarchy

Here are some important things to think about when it comes to maximizing your visual hierarchy for users:

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- **Understand consumers' priorities:** You want to provide people with a feeling of prioritized information, thus emphasizing everything on a screen is counterproductive. Simultaneously, you must understand which aspects consumers must value as equally significant (e.g.,

dials on some dashboards).

- **Throughout the users' engagement, keep in mind the objective:** of each page/problem-solving screen's function. Customer journey maps, for example, are very useful for remembering what's essential and when. You'll probably find some extraneous items that you may remove when you define the order of priority on each screen.
- Overall, keep in mind that your design's visual hierarchy is the framework for organizing carefully selected parts that must appear and operate well together – so people may have seamless experiences and forget they're using a medium.

# What is alignment in UI design?

Alignment is a design philosophy that creates order, organization and increases readability as a result of good execution. Composition alignment is a delicate skill that demands

great attention to minute details, but when done correctly, the difference between a polished and unpolished interface is obvious.

Alignment is one of the few invisible design concepts, therefore it's easy to overlook. Alignment is a background procedure that is used to change and place foreground active components in a simple yet effective manner. Alignment types and how to use them:

- **Alignment in the Vertical**

When considering the visual placement of items, it's easy to get vertical and horizontal alignment mixed up since they both relate to the opposite axis. Vertical alignment occurs when the top, middle, and bottom pieces are all placed on the same horizontal plane. Although the opposing columns are joined by vertical alignment, the left column is given greater prominence and affordance by increasing the width of the article picture and the font size of the article title. When font sizes are varied, they may frequently align on an unequal axis, therefore vertically aligning the opposing headlines is a creative application of the alignment principle.

- **Alignment of the Horizontal**

Horizontal alignment refers to how components' left, center, and right edges are aligned. Each article picture is also aligned horizontally. The Reading List and Dismiss icons are horizontally positioned, ensuring that all icons are aligned on the same vertical axis. Consider the movement of items while recalling the distinction between vertical and horizontal alignment. Moving the Reading List or Dismiss icon to the left or right, for example, repositions the icon on its horizontal axis and so uses horizontal alignment.

# Aligning Objects

Aligning items may be difficult, and misalignment is a common occurrence. Objects that are centrally aligned have a more orderly and balanced arrangement (right). When merging objects and content, it's a good idea to center the items and align the content to the left.

If the goal is to draw the user's attention to a

certain spot while keeping it away from other interface components, central alignment is a useful practice to apply.

The items that use center alignment are image captions. Items that are centrally aligned, particularly those used in publications that follow a left to right, illogical reading pattern, bring attention to them. These picture captions certainly demand attention by lowering the text size and contrast, but the emphasis is minimal in comparison.

# Chapter Four Typography

The skill of arranging letters and text in such a manner that the content is readable, clear, and aesthetically attractive to the reader is known as typography. Typography is the study of font style, look, and structure to elicit certain emotions and communicate specific messages. In a nutshell, typography is what makes a text come to life.

# What is the significance of typography?

- It aids in brand awareness.
- Typography has an impact on decision-making.
- The reader's attention is held through typography.

# Using typeface or fonts

When it comes to font selection, there are several factors to consider, including the brand's personality, the product or service being offered, and the target demographic. With so many distinct font designs to choose from, each with its mood and style, picking the appropriate font should not be a hasty choice. Use the following guidelines to help you:

- While it may be tempting to employ numerous fonts in a single design, the user may get overwhelmed. Start with fonts from the same family, in other words, a single typeface. if you are new to font pairing and typography. Sticking to one typeface will naturally offer your interface a more coherent appearance since fonts from the same typeface were designed to function together seamlessly.
- Many fonts still have enough range to

provide you with adequate font variants for a variety of uses. Some fonts, for example, have italics, extended, bold, and condensed alternatives. While they enable more imaginative layouts, experimenting with font types excessively should be discouraged.

- Not all typefaces are made equal, and it's always preferable to be cautious when it comes to readability. While serif typefaces, which are often used in print, are thought to be more readable, sans-serif fonts are better suited to digital interfaces. In the following part, we'll go into readability in further detail.
- Make sure your typefaces are compatible with online browsers when selecting a typeface. Web-based font files, such as those provided by Google Fonts, may be displayed in a browser with few problems. When downloading online fonts, keep in mind that you should never download more character sets than you require.

