## Intro to UI/UX: Auto layout in Figma

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Before we start...

## You might want to activate a Figma account to follow along

## Figma is free for all students!

You can sign up for a free education plan in their website to get access to certain features or benefits.

Link to sign up for education plan

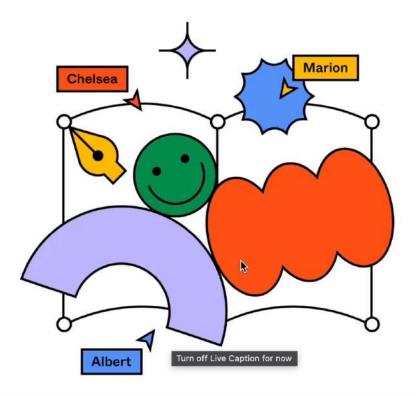
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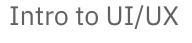


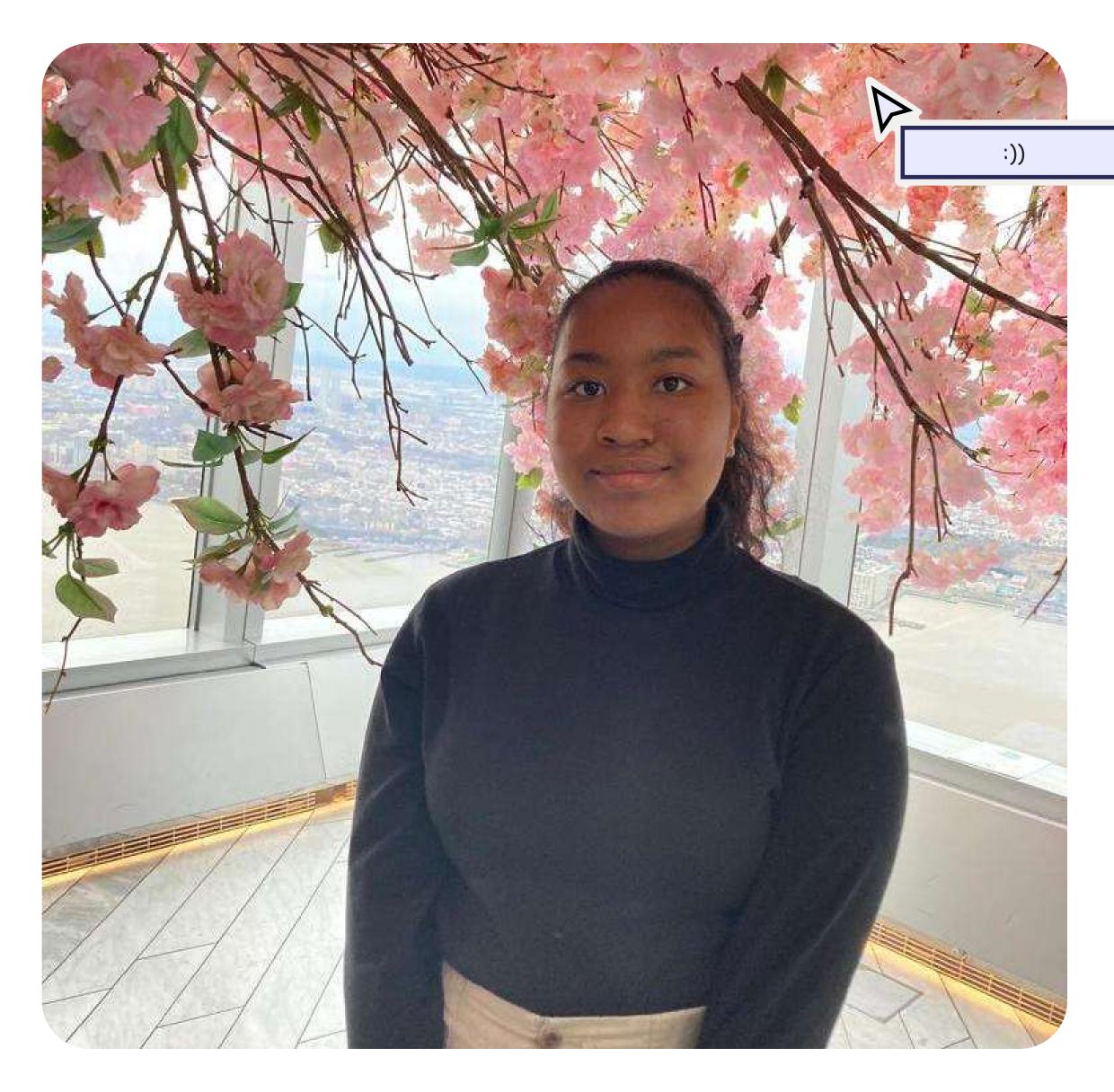
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For the most part you will catch me designing experiences, interfaces, and visuals at corporations, startups, or for myself! If not, maybe eating out with my friends spending unnecessary money on hotpot (Haidilao if you're reading this I will die for you...) or taking dance classes in Downtown Toronto.

