In this video I will introduce a prototype design software: Axure.

So why do we use prototype in agile development.

We all know communication is always a big issue in agile team. Cuz software engineering is a cross field’s corporation. Coders, designers, marketers and managers work together. We also have a misunderstanding between developers, customers and end users. If we use prototype to make it more visualized and touchable, it will help a lot.

In any development circles, even if in agile project. It always take too much time in the process. The thing is before we finish one version, the requirement always changed or the better solution come out. Using prototype can make it shorter, and let you know what it will be like before you engage in it.

What’s more, the documentation, which is the most terrific thing that you have to do but you don’t like to do it at all.

Axure help you to solve all this issues very well.

Axure is prototype application, which has some great features:

You can use it to make a sketch, then go further to polish it as a high reality prototype.

It also provide abilities to implement almost all kinds of interactions and special effect.

You can publish it as an html site, and share it among your team members, customers and end users.

It also can generate documents by one single click.

We all say wow!ga

Now let’s get a quick start with Axure.

Axure contain 7 panes. First is wireframe pane, which is the stage to create wireframe and prototypes. You can drag guides from the rulers just like other software.

This is the sitemap pane, it shows the hierarchy of pages. You can add and deleted pages, rename them. Drag or use function buttons to change the position and affiliation. You can also generate a flow chart for your hierarchy.

Widgets pane provide almost all kinds of widgets wireframe for UI and other basic charts. You can simply drag and drop to add them on the stage.

Master pane is library of master objects. You can convert widgets to a master, then manage centrally and reuse throughout your design. Now let’s use mater to create a navigation menu for each pages.

Page information pane. Here we can set page note, page interactions and page formatting here.

Widget properties pane, we can set basic formatting of widgets. Annotation can let you add some description and other tags, which benefit for project management. Here we can adhere interactions to widgets. This is the most powerful feature in Axure. Using this function to make very real like prototype and interactions.

The last one is dynamic panel management pane. Dynamic panel is very powerful, it contain status and gives a chance to create advanced interactive events.

Now let’s generate html prototype.

We can also generate document for your project.