

Wireframes

Wireframes

- A visual representation of an interface; used to communicate the structure, content, information hierarchy, functionality, and behavior of an interface.
- Before making the visual design, you first make decisions about the structure, content, layout, etc. Wireframes are a tool to communicate these ideas.
- “Blueprint for design” Get everyone on the same page
- Easier to change a wireframe, than a design!

Purpose of Wireframes

- **Ensuring the site or app is built according to goals.** Wireframing sets expectations about
 - how features will be implemented by showing how features will work,
 - where they will be located and
 - how much benefit they'll provide.
 - May be those feature you can pull out because it doesn't fit into your site's goals.

Purpose of Wireframes

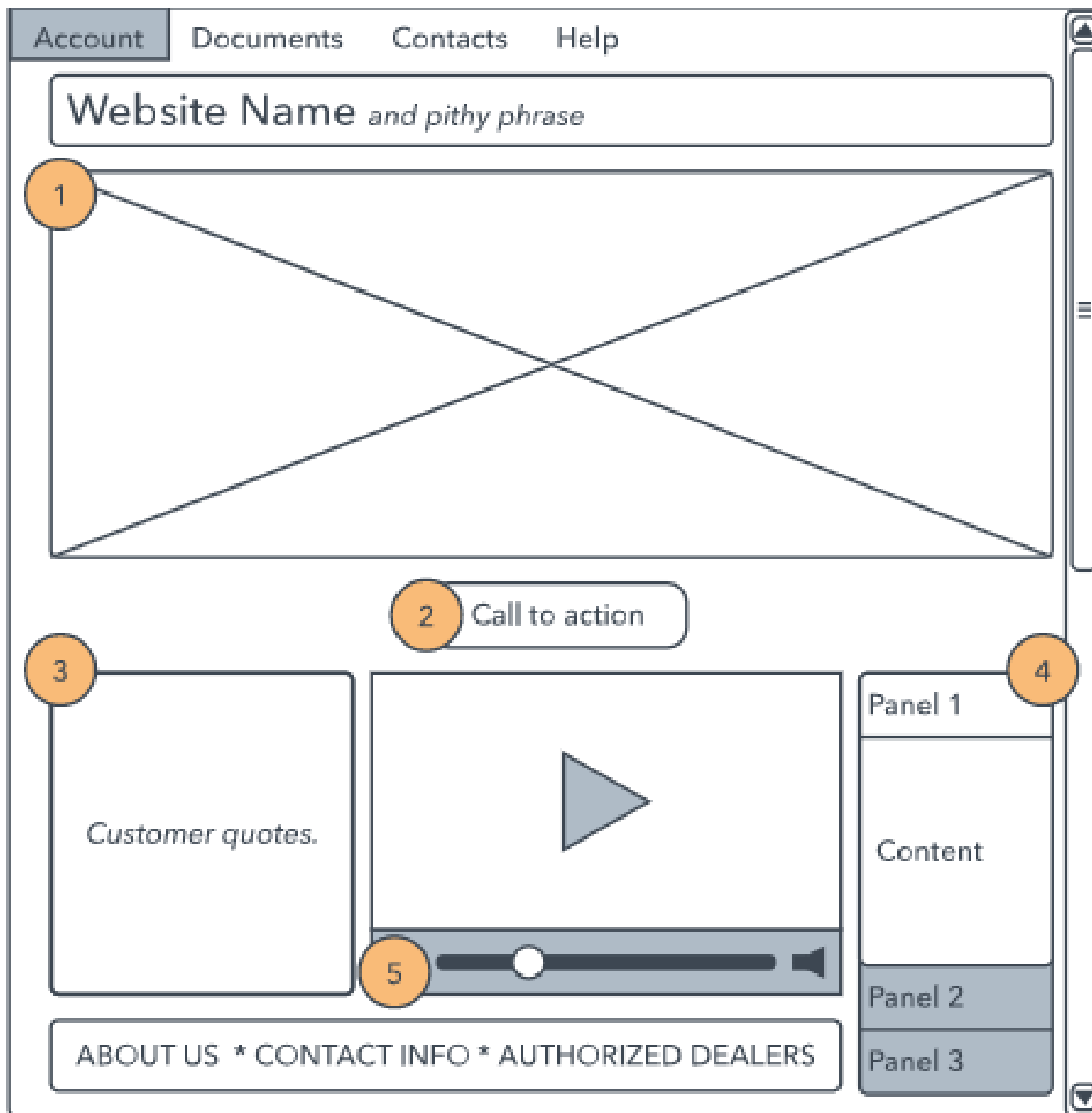
- **Focusing on usability.** Wireframing provides an objective look at
 - link names,
 - paths to conversion,
 - ease of use, navigation
 - the placement of features.
 - help you identify flaws in site architecture or features
 - show you how well it flows from a user perspective.