I love design that makes sense so I always try my best in making it so!







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I'm a huge anime fan, a gamer, and a food lover exploring around Toronto. When I'm not immersed in captivating narratives or exploring new eateries, I channel my passion into crafting digital experiences that foster kindness and inclusivity. I truly believe that great design creates spaces where everyone can express their true selves and connect with others.

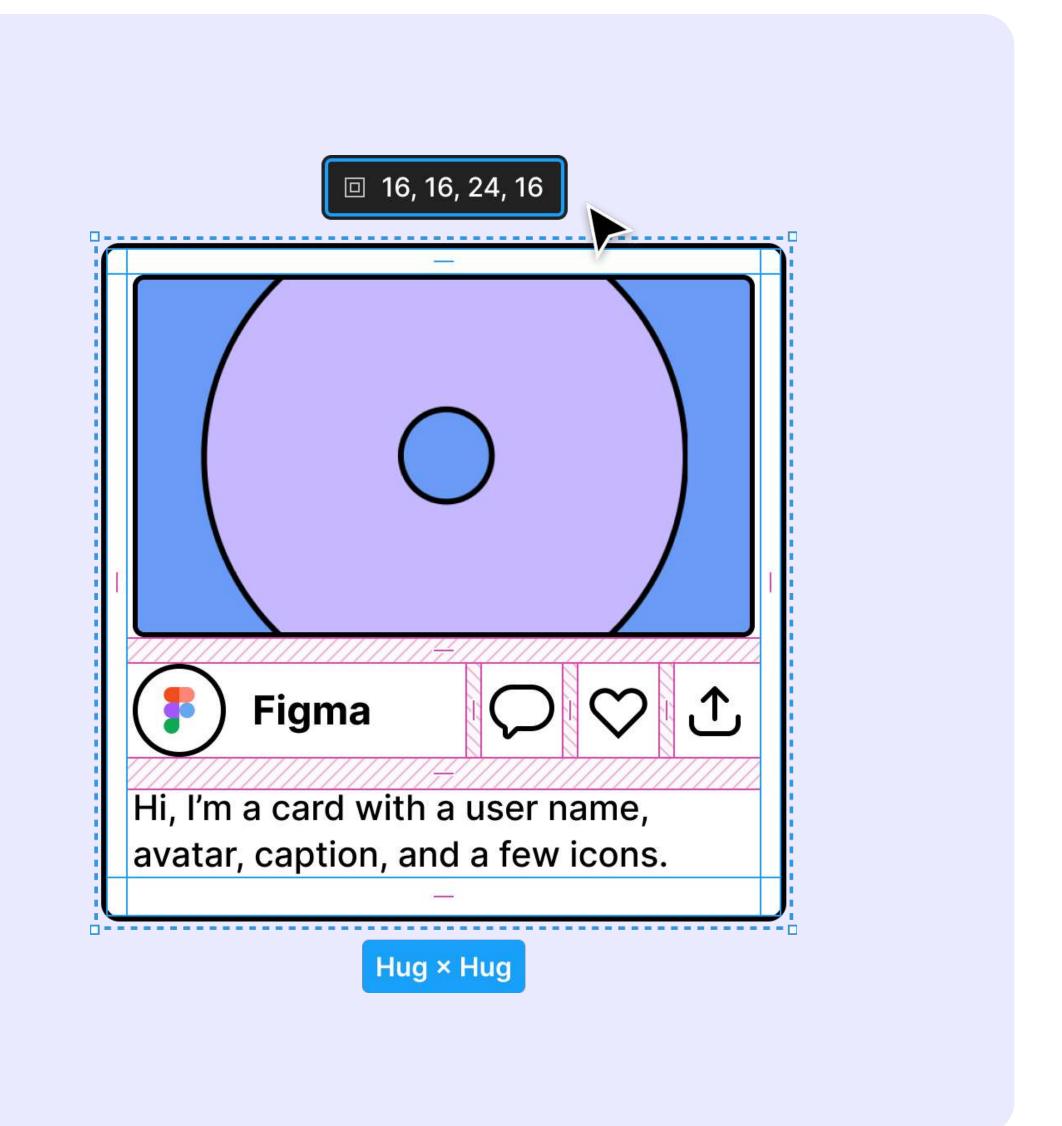


### What is auto layout?

Auto layout in Figma is a cool feature that helps us design more efficiently and precise. It allows you to resize and organize frames and components. It can fill or shrink to fit its contents, making it responsive.

It's creating for text, components such as buttons or even across designs with multiple devices.

Today we'll be introducing how to use auto layout with a demo at the end so stay tuned!