- Fonts and typefaces must be readable: The term "readability" refers to the entire quality of the reading experience. The contrast, size, composition, and color of the font are all carefully managed by UI designers to promote readability. The text on your interface should flow naturally for your users, reducing cognitive load and making your interface accessible to those with visual impairments. Here are some practices to incorporate as you go along to help your users have a more enriching reading experience:

# Typography on the web

The importance of typography on the internet cannot be overstated. Bad typography might cause readers to lose interest in what they're reading. Making typography intelligible, comprehensible, and legible is critical. Your user interface will be improved by optimizing your typography. To properly improve

topography on the web, follow these steps:

**1. Use the fewest number of fonts possible:**

A website that uses more than three distinct typefaces seems disorganized and amateurish. Keep in mind that using too many different font sizes and styles at the same time might wreak havoc on a design. In general, keep the number of font families to a bare minimum (two is usually plenty) and use the same ones across the website. If you're going to utilize more than one typeface, make sure the font families are compatible in terms of the character width. Take a look at the font combinations shown below.

**2. Make an effort to use standard fonts:**

It's worth noting that typefaces might cause readers to lose interest in what they're reading. Instead of reading the content, users might focus on the typefaces utilized by the designers.

It's normally recommended to stay with the system typefaces unless your website has a compelling need for a custom font, such as for branding or to provide an immersive

experience. Remember that effective typography directs the reader's attention to the text rather than the font itself.

**3. Keep Line Length to a Minimum:**

The readability of your writing depends on the number of characters on each line. It should not just be a question of readability that determines the width of your text; it should also be a matter of design.

**4. Select a typeface that works well at different sizes:**

Your site will be accessed from a variety of devices with varying screen sizes and resolutions. Text components of varied sizes are required in most user interfaces (button copy, field labels, section headers, etc). To preserve readability and usefulness at all sizes, pick a font that performs well in a variety of sizes and weights.

**5. Use Fonts That Have Distinctive Letters:**

Many fonts make it all too simple to mix up letterforms, particularly "i"s and "L"s (as seen in the image below). So, while picking a type, be careful to test it in a variety of situations to

ensure it won't create problems for your customers.

**6. Don't use all caps:**

All caps text (text with all letters capitalized) is OK in settings that don't need reading (such as acronyms or logos), but don't make your users read all capitals text when your message requires reading.

**7. Keep the line spacing between lines as wide as possible:**

The gap between two lines of text is referred to as leading in typography (or line-height). In return for screen real estate, raising the leading increases the vertical white space between lines of text, enhancing readability. For excellent reading, the leading should be around 30% larger than the character height.

**8. Make Certain You Have Enough Color Contrast:**

Text and backdrop should not be the same or comparable colors. The more visible the writing is, the quicker it can be scanned and read by people. For body text and picture text, the W3C recommends the following

contrast ratios: The contrast ratio of small text versus its backdrop should be at least 4.5:1.

**9. Don't use red or green to color text:**

Because color blindness is so frequent, particularly among males (8 percent of men are color blind), it's best to employ additional signals to identify vital information in addition to color. Also, since red and green color blindness is the most frequent kind of color blindness, avoid utilizing those hues alone to communicate information. The contrast ratio of large text (14 pt bold/18 pt regular and higher) against its backdrop should be at least 3:1.

**10. Do Not Use Blinking Text:**

In those who are sensitive to seizures, content that flashes or flickers may cause them. It has the potential to produce seizures as well as be bothersome or distracting to users in general.

# The basics of typography in the web

# design

Typography is an important but frequently underestimated aspect of design that your web design firm should not miss. Consider how typography is used on the web, from enormous headlines and strong blocks of text to smaller-sized text in the body material, and you'll quickly understand that it's not just an important aspect of web design, but also a pure blend of art and science. The employment of type in a design is known as typography. By carefully choosing a font, size, color, layout, alignment, and other aspects that impact the appearance of text on a page, typography aims to convey a deeper message. Serif and sans serif fonts are the two primary categories of fonts to pick from. Serif typefaces contain serifs or additional decorations at the end of stokes, which are often referred to as "feet" or "tails."

# Basic Methods to apply When It Comes

# to Typography on the Web

When it comes to managing type in print vs on the web, there are a lot of distinctions. Contrast, color, legibility, and size are all things to consider when working with text on the web. Light creates colors on a monitor screen, and it's more necessary to think about contrast since it's difficult to look at and read text with poor contrast, and so on. Here are some things to think about and apply:

1. **Taking Command of Your Fonts:** The way your typeface looks on a web page is controlled by some parameters. The size of the font is crucial. The most common measuring units are the em, percentage (percent), and pixels (px). Points (pt), pica (pc), inches (in), centimeters (cm), millimeters (mm), and x space are some other less common units of measurement (ex).

2. Use Fonts that are compatible with the web: For instance a web standard font? These fonts are part of a small selection of typefaces that are found on most PCs. Under CSS2 guidelines, this is what presently restricts font options on the web. Using one of the web-safe fonts will provide you with more control over how your text appears across all browsers and operating systems. The most popular typefaces are Arial (Mac OS equivalent: Helvetica), Times New Roman (Mac OS equivalent: Times), Verdana, Georgia, and Courier, according to public opinion.

