**Adobe XD - Introduction**



As designers, we’re fortunate to have a wealth of prototyping tools at our disposal. Tools like [Adobe XD](https://www.adobe.com/ca/products/xd/features.html) (<https://www.adobe.com/ca/products/xd/features.html> ) , in particular, enable us to build immersive clickable prototypes at a relatively low cost. Adobe XD can be reached through [Adobe Creative Cloud](http://www.adobe-students.com/creativecloud/buy/students.html?sdid=KKTGX&mv=search&ef_id=Cj0KCQjw3duCBhCAARIsAJeFyPVoVPmzZijQhXKlhSdG1Iu44-xFh2bbuMSf8PQAOGZgSsG5JJ2uA7IaAptPEALw_wcB:G:s&s_kwcid=AL!3085!3!495864544927!e!!g!!adobe%20creative%20cloud) (<https://www.adobe-students.com/creativecloud/buy/students.html?sdid=KKTGX&mv=search&ef_id=Cj0KCQjw3duCBhCAARIsAJeFyPVoVPmzZijQhXKlhSdG1Iu44-xFh2bbuMSf8PQAOGZgSsG5JJ2uA7IaAptPEALw_wcB:G:s&s_kwcid=AL!3085!3!495864544927!e!!g!!adobe%20creative%20cloud> ).

Adobe Creative Cloud is a set of applications and services from Adobe Inc. that gives subscribers access to a collection of software used for graphic design, video editing, web development, photography, along with a set of mobile applications and also some optional cloud services.

These tools allow us to undertake a great deal of our testing before we get to the expensive part of the process - building fully working products in the medium they will be delivered in. With the big picture of site maps and user flows established and some thought given to building a design system that ensures consistency, it’s time to put together some interactive prototypes. Let’s start!

**For this course, Adobe XD - free version is sufficient. If you are interested in buying a product, I would recommend buying the student version, contact me if you need assistance. You can create one sharable link with Adobe XD free account.**

**To find help on topics related to downloading, installing, system requirements, and getting started with your software, please read the uploaded Starter Kit or visit:**

* [**Download and install Creative Cloud apps**](https://helpx.adobe.com/ca/download-install/using/download-creative-cloud-apps.html) **(**[**https://helpx.adobe.com/ca/creative-cloud/help/manage-apps-services-desktop.html**](https://helpx.adobe.com/ca/creative-cloud/help/manage-apps-services-desktop.html) **)**
* [**Use the Creative Cloud desktop app to manage your apps and services**](https://helpx.adobe.com/ca/creative-cloud/help/manage-apps-services-desktop.html) **(**[**https://helpx.adobe.com/ca/xd/user-guide.html**](https://helpx.adobe.com/ca/xd/user-guide.html) **)**
* **For product help and support, visit the**[**Adobe XD Help**](https://helpx.adobe.com/ca/xd/user-guide.html) **(**[**https://helpx.adobe.com/ca/xd/help/get-started-with-artboards-in-XD.html#create-design-project**](https://helpx.adobe.com/ca/xd/help/get-started-with-artboards-in-XD.html#create-design-project) **).**

**Some recommended sources:**

**I would highly recommend you to read the**[**Adobe user guide**](https://helpx.adobe.com/ca/xd/user-guide.html/ca/xd/help/get-started-with-artboards-in-XD.ug.html#create-design-project)**(**[**https://helpx.adobe.com/ca/xd/help/get-started-with-artboards-in-XD.html#create-design-project**](https://helpx.adobe.com/ca/xd/help/get-started-with-artboards-in-XD.html#create-design-project) **), practice different topics and get yourself familiar with Adobe XD platform.**

**Here are some communities/people to follow to broaden your skillset:**

* [**XD Masterclass - Episodes**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NY7AIf17Ooc) **(**[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NY7AIf17Ooc**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NY7AIf17Ooc) **), Youtube Adobe Creative Cloud Learning Channel**
* [**Howard Pinsky**](https://www.youtube.com/IceflowStudios/featured) **(**[**https://www.youtube.com/IceflowStudios/featured**](https://www.youtube.com/IceflowStudios/featured) **) is a Senior XD Evangelist at Adobe, focusing on Adobe XD and Photoshop.**
* [**Dansky**](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAbq1eKey19tt-FfaIO1RMA) **(**[**https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAbq1eKey19tt-FfaIO1RMA**](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAbq1eKey19tt-FfaIO1RMA) **), creative education for everyone, everywhere**
* [**Adobe Creative Cloud (https://www.youtube.com/user/AdobeCreativeCloud ),**](Adobe%20Creative%20Cloud%20(https://www.youtube.com/user/AdobeCreativeCloud%20),)**youtube community,**[**Adobe Creative Cloud Support Community**](https://community.adobe.com/) **(**[**https://community.adobe.com/**](https://community.adobe.com/) **)**
* [**Adobe Ideas**](https://xd.adobe.com/ideas/) **(**[**https://xd.adobe.com/ideas/**](https://xd.adobe.com/ideas/) **) for inspirational ideas, working methods, best practices, and design tips and tricks to help you do your best work**
* [**Design guidance and code**](https://material.io/) **(**[**https://material.io/**](https://material.io/) **), for design and development resources**
* **For more tutorials and guidance visit**[**Adobe Tutorial**](https://helpx.adobe.com/ca/xd/tutorials.html) **(**[**https://helpx.adobe.com/ca/xd/tutorials.html**](https://helpx.adobe.com/ca/xd/tutorials.html) **)**

**In the Adobe XD Tab on eClass, you will see a number of videos I have prepared to facilitate you in understanding Adobe XD workspace basics. Watching them is not a Mandatory Course Requirement. if you feel you need basic understanding before moving to Module - 4, watch and learn some basics from there. Feel free to skip and jump right away to Module - 4.**

**You will have access to both Module - 3 and Module - 4 this week; so that you have sufficient time to install, work, and develop basic wireframing skills using Adobe XD.**

**There are also some additional documents uploaded on the e Class Adobe XD Tab, such as:**

* Paper sketches of the project I am wireframing on Adobe XD
* Drawing Pads that you can download and print to create sketches for your assigned project later in the course
* Shortcut keys

***The uploaded Adobe XD - starter kit [in Adobe XD - TAB] is a reference document only, compiled to support your learning journey!***