### Why should I care?



#### It saves time we're talking a lottt

Trust us on this one. No more stupid mistakes off by a few pixels or manually resizing a text block one by one.

### Easy to maintain for consistency

At first, auto layout might throw you off a bit, but once you've got the hang of it, it's super reliable for keeping your designs neat and consistent.

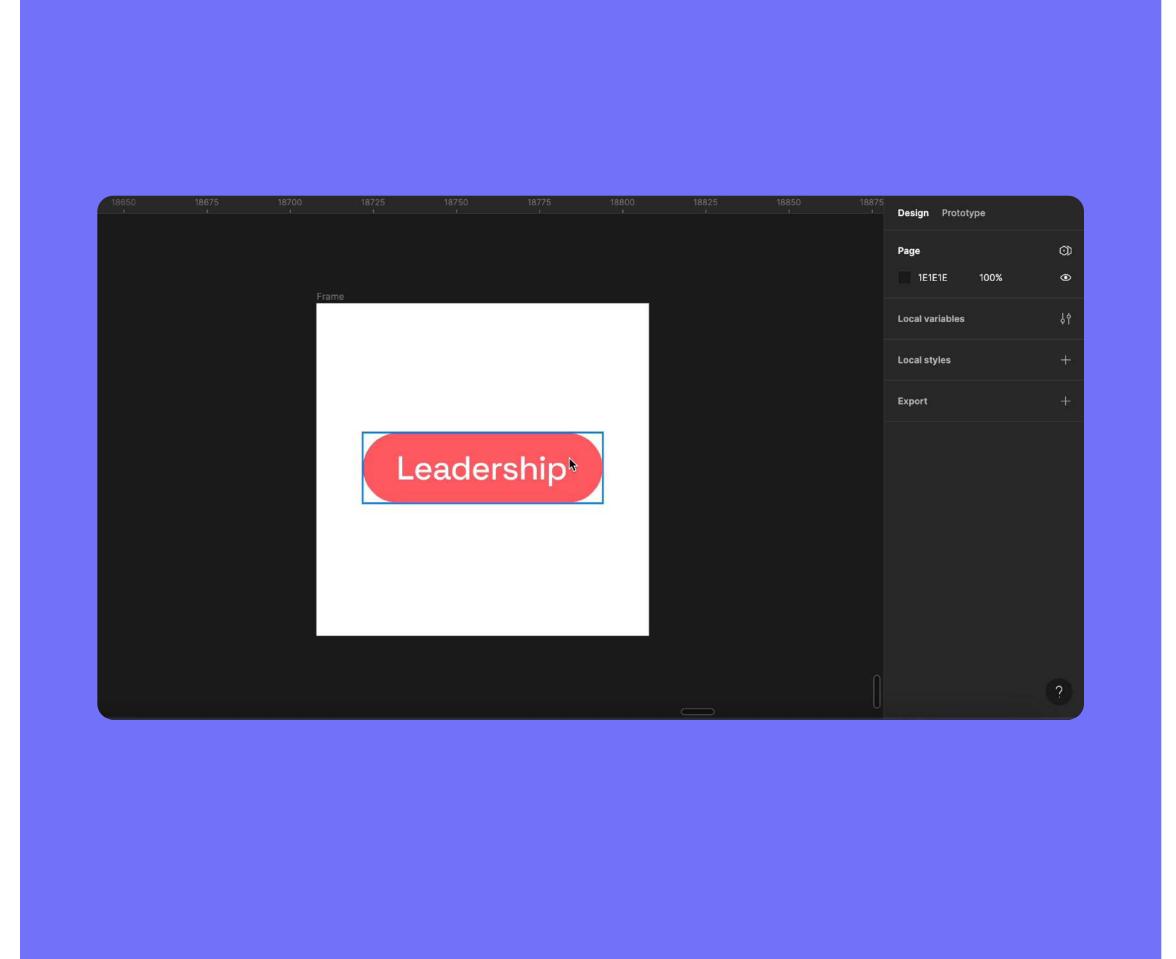
### Makes designing for responsiveness easy

It helps you readjust to different screen sizes from desktop to smartphones, create a smooth transition across multiple devices.

# Setting up auto layout

Auto layout is a property you can add to frames and components. It lets you create designs that grow to fill or shrink to fit, and reflow as their contents change.

- Click on a frame or object in Figma you want to set up auto layout with
- Press Shift + A or add auto layout on the right sidebar
- To remove auto layout, select the frame or object and click in the right sidebar. You can also click Shift + Option/Alt + A.



### Resources

Here are some extra resources we recommend checking out to learn more about Figma!

Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
<u>Design basics</u>	Creating color styles	<u>Intro to variables</u>
Figma for beginners YouTube playlist	Create and use variants	Dev mode  Advanced
	Introduction to	prototyping
	<u>design systems</u>	

## Demo time!

Link to Figma file