# Customizing Your Fonts

There are many options for displaying typefaces on your website. You can use CSS

to designate a web-safe font if you're using one. It's crucial to provide a variety of typefaces in case someone doesn't have your preferred choice. This provides a haven for your user's browser. Note that a font stack is a collection of typefaces. Follow the steps below to customize fonts:

- **Apply CSS3 web-safe typefaces.":** The current CSS3 specifications enable you to use any licensed Open Type or TrueType font. This may be accomplished by using @font-face.
- **Apply Font replacement applications:** If you're still worried about utilizing @font-face in your designs, you may use one of numerous font substitution options.
- **Apply Cufon:** Cufon is a popular font substitution tool since it's simple to use and incorporate into a website. On their website, you'll find plenty of documentation as well as a text generator that generates the code you'll need.
- **Apply sIFR:** this is a Flash-based text replacement technology that works much

like Cufon. To create a font file for your website, you'll need Flash. Because the load time might be a little longer if used widely on a web page, it's best employed on headlines or extremely short blocks of text.

# Chapter Five
# Types of type elements

When developing your interface, aim to keep your choices of interface components consistent and predictable. Users have been used to components operating in a specific manner, whether they are aware of it or not, and selecting to employ those elements when appropriate will aid job completion, efficiency, and enjoyment.

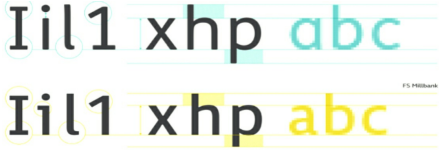
The following are examples of interface components; however, they are not exhaustive:

- Input controls: Checkboxes, radio buttons, dropdown lists, list boxes, buttons, toggles, text fields, and date fields are examples of input controls
- Navigational components: Breadcrumb, slider, search field, pagination, slider, tags, and icons are all navigational

components.

- Informational component: Tooltips, icons, progress bars, alerts, message boxes, and modal windows are examples of informational components.
- Containers: Accordion

# Anatomy of typography




The skill of arranging letters and text in such a manner that the content is readable, clear, and aesthetically attractive to the reader is known as typography. Typography is the study of font style, appearance, and structure to elicit specific emotions and communicate specific messages. The following elements make up typography's anatomy: -Fonts and Typefaces

The distinction between typefaces and fonts is often misunderstood, with many people

confusing the two. A typeface is a design style that includes a wide range of letters in different sizes and weights, while a font is a graphical representation of text characters. Other anatomies of typography to consider includes:

- **Contrast:** Contrast, like hierarchy, aids in conveying to your audience the concepts or messages you wish to stress. By focusing on contrast, you can make your text more interesting, meaningful, and attention-grabbing.
- **Areas of white space:** White space, often known as 'negative space,' is the area surrounding text or visuals. White space is typically disregarded and goes undetected by users, yet it guarantees that the interface is tidy and the content is legible.
- **Consistency:** It's crucial to keep your fonts constant if you want to prevent a jumbled and disorganized interface. It's critical to use the same font style while communicating information so that your

readers can immediately grasp what they're reading and begin to discover a pattern.

- **Alignment:** Alignment is the act of constructing and integrating text, graphics, and pictures to guarantee that each piece has the same amount of space, size, and distance between them.
- **Color:** One of the most interesting aspects of typography is color. This is where designers can truly let their imaginations run wild and take the user interface to the next level.
- **Hierarchy:** One of the most important aspects of typography is to establish hierarchy. The purpose of typographic hierarchy is to distinguish between notable pieces of content that should be noticed and read first, and regular text copy.

# How to choose fonts

When looking for a suitable font, keep the

following seven characteristics in mind:

**1. Establishing a brand**: The typeface you choose should reflect the personality and attitude of your company. Match the font style to the personality of your company.

**2. The ability to read**: It is self-evident that a font that is clear and legible is preferable to one that is difficult to read. People will reject your design if they have to take additional effort to grasp what you've written.

**3. Serif vs. Sans fonts**: When choosing a font for the text, one of the first decisions to make is whether to go with a serif or sans serif.

**4. Font Style:** Some fonts belong to superfamilies,' meaning they exist in a variety of styles and weights, giving designers additional creative latitude.

**5. Keep the overall number of typefaces to a minimum**: In your design, don't use more than 2–3 typefaces. Play with various font sizes for current typefaces whenever you believe you need a new font.

**6. Avoid utilizing typefaces that are too similar:** Using numerous typefaces in design

is all about providing visual variety.

**7. When choosing two typefaces, go for a strong contrast**: Make sure the fonts you're employing have significant contrasting contrasts if you're utilizing numerous types.

# Branding process

A collection of graphical assets and visual components, such as a logo, brand colors, typography, drawings, animations, and business cards, make up UI branding design. They play a critical role in brand marketing and market exposure as a whole. Because pictures, colors, and fonts elicit connections with your product, the value of branding via the user interface should never be overlooked.

