# Digital Visual Design

Semester 1 | Level 4

Lecture 8



### Gestalt Principles

Two sides of our perception of the world.

What is *visible*?

What we *perceive*?

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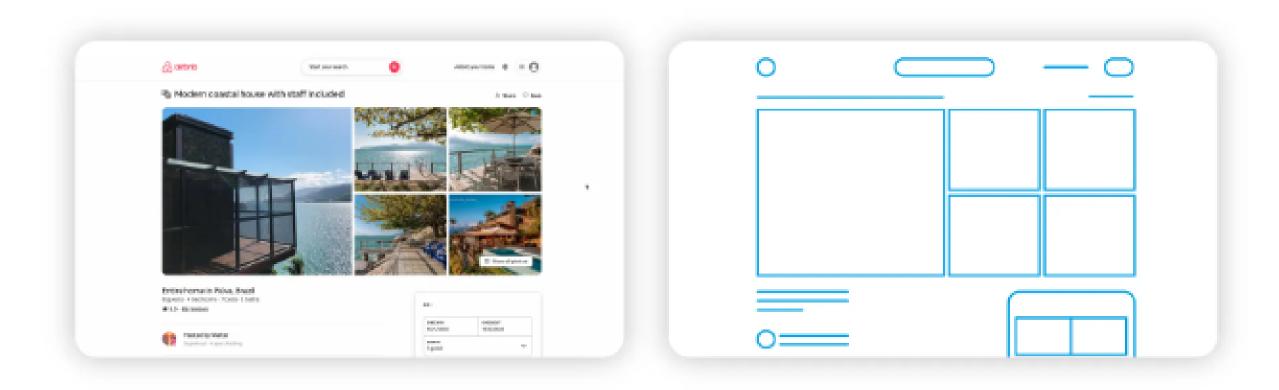
#### Emergence

Perception of the world without thinking too much about understanding every small thing around us.



#### The Law of Pragnanze

It is also known as the *Law of Simplicity and it* states that when we perceive complex scenes, our minds tend to organize them in the simplest and most stable forms possible.



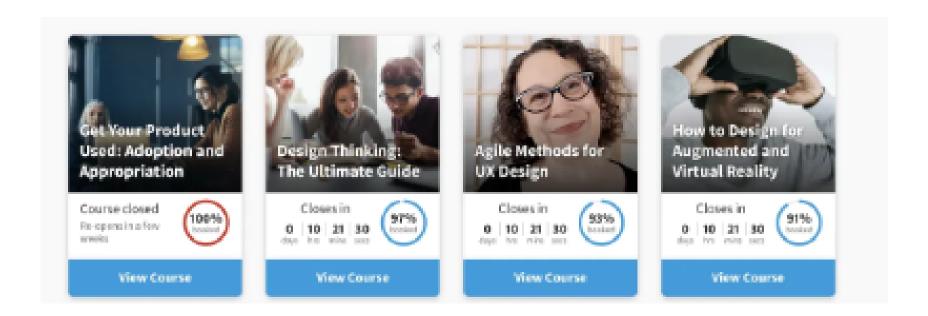
#### Figure & Ground

Multistability



#### **Law of Similarity**

When elements share characteristics, we perceive them as grouped.



#### **Law of Proximity**

We perceive elements that are in the same closed region as one group.



