**Design Collaboration and Handoff**

**1. Collaborating with Designers, Developers, and Stakeholders**

Collaboration is critical to aligning vision, functionality, and business goals.

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| **Role** | **What They Care About** | **How to Collaborate** |
| **Designers** | Visual hierarchy, branding, user flow | Use design tokens, annotate edge cases |
| **Developers** | Feasibility, responsiveness, semantics | Provide specs, states, and reusable patterns |

**Key Practices:**

* Get developers involved early in design discussions.
* Invite designers to QA their designs in staging.
* Use shared language: tokens, spacing units, breakpoints.

**2. Effective Communication and Documentation**

**What to Include:**

* Design system reference (e.g. button styles, spacing)
* Breakpoint rules and layout behavior
* Component states (hover, focus, disabled)
* Accessibility notes
* Expected behaviors (e.g. accordion open/close, modal flow)

**Tools:**

* Figma / Adobe XD (for design and specs)
* Storybook (for live code components)
* Notion / Confluence / Google Docs (for handoff notes)
* Zeplin / Avocode (pixel-perfect specs + assets)