With good placement, firms can communicate the correct message to their consumers, enhancing communication and reinforcing their trust. For successful branding, follow the steps below:

- First, devote sufficient time to appropriate marketing and user research

to assess the competition and identify the target audience. The brand values of your prospects must become the backbone of your UI/UX when combined with the fundamental message you announce. It will aid designers in developing a color scheme and various logo variations, as well as aligning animations and symbols with the overall idea.

- Make UI Branding Visible Right Away: Let's imagine you want to reach out to energetic young people who are constantly on the go. There aren't going to be any light typefaces or delicate shadows there. Instead, go for vivid colors, basic shapes, sharp edges, and huge graphics.
- Create a mood board that reflects your strategic brand goal as well as the needs of your target audience. Look at the board if you're unsure about a design aspect, and it'll properly lead you.

The advantages of branding are:

- It aids in the creation of a value-driven

design.

- Restricts personal views from interfering with the demands of the audience or the positioning of the brand.
- As you choose each content component, it generates the appropriate supporting points and arguments.
- Assists in the management of all marketing assets using a standardized framework.

# Chapter Six
# What is readability in UI design?

The readability of written information is a measure of how simple it is to read and follow. Copywriters, content writers, and designers are in charge of ensuring that written information is readable. Complex and extended phrases, for example, are difficult to follow and comprehend. To achieve high readability on a website, follow these steps:

- Stay away from jargon and made-up terminology.
- Avoid acronyms as much as possible.
- Use brief sentences and smaller paragraphs in your writing.
- If you are writing for a larger audience, aim for an 8th-grade reading level. A reading level of 12th grade is sufficient for more informed audiences.
- Begin with the conclusion and then

expand, but keep it succinct.

# What makes a good UI design?

In general, a good user interface is consistent, simple to comprehend, and aligned with the brand. However, the following are some of the characteristics that constitute a strong UI design:

- Give users control over the interface (with an emphasis on simplicity!)
- Make interacting with a product pleasurable.
- Make user interfaces consistent and reduce cognitive strain

It's important to remember that the user interface is emotional and driven by the user experience. To please your consumers, you'll need a full-spectrum design strategy, from research to design, testing, and delivery.

# How to get the aspect

# ratio?

Without any pixels or units, an aspect ratio is the size of an image's width in comparison to its height. While the aspect ratio of a picture might help you grasp its form, it has no bearing on the image's actual size.

Aspect ratios are expressed as a width-to-height formula, such as 3:2. It's vital to keep in mind that although two photos may have the same aspect ratio, their sizes may differ.

A square ratio of 1:1, for example, means that the image's width and height are the same. The aspect ratio stays 1:1 regardless of whether the picture is 320 × 320 pixels or 1080 x 1080 pixels in size. For instance, a picture might be 1920 × 1080 pixels or 1280 x 720 pixels, yet they both have the same widescreen 16:9 aspect ratio. Other aspect ratios include 1:1, 3:2, 4:3, and 16:9 ratios, to name a few.

# Chapter Seven
# What are design systems?

A design system is a set of guidelines for managing design at scale by avoiding duplication and establishing a common language and aesthetic across several pages and channels.

When properly implemented, design systems may offer a design team with several advantages:

- Design (and development) work may be produced rapidly and at a large scale. The capacity to swiftly recreate ideas using preset UI components and elements is the fundamental value of design systems.
- It frees up design resources to work on bigger, more difficult challenges.
- It establishes a common language among and across cross-functional teams.

- It establishes aesthetic uniformity across goods, channels, and (perhaps separate) divisions.
- It may be used as a reference and teaching tool for junior designers and content producers.

# What is Figma and what does it do?

Figma is an internet graphics editing and UI design application. It may be used for a variety of graphic design tasks, including wireframing websites, building smartphone app layouts, prototyping designs, and creating social media posts.

Figma is not like other graphics editing software. It works mostly because it is browser-based. This means you can access your projects and begin creating from every computer or platform, without having to purchase additional licenses or software.

Another reason designers like Figma is that it has a flexible free plan that allows you to

create and save three active projects at once. Learning, experimenting, and working on modest projects are plenty for you.

# Sketching

UI Sketching is a kind of drawing on paper, but it is not your typical sketching. Its goal is to demonstrate the outcome of problem-solving thinking. It disseminates the concept to others. The basic goal of sketching is to immediately depict the key concept. Here are some guidelines for sketching:

- Only draw with Sharpies -always use three colors: black for primary UI components, gray for shadows and decorations, and blue for active buttons
- Draw straight lines using a ruler
- Use only dotted paper -draw rectangles with correct screen dimensions -measure UI items from the screen before drawing them on paper

# What are ligatures?

Ligature occurs when two or more graphemes

or letters combine to form a single sign, such as the English character "," which combines the letters "a" and "e."