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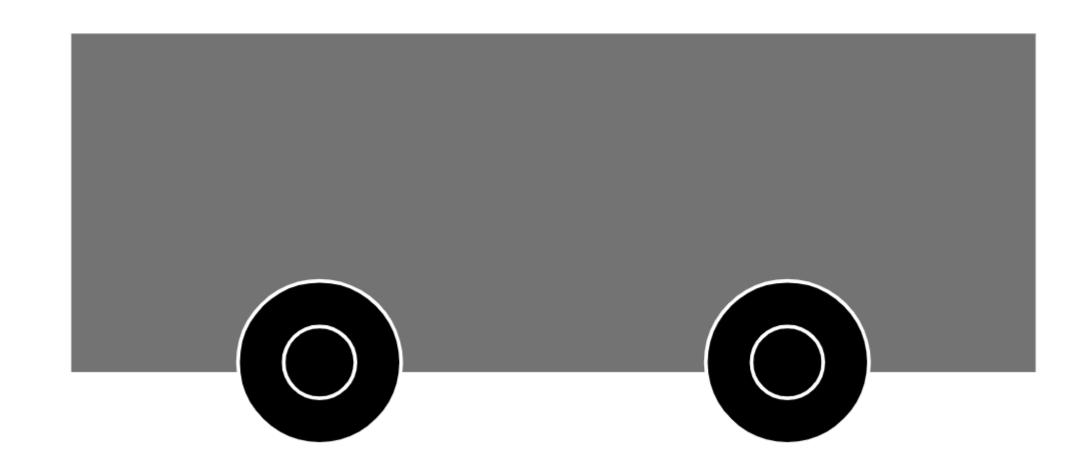
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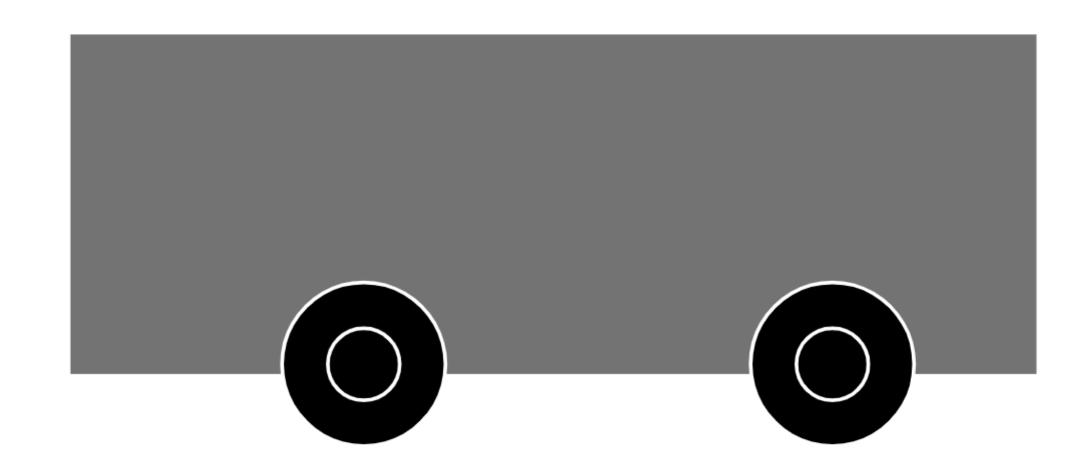
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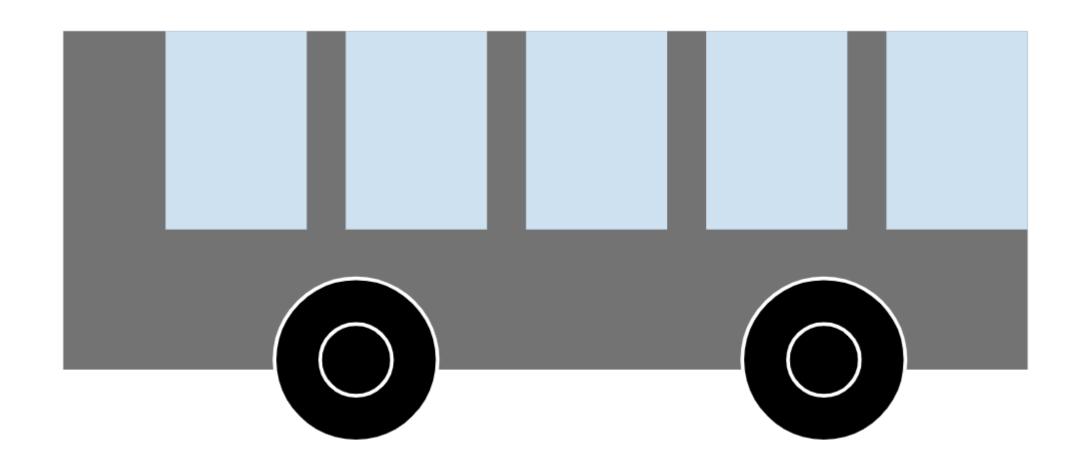
#### Law of Familiarity