Purpose of Wireframes

- **Content growth capacity -**
 - Your website needs to be able to accommodate that growth with minimal impact to the site architecture, usability, and design.
- **Feedback and painless iteration.**
 - Instead of merging the full functionality, layout and creative elements into a single step, wireframes guarantee that these considerations are taken on separately.
 - This allows stakeholders to provide feedback much sooner in the process. Creating wireframes using software makes the iterative process much easier

Before you design, you need wireframes

- **Structure** - How will the pieces of this site be put together?
- **Content** - What will be displayed on this site?
- **Information Hierarchy**
 - How is this information organized and displayed?
- **Functionality** How will this interface work?
- **Behavior**
 - How does it interact with the user?
 - How does it behave?



Notes

- 1 Details about the image
- 2 Where this links to
- 3 List of possible quotes
- 4 Drop down menus that link to other pages
- 5 Content of video

Types of Wireframes

1. Sketches

- Quick/experiment
- Good for feedback





Types of Wireframes

Logo	Promo #1	
Home/Language/Site Map/Search		
Promo #2		
Product Segmentation		
Main Navigation	News Releases	Promo #3
		Promo #4

2. Lo-fidelity

- Block diagrams
- Good for testing flows

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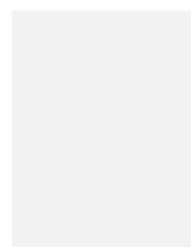
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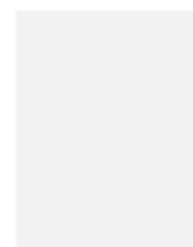
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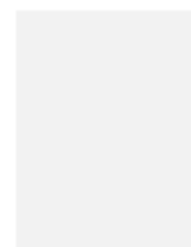
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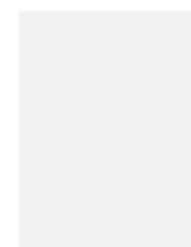
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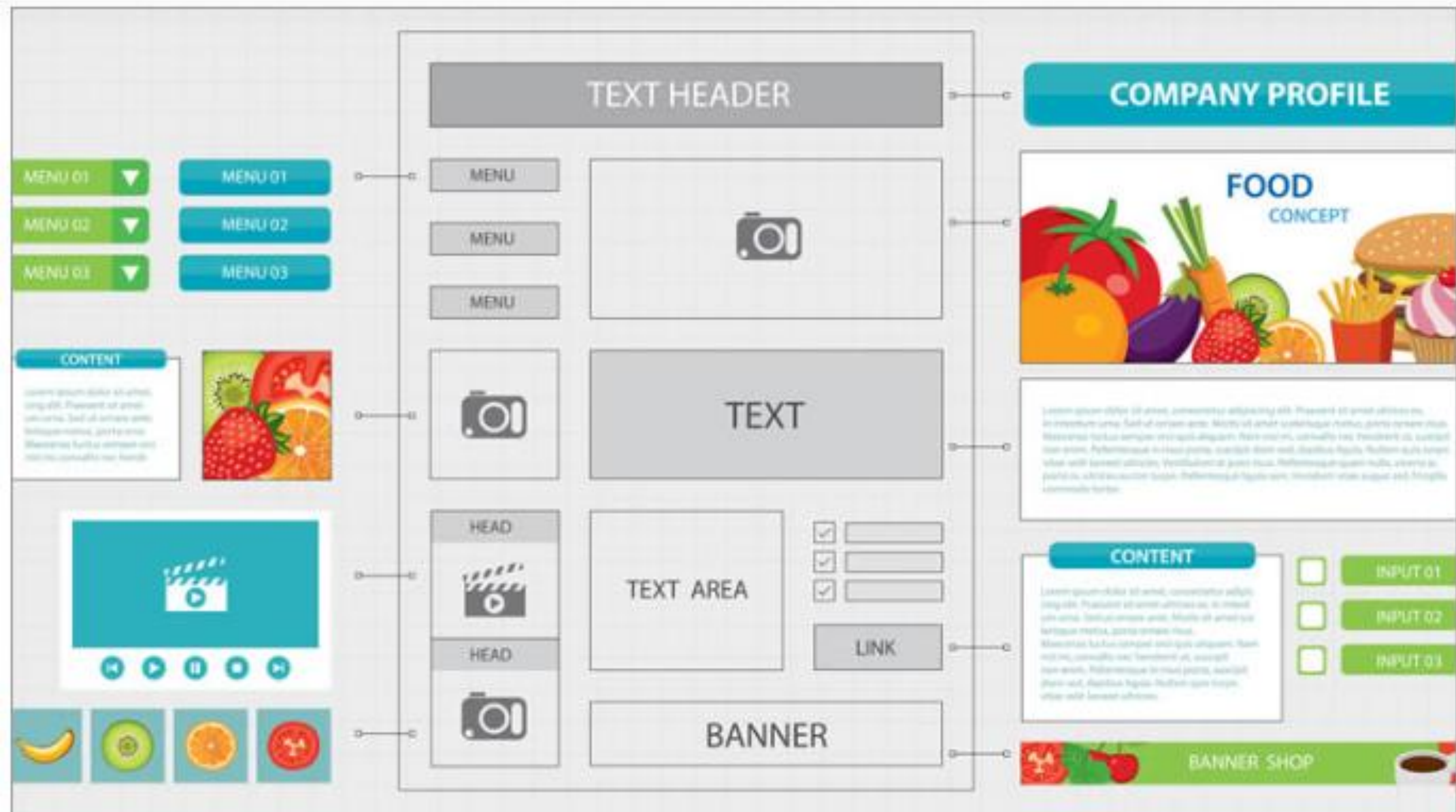