The three types of modern ligatures application are:

- Standard ligatures, which are required for the typeface to appear appropriately.
- Ligatures are utilized to produce a certain picture in context.
- Historical ligatures, which are used to give the text an old print appearance.

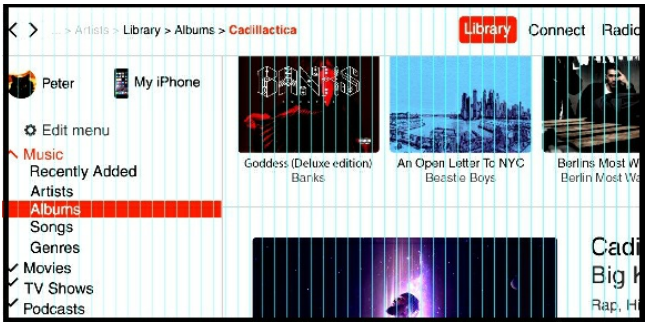
The following are some digital ligature steps that may be useful:

- In your editor, try inserting the ligatures from a character palette.
- If you're using HTML, you may enter the ligature glyphs' escape codes.
- If your operating system or browser supports Unicode, you may use special code to introduce ligatures into Unicode fonts that are already installed.
- You may also utilize kerning to change the spacing between letters and generate

ligatures if necessary.

# Chapter Eight
# The Importance of Grid

A grid is a framework that divides a page into columns or modules using a sequence of vertical or intersecting lines. Designers may use this framework to assist them to order material on the page. While the grid's lines aren't always visible (although they are in certain designs), the structure aids in managing the proportions of the components to be aligned on the page. This grid would be the foundation for the page's design. Consider it a skeleton for a designer to use to arrange visual components (such as text sections, photos, and other functional or decorative features) in an easy-to-understand manner. Below is an example of a grid design




# What is a box modal?

A modal is a user interface element that appears as a child window in front of a bigger parent window. It differs from a popup window in that it opens a smaller box inside a larger window rather than a new window. A modal is a user experience pattern in web design that appears on top of a parent program or window. Modals are notorious for being disruptive, but they don't have to be that way if they're well-designed.

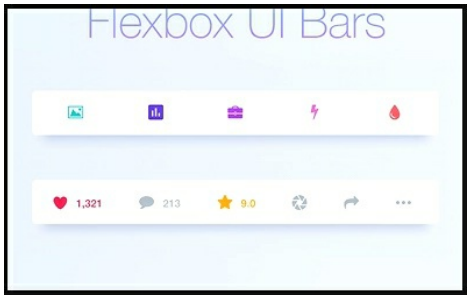
Although most modals are not scrollable, their contents may be scrolled, particularly if they feature term updates and/or a lengthy piece of similar language. However, tooltips, slide-outs, banners, and other elements may readily replace modals. Modals, on the other

hand, may better serve the objective of directing complete attention to a message or information due to the way they are built.

Although modals are useful, they may be inconvenient. As a result, you should only use them when you want a user's undivided attention or when you want to ensure that they are aware of a certain piece of information.

# What is a flexbox?

When the website layout must handle varied screen sizes and display devices, Flexbox is a layout style that allows components to be arranged on a page in such a way that they behave reliably. A flex container stretches or contracts things to fill space or avoid overflow.



In contrast to the block layout, which is vertically biased, and the inline layout, which is horizontally biased, the flexbox layout technique is direction-agnostic. While the block layout works well for pages, it lacks enough definition to allow application components that must change orientation, resize, stretch, or shrink when the user agent changes, such as when the user agent flips from vertical to horizontal. The Flexbox layout is best for application components and small-scale layouts, while the (developing) Grid pattern is best for larger scale layouts. Both are part of the CSS Working Group's larger endeavor to improve web application compatibility with diverse user agents, writing modes, and other demands on flexibility.

# What is responsive design?

Responsive design is a visual user interface (GUI) design strategy for creating information that adapts to different screen

sizes without losing its quality. Designers use relative units (percentages) and media queries to guarantee that their designs adjust to the browser space and maintain content uniformity across devices.

Responsive design offers maximum flexibility in all areas, including pictures, text, and layouts. As a result, do the following steps:

- Adopt a "mobile-first" strategy
- Raise the resolution of phone-sized designs to fit bigger displays.
- Keep in mind that mobile users want big buttons (>40 points). Furthermore, your design must be twice as intuitive as its desktop counterpart.

# Tips to Creating the layout

- In the Properties panel, add a new margin option. Any UI element on the canvas could previously be changed in size and location. You now have much

more control over the UI layout and arrangement of your UI widgets on your screen.

