

User Interface Design

- Visual design(look&feel)
- Interaction design(functional&logical organization of elements)

Main UI design types

- Graphical user interface (GUI)
 - Web
 - Mobile
- (Touchscreen)
- Voice user interface (VUI)
- Menu-driven
- Gesture-based

Visual design

- How the interface looks, considering things like color, typography, imagery and graphics, logos, icon design and spacing.

Visual design: Color

- Grouping colors:
 - Chromatic
 - Warm
 - Cool
 - Neutral
 - Active&Passive
- Are associated to different things
- Color wheel
 - Primary colors
 - Secondary colors
 - Tertiary colors

- Color has:

- Tint
- Tone
- Shade

- Defining a color:

- Hue
- Saturation/chroma
- Lightness/value
- Contrast

- Color schemes

- Monochromatic (usually mobiles)
- Analogous
- Complementary
- Split-complementary
- Triadic
- Tetradic

- Colors in design:
 - Primary color
 - Secondary
 - Accent
 - Backdrop/background
- Colors can be noted down in different ways, and the most common ones you will probably come across are Pantone, CMYK, HEX, and RGB.

- Guidelines

- 2-5 colors, depending what you are designing
- Match colors with the brand
- 60-30-10 rule when creating color palette
- Think accessibility
- Use of colors should be consistent
- Most systems reserve a certain red for errors, green for success, yellow for warning, and (possibly a lighter sky) blue for informational messages
- Design systems such as Material design and Human interface guidelines has their own guidelines for using colors (<https://developer.apple.com/design/human-interface-guidelines/foundations/color> and <https://m3.material.io/styles/color/overview>)
- There are differences when designing for different screens and devices
- Light vs dark mode color designing

Visual design: Typography

- Typeface
- Font
- Elements of typography:
 - Baseline
 - Cap height
 - X-height
 - Ascender/Descender

- Main generic fonts:

- Serif fonts

- Old-style
 - Transitional
 - Didone
 - Slab

- Sans serif fonts

- Grotesque
 - Neo-grotesque
 - Geometric
 - Humanist

- Monospace fonts

- Cursive (handwriting) fonts

- Display fonts

- Sans serif are usually used in mobile and web design

- Neo-grotesque are typically for mobile design. Roboto is for Android and SF Pro(San Fransisco) sor iOS

- Can be aligned

- Left
- Center
- Right

- Emphasize

- Bold
- Italics
- Underlining
- Capitalize
- Spacing
- Color

- Size

- Px
 - Em
 - Rem
 - Sp

→For screens

Web: em, rem, pixels

Mobile: pixel independent; iOS→Points and Android→sp (<https://developer.apple.com/design/human-interface-guidelines/foundations/typography> and <https://m3.material.io/styles/typography/overview>)

	Web	iOS	Android	Native Screen Resolution
Units	pixels px	points pts	density-independent pixels (dps) Scalable pixels (sp)	pixels px
Scaling Technique	Logical Resolution	Logical Resolution	Density Independence	None
Similarity	<p>web pixel is \approx iOS point \approx Android density-independent pixel roughly about the same size in practice</p> <p>Each is about the size of a 'standard screen resolution pixel' if high resolution displays did not exist</p>			<p>Screen resolution pixels are entirely different than the pixels, points, and density-independent pixels on the web, iOS, and Android.</p> <p>Screen Resolution pixels are the actual number of physical pixels on screen.</p>

- **Weight:**

- Light
- Regular
- Medium
- Bold

- **Formatting text:**

- Space between letters
- Line length
- Line height

- Primary/Secondary/(third font)

- Hierarchy:

- Title/Header
- Subtitles
- Body text

- Scalability

- Guidelines:

- Fonts can be defined by using CSS
- If using a font which is not installed in operating system, it will be replaced by some other random font and that might destroy the design completely
- Use fonts which are included with most of operating systems
- Consider brand, number of fonts used, language and amount of written content when selecting fonts
- Use enough whitespace
- Don't squeeze or stretch fonts
- Different font size recommendations for different devices and operating systems
- Think about readability and reading patterns
- Consider accessibility

Visual design: Image

Layout

Interaction design:

- How the user interface and its various elements behave and function. For example, what happens when a user clicks on a particular button.