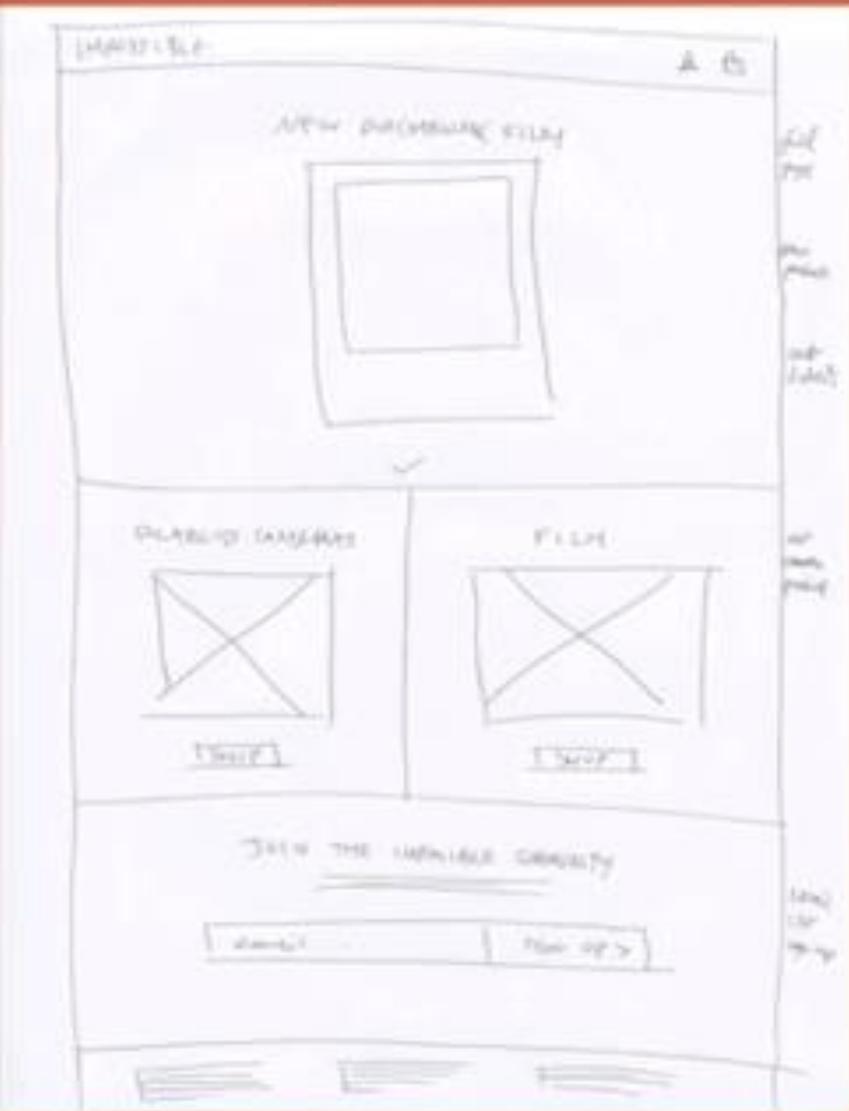
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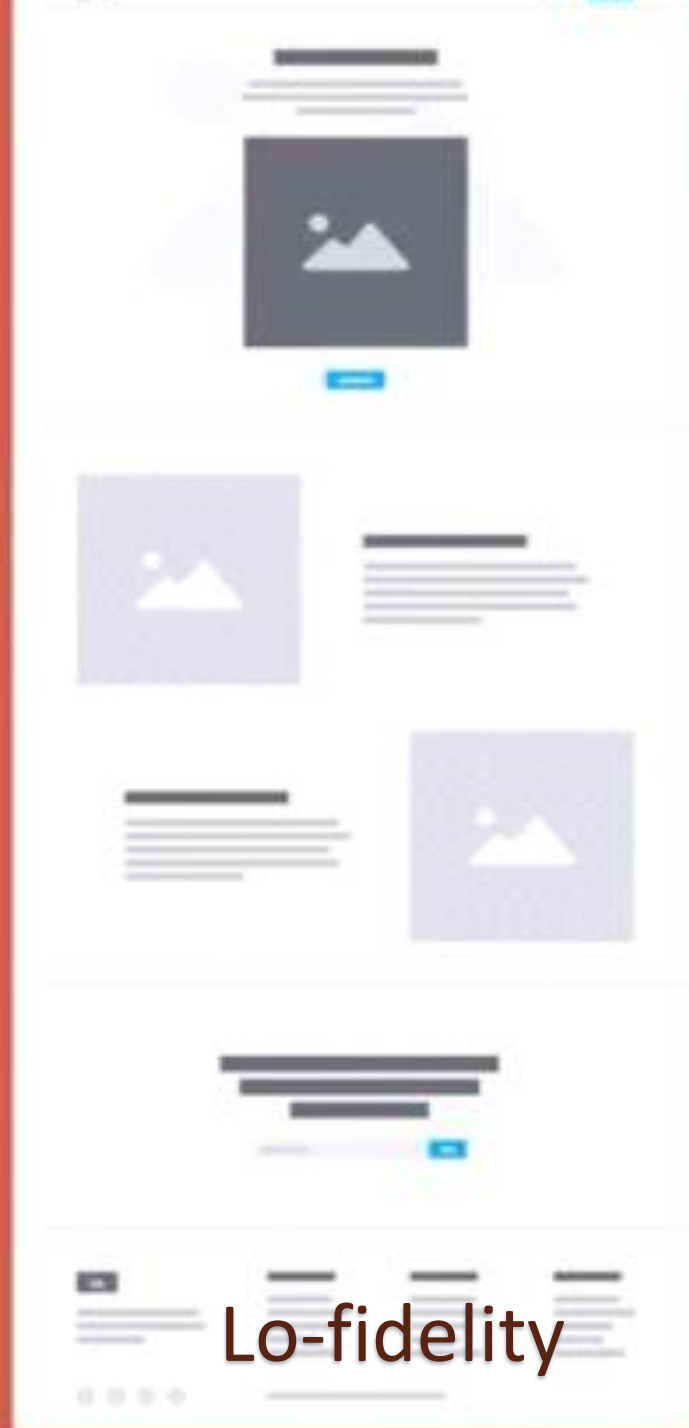
3. Hi-fidelity