- Use any amount of pixels as a margin to provide space and breathing area between UI elements. Your chosen margin will be maintained regardless of device size or dimension, ensuring pixel-perfect information architecture.
- Adding margins to your design throughout the prototype process to retain the genuine layout and composition is a smart design practice.
- Attention should be paid to the space between and around those pieces.
- Arrange the UI components on the canvas with care. -UI elements may be wrapped horizontally or vertically inside a container.

# What is fluid?

In the requirements stage of app development, Fluid UI is an HTML5 mobile UI design tool that allows the user interface

designer to quickly construct prototypes by arranging pre-built widgets in a drag-and-drop WYSIWYG editor. It allows for user and client participation and iteration. Android, Android Tablet, iPhone, and iPad are among the platforms that are supported.

# How to apply Grid

To set up and utilize Grid, follow the instructions below:

- **Grid of column layouts:** Adding a new grid to your document and configuring the related settings is all it takes to set up a column layout grid.
- **Grid of vertical baselines:** Your vertical baseline grid serves as a second axis for laying out your designs, allowing you to size and arrange objects vertically. By including a Row grid type in your document and providing the necessary settings, you may construct a vertical baseline grid.
- **Aligning your grid's content:** When dealing with material, we want to make

sure it's aligned with our baselines and columns for a consistent appearance.

- **Taking use of auto-layout:** There is one more option in Figma that might make your life even simpler when it comes to setting up your documents.

# Chapter Nine Significance of shadow in the design process

The capacity of shadows to express visual signals in layered and highly interactive interfaces is crucial. Even in minimalist design, using subtle and nuanced shadowing improves depth perception without jeopardizing the designer's aesthetic values. Shadow aids in the telling of a tale about how objects appear on the screen. There are two basic aspects to a shadow in the actual world. The first shadow is formed by directional light, whereas the second is cast by ambient light. When you look at the items around you, particularly on sunny days when the sun is shining down, this physical phenomenon becomes quite visible. The following are descriptions of several shadows and how to use them;

- Directional light cast shadow: We want to emphasize the elevation in our UI element with our first shadow, and we'll need a strong directed light source to do so.
- Ambient light cast shadow: Ambient light casts a more diffuse, softer, and less vertically offset shadow than directed light since it comes from all directions. One thing to bear in mind is that the ambient shadow becomes fainter as an element's height increases.
- Mixed shadows: We obtain a more polished and attractive look when we blend these two shadows. You don't need a border to provide contrast since the ambient light shadow may suffice.

# How to use transparency in design

By default, whether you create an object or stroke, apply a fill or input text, these things seem solid; that is, they have 100 percent

opacity. The things may be made transparent in many ways. You may, for example, change the opacity from 100 percent (very opaque) to 0%. (Completely transparent). When you lower the opacity, the underlying artwork shows through the object's surface, stroke, fill, or text. To add transparency, use the following methods:

1. Firstly, choose an item.
2. To apply effects to a graphic, use the Direct Selection tool to pick it.
3. To see the Effects panel, go to Window > Effects.
4. Choose a level to specify which sections or parts of the item you wish to modify, see some instances below:

- **Object:** This has an impact on the whole object, including its stroke, fill, and text.
- Only the graphic picked using the Direct Selection tool is affected. When you paste the graphic in a new frame, the effects you applied to it

stay with it.

- All items and text in the group are affected. (To apply effects to items in a group, use the Direct Selection tool.)
- **Stroke:** This only affects the stroke of the item (including its gap color).
- **Fill:** This only affects the fill of the item.
- **Text:** Only the text within the item is affected, not the text frames. You can't apply effects to individual words or letters in a text object; you can only apply them to the whole text in the object. In the Control panel, you may also choose a level: Select-Object, Stroke, Fill, or Text from the Apply Effect To Object menu.

**To modify transparency, follow the steps below**:

- Choose the object(s) to which the effect has been applied.
- To open the Effects dialog box, do one of the following.

- Double-click the FX icon to the right of Object in the Effects window (not at the bottom of the panel). To see the FX icon, you may need to click the triangle next to the term Object.
- Select the level with the effect you wish to change, then go to the Effects panel's FX button and select an effect name.

# How to use color composition

To apply color correctly, follow the instructions below:

**1) Pick the proper color for the right application**: We can't claim a color is "bad-looking," but if you apply it incorrectly, it might seem that way.

**2) Pay attention to the color BLUE:** Take a look at the most popular apps or websites, such as Facebook, Twitter, Microsoft, Safari, and so on. What's inside? They are all blue, as you can see. Blues of various hues.

**3)** Color contrasts between the pieces and the backdrop.

4) **Color proportions in the golden ratio (The Golden [6:3:1]) Rule**: When it comes to UI interface design, you can't avoid color combinations, but you may use two principles to help you: the 6:3:1 ratio and employing no more than three basic colors.

