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**Designing Reusable UI Components**

Reusable components are building blocks that can be used across your website or app, such as:

* **Buttons**
* **Cards**
* **Alerts**
* **Navigation Menus**
* **Input Fields / Form Groups**

**Best Practices:**

* Use consistent naming and structure.
* Keep them accessible (ARIA roles, keyboard navigation).
* Isolate styles and behavior (SCSS mixins or JS modules).

**Consistency and Usability in UI Components**

Consistency boosts usability by making your site predictable.

* **Visual consistency**: Same colors, font sizes, padding.
* **Behavioral consistency**: Buttons respond the same way across pages.
* **Functional consistency**: Components work the same across devices.

Tools like **design systems** (e.g., Material Design, Bootstrap, Tailwind UI) help enforce consistency.

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**Off-Canvas Navigation Example**

**HTML**

<button id="menu-toggle">☰ Menu</button>

<nav id="side-menu" class="off-canvas">

<button id="close-menu">✖</button>

<ul>

<li><a href="#">Home</a></li>

<li><a href="#">About</a></li>

<li><a href="#">Services</a></li>

<li><a href="#">Contact</a></li>

</ul>

</nav>

<div class="overlay" id="menu-overlay"></div>

**CSS/SCSS**

$menu-width: 250px;

$transition: 0.3s;

.off-canvas {

position: fixed;

top: 0;

left: -$menu-width;

width: $menu-width;

height: 100%;

background: #333;

color: white;

padding: 1rem;

transition: left $transition ease;

z-index: 1000;

}

.off-canvas.active {

left: 0;

}

.off-canvas ul {

list-style: none;

padding: 0;

}

.off-canvas a {

color: white;

display: block;

margin: 1rem 0;

text-decoration: none;

}

#menu-toggle {

position: absolute;

top: 1rem;

left: 1rem;

z-index: 1100;

background: #444;

color: white;

border: none;

padding: 0.5rem 1rem;

}

.overlay {

display: none;

position: fixed;

top: 0;

left: 0;

width: 100%;

height: 100%;

background: rgba(0,0,0,0.5);

z-index: 900;

}

.overlay.active {

display: block;

}

**JavaScript**

const menuToggle = document.getElementById("menu-toggle");

const sideMenu = document.getElementById("side-menu");

const closeMenu = document.getElementById("close-menu");

const overlay = document.getElementById("menu-overlay");

menuToggle.addEventListener("click", () => {

sideMenu.classList.add("active");

overlay.classList.add("active");

});

closeMenu.addEventListener("click", () => {

sideMenu.classList.remove("active");

overlay.classList.remove("active");

});

overlay.addEventListener("click", () => {

sideMenu.classList.remove("active");

overlay.classList.remove("active");

});

**Issues and Points of Conflict**

**UX/Design Misalignment**

* Marketing may prioritize visual appeal or campaign goals (e.g., cramming info into a single page).
* Developers are often focused on maintainability, accessibility, and user efficiency.

**Lack of Cross-Team Communication**

* Designs might be handed off without technical feasibility checks.
* Developers may not be involved early enough to give feedback on interactive components or data-heavy elements like wide tables.

**Solution:**

**1. UX Design Review with Devs and Marketers**

* Present use case: “This table had too many columns — here are some possible responsive solutions.” Marketing might need all data to be shown; Devs might point out that it broke mobile layouts

**2. Create Shared Design and UI Guidelines**

* Create reusable components:
  + “Three-column preview + nested details” pattern.
  + Modular cards.
  + Other approved table variants (e.g., scroll, collapse, transform to cards).
* Store these in a design system, Storybook, or Figma+code library.

**3. Co-Design the UX Flow**

* Marketing defines *what* information is essential and keep it visible.
* Dev/UX defines *how* to deliver it responsively, keeping performance and mobile usability.