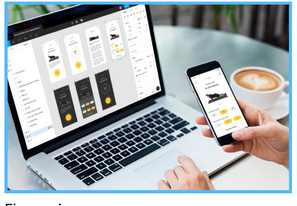
Handoff Tools

I picked three programs that would benefit me the most when designing, prototyping, and anding off because of their tool functions and their versatility and accessibility.

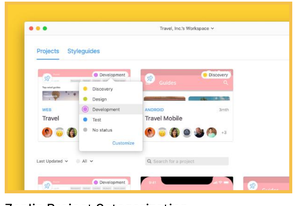
Name Name of app	Usage Based on the 2020 Design Tools Survey	Rating Based on the 2020 Design Tools Survey	Platform Which platforms can upload designs?	Cost Estimated cost per year?	Free Can be used for free without trial?	Programs Compatible design programs?	View Type How do developers access designs?	Specs Can create design specs?	Automatic Can automatically generates specs?	Assets Can export design assets?	Measure Can measure distance and size?	Variables Supports custom CSS variables?	Style Guide Can automatically generate style guide	Guides Can display layout guides from design apps?	Layers Can show layer tree?	Comments Other can leave comments?	Revisions Can save versions of files?	Sharing How others can access designs?
Figma		(1416)		$144			Native canvas	Supports specs	Automatically generated specs	Export assets and images	Can measure distances and sizes	See color variables while inspecting	No style guides	Guides can be viewed in handoff	Layers accessible in handoff	Reviewers can leave comments	Can't view past revisions	
Zeplin		(646)		$180			Separate viewer	Supports specs	Automatically generated specs	Export assets and images	Can measure distances and sizes	See color variables while inspecting	Automatic style guide	Guides can be viewed in handoff	Layer hierarchy not present in handoff	Reviewers can leave comments	Revision stored with handoff	
Avocode		(24)		$168			Separate viewer	Supports specs	Automatically generated specs	Export assets and images	Can measure distances and sizes	See color variables while inspecting	No style guides	Guides can be viewed in handoff	Layers accessible in handoff	Reviewers can leave comments	Revision stored with handoff	



Figma mirror

FIGMA

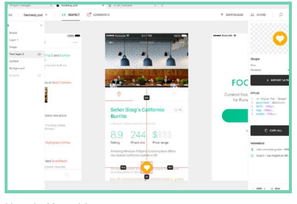
I think Figma is the most useful tool for a beginner designer because of cost. Its compatible platforms allows the program to be installed on most, making it accessible for more people. Designing and prototyping can be done efficiently and easily. Figma mirror is an excellent site and app to allow the designer to view their designs on realistic platforms.



Zeplin Project Categorization

ZEPLIN

Zeplin is another great free program that is also compatible with several programs such as Sketch, Figma, and Adobe. This provides flexibility when working with several programs or with other designers and developers who use different programs. A great tool is the automatic style guide generator. Zeplin also allows users to categorize and organize projects



Handoff and Inspect

AVOCODE

Acocode is more Inspect-leaning type of program. This can benefit handoffs between designers and developers. Being able to share files also allows for designs to be available through different platforms, such as Slack and Dropbox. Unfortunately it can not be used as free without a trial.