- Detailed wireframes
- Describe Content and Behavior
- Blueprint for final Design
- Easily Understood





Sketch



Lo-fidelity



Hi-fidelity

Mockup

- A mockup is a static high-profile and high-fidelity visual draft of a design or device, used to represent the structure of information, visualize the content and demonstrate the basic functionalities in a static way.
- Unlike wireframe, mockups provide visual details, such as colors and typography. While wireframes are design placeholders, mockups are built to give the viewer a more realistic impression of how the end product will look.
- mockup adds visual richness to the foundation laid out by the wireframe.

Why use Mockup

1. Organize project details

- Mockups can help the designer to uncover visual elements on each step of design process
- Visual hierarchies, that show the difference between design elements such as font and color, should be determined at the mockup phase of the design process.
- With the visual elements more refined than with wireframes, mockups allow stakeholders to actually review the visual side of the project.

Why use Mockup

2. Find errors early on

- Much like working with a wireframe, mockups allow for easy and quick revisions that can stack up pretty quickly, as they do not require code or programming.

3. Translate ideas into a stakeholder language

- For clients and stakeholders, presenting a digital mockup can be best the way to go, as simply using a flat design might not be enough in terms of visualization and translating ideation.

Why use Mockup

4. Communicate ideas between team members

- it can also act as a way for great communication among the members of the design teams.
- Mockups may help facilitate work across disciplinary borders, bringing together teams working on different objectives.

5. Design implementation

- How does your initial design flow and perform? By looking at a mockup, you should have a good idea of how the final product will look and a some idea of how it might function.

Wireframe & Mockup Tools

- Online Tools
 - <https://moqups.com/>
 - <https://mockflow.com>
- Photoshop

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