The Law of Familiarity is a principle in Gestalt psychology that suggests we tend to perceive objects or patterns that are familiar to us more readily than those that are unfamiliar.





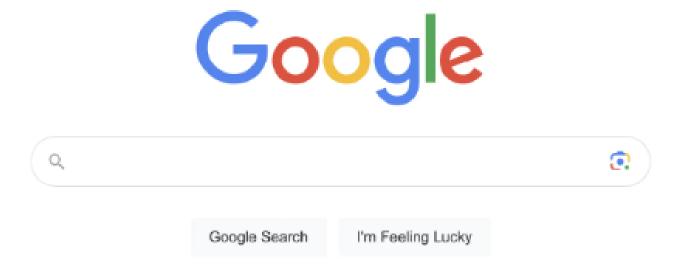






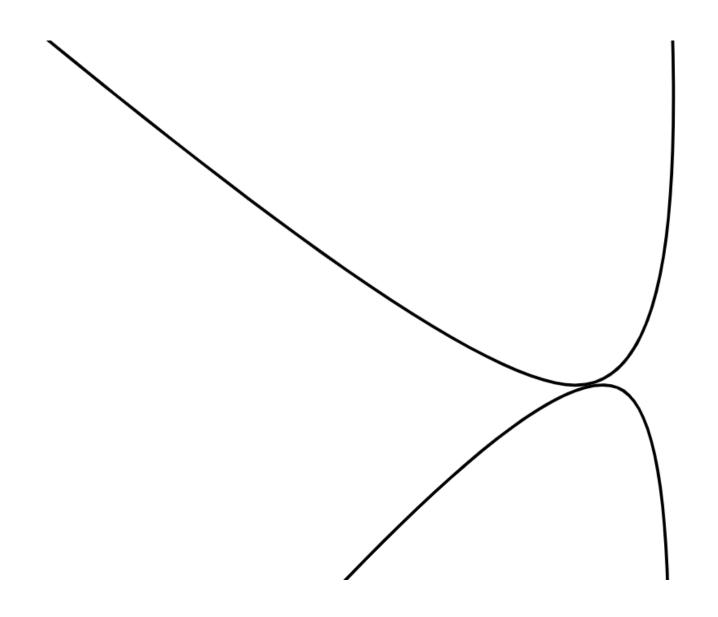
#### **Law of Symmetry**

The human tendency to perceive visual elements as grouped when they are part of a symmetrical arrangement.