**5)** Keep color combinations and complements simple and pleasing to the eye.

**6)** Because black and white are the most often used neutral colors, combining them effectively might result in an appealing UI interface.

**7) Look to nature and art for inspiration:** Color inspiration comes mostly from nature and art. Simply go outdoors and gaze up into the sky to see the most diverse and genuine blue.

**8) Keep in mind that certain colors are associated with a specific gender**: for example, pink is often associated with women, therefore it should be used in designs that are mostly used by women.

# Chapter Ten
# Microcopy in design

Microcopy refers to the teeny-tiny pieces of copy that may be found on websites, apps, and items. These brief words teach a user what to do, answer user issues, put a situation in perspective, and help explain the bigger narrative about your brand, product, and business practices.

The following are the key characteristics of microcopy:

**1) Concision**: Less is more when it comes to microcopy. Keep things concise and to the point. Users should be guided by micro words in such a way that they don't even know they're there.

**2) Context:** Context enables customers to figure out what they're expected to accomplish while also allowing them to build confidence in the product/brand.

**3) Take action:** Microcopy may also encourage people to take action. Each phrase

has a function, whether it's to convince the user to click a button, offer you information like an email address, or just keep them interested and on the page.

**4) Reliability (and the risk of dark UX):** Authenticity may be the most crucial characteristic of UX microcopy. We've reached a point where certain businesses have recognized the potential of microcopy and have leveraged it in ways that, among other things, may degrade the user experience by deceiving people.

## How to do an F-pattern design

Based on ingrained human habits, the F-Pattern is a basic structure meant to lead a user's attention to content that you want them to view. The F-pattern is found in the way we read, which is left to right in this instance.

The F-pattern is designed so that website designers may position content in front of the viewer's eyes. Follow the instructions below to utilize the F-pattern:

- First, decide what action you want your users to do on the page and what

information is most relevant to them. This will influence the material you frontload from the left to the right.

- Remember that this isn't a book, so use short sentences and phrases in the F-pattern.
- While it's OK for an F-pattern to morph into an E-pattern (especially on websites with longer scrolling), prioritize your most critical information in the first two prongs. They're the most crucial.
- When in doubt, employ SEO recommended practices to lure visitors by using bullet points and frontloaded keywords.
- Don't forget about your smartphone. The F-pattern is still effective on mobile, therefore it's a good idea to use it to optimize your design.

# Chapter Eleven Prototype design in Adobe Photoshop

There are now a plethora of prototype tools and techniques available to assist you in rapidly and simply creating website mockups. Photoshop CC is a terrific tool for quick prototyping, even if you don't realize it. Designers who wish to rapidly-produce wireframes or prototypes to present with a customer or construct a design suitable for a developer will find that the program has grown in capabilities with each release. To make an excellent prototype, follow these steps:

**1) Begin by making a grid:** Create a document with the dimensions of the screen you're going to build (smartphone, tablet, and so on). Next, create a grid that will serve as the foundation for the construction.

**2) Block out essential portions of your page**

**layout**: At this time, it's a good idea to block out crucial areas of your page layout. Make a folder for your header, footer, content, and other elements.

**3) add some navigation elements:** Now it's time to add some navigation components. Select the layer, hold the Opt/Alt key, and drag to copy your type. The alignment is constrained while Shift is held down. Select all of the navigation text and use the Tool Options bar Distribute Vertical Centres option to perfectly align your text layers.

**4) Use the Rounded Rectangle tool to round your rectangles:** Here, we're utilizing the Rounded Rectangle tool to add a sign-up form to the homepage layout. The live Rounded Rectangles function in Photoshop CC allows you to adjust the corner radius of your design.

**5) Insert photos:** It's a good idea to turn images into Smart Objects so they're easy to edit or replace.

**6 ) Introduce the concept of layer styles**: Layer styles are a good technique to add

effects to your photos. To copy a layer style from one layer to another in your stack, press Opt/Alt and drag the FX icon to the new layer. Simply copy your backdrop rectangle and combine it with your text layer into a layer group to create a **Hover Over layer** that can be switched on or off.

**7) Isolate your layers:** If you simply want to change certain of your layers, this is another valuable option in Photoshop CC. Go to Select > Isolate Layers after selecting the layers you want to alter.

**8) Produce picture assets:** Adobe Generator is a function in Photoshop CC that allows you to quickly create image assets. Select File > Generate > Image Assets from the File menu. Add a file extension such as.png or.jpeg to the Layers panel to automatically export that layer to a specified folder. We've used an icon file to do this.

**9) Replicate CSS attributes:** When constructing an HTML prototype, the ability to copy a layer's CSS is a fantastic tool in Photoshop CC. To accomplish this, press Ctrl+right-click on the relevant layer, then

choose Copy CSS Style from the context menu to copy the code to the clipboard.

