Phantasma Starter Template

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# Introduction

Welcome to Phantasma, a skeletal template to assist individual designers and small teams with getting a design system up and running. It can be intimidating to create a design system from the ground up, and the decision whether or not to create a customized version of existing open source systems vs. from-scratch brand new systems is a nuanced topic with many options.

Phantasma aims to offer a middle ground. It is not a UI kit, it does not have a codebase (currently). What it **is** is a template for beginning to document a system with some basics of what should/could be included and somewhere to start, making the hill to create your own design system far less time and resource intensive. You can add/remove/change absolutely anything the system provides. It is, quite literally, the phantom of a system.

# What’s New

**10/28/24 -** Phantasma was created and documentation begins.

# FAQs

**How do I use Phantasma?**  
Duplicate this documentation file using the File > Copy option above, from there you can either leave a lot of the default content as is and begin customizing parts relevant to your current needs. Suggested places that you might want to customize are indicated by [[double brackets]].

For the Figma file, follow this link and add the file to your library as a duplicate and go from there. We recommend updating the Figma file simultaneously with the documentation as you customize the files for your projects or brands.

**What about [insert random feature here]?**Phantasma is a template that you can add from or subtract as you and your team see fit. It won’t ever cover every single need you have. It is only meant to be a *starting* point, saving you and your team the up front time/resource cost of setting up files and documentations. As such, if you have a feature you want to add, add it! Think of Phantasma as a blank canvas that’s already been stretched for you. All the paints laid out. All you need to do is paint. The barrier to entry has been removed.

**Space saver for more questions.**

**Have a question not listed here? Send me a message on Discord (UN: kapdragon)!**

# References

Several systems were the basis for Phantasma and informed much of the way Phantasma is organized and presented. We recommend taking a look at them if you want a deeper dive or a more robust reference for your own system.

[Pajamas by GitLab](https://design.gitlab.com/)

[Polaris by Shopify](https://polaris.shopify.com/)

[Spectrum by Adobe](https://spectrum.adobe.com/)

[Seeds by Sprout Social](https://seeds.sproutsocial.com/)

In addition, if you are unsure what components you might need for your UI kit, take a look at [component.gallery](http://component.gallery) to get an idea of where you could start. We recommend not over-building your UI kit and only make what you need when you need it. Slow and steady growth makes a system much easier to adopt and utilize.