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Activity introduction

In this activity, you will evaluate and update the negative space in your mockups for your app. You'll build upon the work you've already done with your mockups and use negative space to add emphasis, readability, and clear grouping to your design.

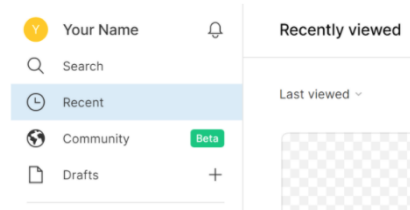
After completing this activity, you'll have the opportunity to compare your work to a completed exemplar in the following course item.



Step-by-step instructions

Step 1: Open your project in Figma

After opening the Figma website or starting the Figma desktop app, your project will be listed under Recent. Click on the project to open it.



Step 2: Identify negative space in your app

Unlike some of the previous work you've done in this course and module, your app already has spacing. Any space that doesn't have an element in it is currently negative space. To start this activity, identify those negative spaces.

Step 3: Determine where you can improve your design's spacing

As you've recently learned, negative space is an essential part of your design. When you've identified the current negative space in your layout, remember what negative space is most useful for:

Emphasis: More negative space around an element can emphasize an action that a user needs to take.

Grouping: Negative space around a group of objects reinforces the Gestalt principle of proximity.

Readability: Leaving negative space between elements can make it easier for users to focus.

Step 4: Refine your design's negative space

Thinking of the three primary strengths of negative space listed above, experiment with your layout. You're attempting to make your design easier to use, and the amount of space between and around your elements plays a big part in that usability.

Even though this is the fifth step in the process of making your high-fidelity mockups, remember that those previous decisions aren't locked in. If you need to make adjustments to previous decisions like color, text, etc., that is fine.

Repeat this process for all of your mockup screens.

Step 5: Reflect on the completion of this activity

Be sure you've addressed the following questions in your completed deliverable:

Does your product leverage negative space to emphasize important elements?

Does the negative space in your app help highlight groups of elements?

Does the negative space in your mockups improve legibility?

Step 6: Save your work

As you complete these activities, remember to:

Take screenshots of the progress you made on your mockup after applying negative space as directed in this activity.

- . Save all of your work to your computer, a hard drive, or a Google Drive folder to make sure you have all the resources you'll need later in the course for your portfolio.