# How to build a persuasive product

To create convincing goods, follow these steps:

- Use Maslow to match search intent
- Use repetition to make your claims believable

Note that: Benefit-Focused products converts shoppers Into buyers

- Get Inside Your Buyers' Heads With Forum Research
- Use Sensory Words To Connect With Your Buyer's Subconscious
- Micro-commitments may help you convert new customers into big spenders.
- Increase Trust With the Blemishing Effect Amplify Your Top Pages With Power Words
- Improve the effectiveness of your ads by

"borrowing" from previously tested copy.

- Apply The Technique of Disruption and Reframing (DTR)
- Build Brand Preference by Using Buyers' Words
- To Increase Customer Loyalty, Use the Endowed Progress Effect.
- Use a rhyming sequence to persuade hesitant buyers.
- Be quite specific.
- To Increase Conversions, Use Social Influence
- Readers will be enthralled by little stories.
- The Serial Position Technique might help you remember more messages.
- Make Your Marketing Their Idea Using the Priming Technique

# How to apply psychological

# principles to persuade

Here are some persuasion psychology principles:

**1. Hypothesis of Amplification:** When you articulate a given viewpoint with conviction, that attitude hardens. The converse is also true: expressing doubt softens the attitude.

**2. Theory of Conversion:** A group's minority may have a disproportionate impact on influencing the majority. Those in the majority who are most vulnerable are usually those who joined because it was simple to do so or because they believed there were no other options.

**3. Theory of Information Manipulation:** In this idea, a persuasive individual breaks one of the four conversational maxims on purpose. The following are the four:

- Quantity: The information is thorough.
- Quality: The information is factual and honest.
- Relationship: The information is pertinent to the discussion.

- Information is presented in an easy-to-understand manner, and nonverbal movements complement the statement's tone.

**4. Preparation:** Stimuli that change how you interpret short-term thoughts and activities may influence you. Here is a great example from the movie **Changing Mind**, for instance, To prime a person to think of the phrase 'tricycle,' a stage magician says 'try' and 'cycle' in different lines.

**5. Norm of Reciprocity:** Reciprocity is a social norm that requires us to repay benefits given to us by others.

**6. The Principle of Scarcity:** You're looking for something that's in low supply. This urge grows as you anticipate the regret you will feel if you do not act quickly enough and lose out.

# How to create sitemaps

A sitemap (also known as an XML sitemap)

is a list of all the pages on a website. The term "extensible mark-up language" refers to a method of displaying data on a website. To make a site map, follow the steps below:

**1. Examine the layout of your pages:** The first step is to examine the current material on your website and determine how it is organized.

**2. Make your URLs unique**: It's time to code those URLs now that you've defined the relevance of each page and matched that importance in your site structure.

**3. Check the code for errors:** Human mistake is always a possibility when coding by hand. However, any code errors in your sitemap will prevent it from working correctly.

**4. Place your sitemap and robots.txt files in the root directory:** Locate your website's root folder and upload the sitemap file there.

**5. Send your sitemap in:** It's time to submit your sitemap to search engines now that it's been built and included in your site files.

# What is motion?

As a CSS package, Motion UI delivers a range of pre-made effects. This contains a slide, scale, fade, hinge, and spin transition effects, as well as various built-in animations. The following are some examples of motion applications:

- **Transitions**

Transitions are used to aid with the transition of components that come in and out of your site, many ways they are in a slideshow or video. The Built-in Transitions Foundation creates transition effects by using transition classes from the Motion UI library, which comprises over two dozen built-in transition classes.

**Animations**

You can also make CSS animations with the Motion UI transition effects. The library also enables the creation of series effects, in which many objects are animated in sequential order. And there's a lot more.

**Accessibility in design**

Accessible design is a design approach that takes into account the demands of individuals with impairments. People with a range of impairments can utilize goods, services, and facilities independently, which is commonly referred to as accessibility. Accessibility as a design issue has a long history, but with the introduction of laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which demanded that public buildings and services be completely accessible to individuals with disabilities, public awareness of accessibility grew. This, however, is in opposition to universal design. The Center for Universal Design at North Carolina State University defines universal creation as "the design of goods and places that are usable by all individuals, to the maximum degree feasible, without the need for adaptation or specialist design."

# CONCLUSION

From the first chapter to the middle part of this book, we gave a comprehensive analysis of UI and UX design, distinctions, the duties

of designers, the importance of design to technology, and many more. Going further to the middle and up to the last, various step-by-step procedures were given to guide users in wireframing, applying colors, and many more. Psychological principles that would persuade people from using a product were given.

In all, the benefit of this book is too broad and cannot be summarized here in the conclusion alone, which is why you must read the book over and over, to digest each step that has been provided. Once you have mastered all that is here, you are on your way to becoming a professional designer.

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