

Figma-Website UI Comparison Tool

Technical Documentation

Overview

This is a full-stack web application that automatically compares Figma designs with live websites to detect visual inconsistencies between design and implementation.

Tech Stack

Backend (Python/FastAPI)

- **FastAPI** - Modern async Python web framework for REST APIs
- **Playwright** - Browser automation for capturing website screenshots
- **ReportLab** - PDF report generation
- **Pillow (PIL)** - Image processing and comparison
- **SQLite** - Lightweight database for comparison history
- **Pydantic** - Data validation and settings management

Frontend (React/TypeScript)

- **React 18** with TypeScript
- **Vite** - Fast build tool and dev server
- **TailwindCSS** - Utility-first CSS framework
- **Axios** - HTTP client for API calls
- **React-Compare-Slider** - Visual side-by-side comparison

Architecture

The application follows a client-server architecture:

1. **React Frontend** (Port 5173) - User interface for input and results
2. **FastAPI Backend** (Port 8000) - REST API handling comparison logic
3. **Figma API** - External service for design data extraction
4. **Playwright** - Headless browser for website capture

Key Features

1. Figma Design Extraction

Connects to Figma REST API to extract design data. Supports Personal Access Tokens and OAuth 2.0 authentication. Uses `/files/{key}/nodes` endpoint for specific frames (faster for large files). Caches API responses for 30 minutes.

2. Website Capture

Uses Playwright to launch headless Chromium browser. Captures full-page screenshots at specified viewport sizes. Extracts computed CSS styles from DOM elements.

3. Comparison Engine

Structural comparison analyzes design tokens (colors, typography, spacing). Visual comparison does pixel-by-pixel image diff. Hybrid mode combines both approaches. Calculates match score (0-100%).

4. Difference Detection Types

- Color (background, text, border)
- Typography (font family, size, weight)
- Spacing (margins, padding, gaps)
- Dimensions (width, height)
- Layout (position, alignment)
- Missing/Extra elements

5. Report Generation

HTML Report - Interactive web-based report. PDF Report - Professional document with executive summary, match score, visual comparison screenshots, detailed differences with element names and coordinates, severity levels.

6. OAuth 2.0 Integration

Implements Figma OAuth 2.0 flow for higher API rate limits (personal tokens limited to 2 requests/minute). Stores tokens securely and supports token refresh.

API Endpoints

Endpoint	Method	Description
/api/v1/compare	POST	Start a new comparison job
/api/v1/progress/{job_id}	GET	Get job progress (polling)
/api/v1/report/{job_id}	GET	Get comparison results
/api/v1/history	GET	List past comparisons
/api/v1/oauth/authorize	GET	Get Figma OAuth URL
/api/v1/oauth/callback	GET	OAuth callback handler
/api/v1/oauth/status	GET	Check OAuth status

Data Flow

1. User submits Figma URL + Website URL + Token
2. Backend creates job and returns job ID
3. Frontend polls /progress/{job_id} for updates
4. Backend extracts Figma design data via API
5. Backend captures website screenshot via Playwright
6. Comparison engine analyzes both and finds differences
7. Reports generated (HTML + PDF)
8. Results returned to frontend with match score

Project Structure

- backend/app/api/endpoints.py - REST API routes
- backend/app/services/figma_extractor.py - Figma API integration
- backend/app/services/figma_oauth.py - OAuth 2.0 handling
- backend/app/services/website_analyzer.py - Playwright capture
- backend/app/services/ui_comparator.py - Comparison logic
- backend/app/services/pdf_generator.py - PDF reports
- frontend/src/components/ - React components

Key Technical Decisions

1. **Async job processing** - Long comparisons run in background, frontend polls
2. **Caching** - Figma API responses cached to avoid rate limits
3. **Node ID support** - Fetch specific frames instead of entire files
4. **Hybrid comparison** - Combines structural and visual analysis

5. **OAuth 2.0** - Higher rate limits vs 2 req/min for personal tokens

Running the Project

Backend: cd backend and pip install -r requirements.txt and uvicorn app.main:app --reload --port 8000

Frontend: cd frontend and npm install and npm run dev