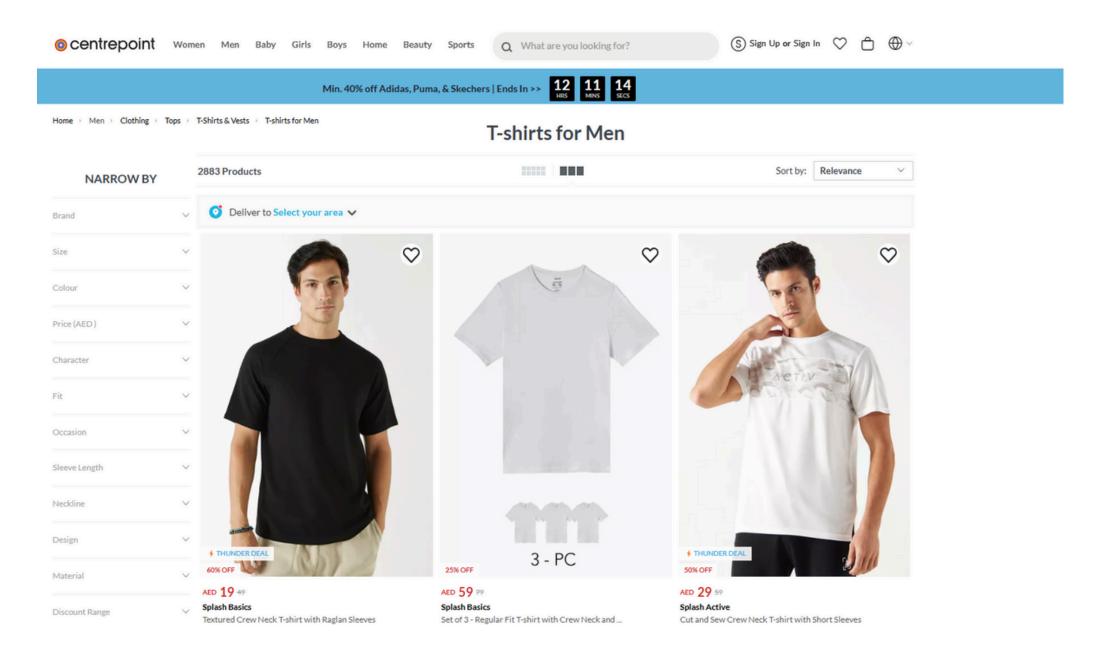
#### **Law of Continuity**

Elements present in a line or curve are perceived to be related as opposed to elements not present in a line or curve.



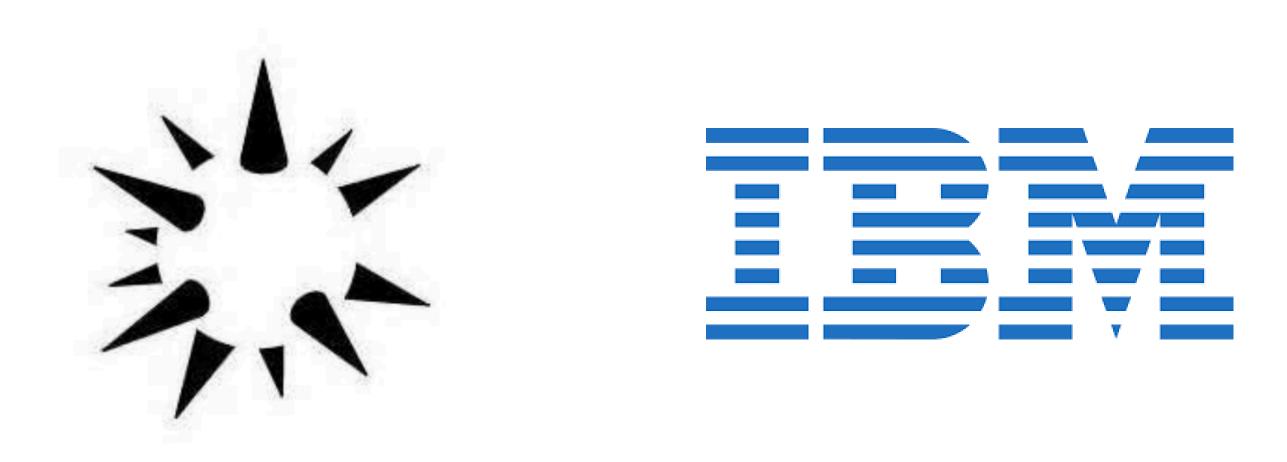
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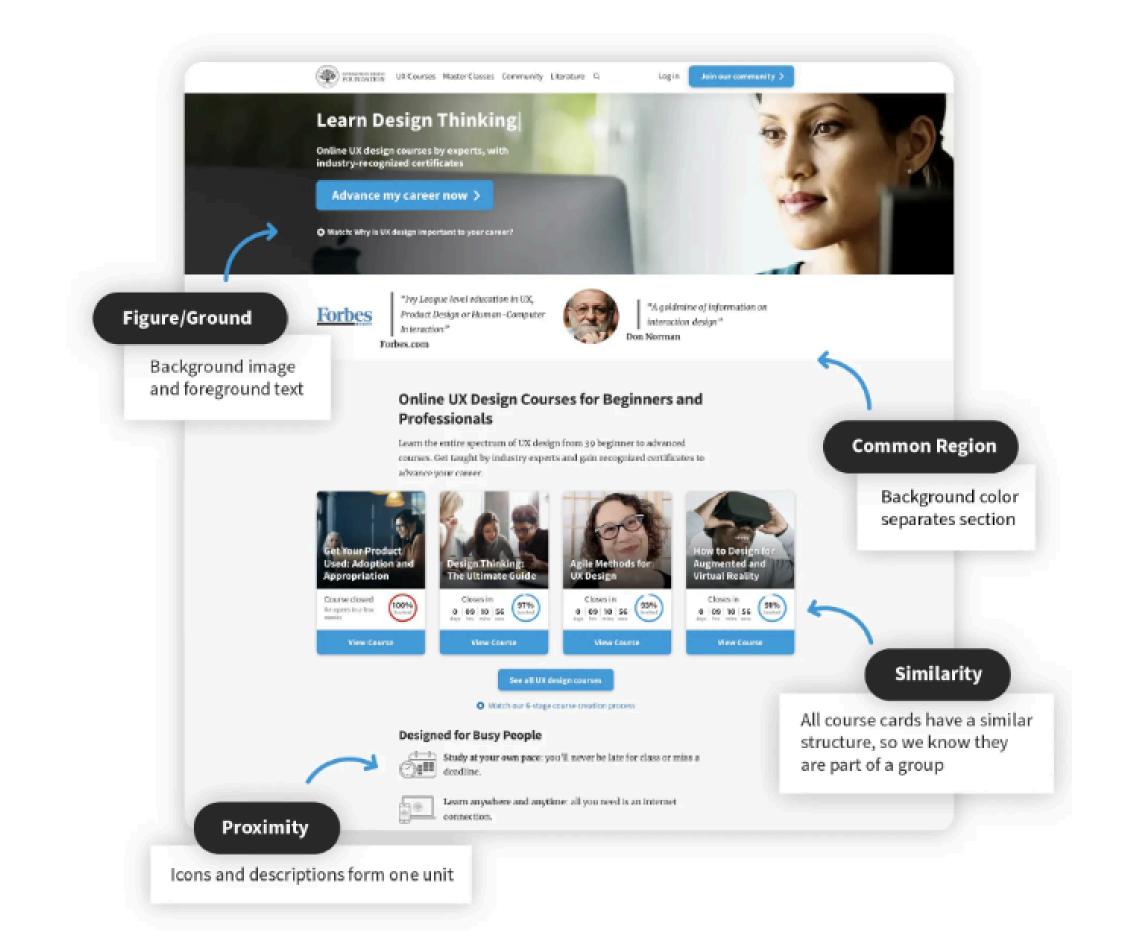
In E-commerce websites, for instance, the categories are placed horizontally across the screen. It includes home, clothes, and accessories, among others. The subcategories are vertically placed, so the user finds it easy.



#### Law of Closure / Reification

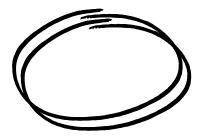
Mind's ability to perceive a complex image as a whole, filling in gaps and interpreting incomplete information to create a coherent understanding.





## Figma Activity

- 1. Reverse Wireframe one website
- 2. Find another website which has same wireframe
- 3. Repeat this process for five websites of your choice.
- 4. Awwwards Design Inspiration



Thank you