

Design Systems

The Design System initiative seeks to empower volunteers with the tools, documentation and templates for creating and maintaining a design system for their HfLA projects. As Hack for LA continues to scale it has become more essential to create consistent documentation and standards for deliverables.

A **Design System** is a single source of truth for a website's designers and developers— a collection of reusable components, styles, and code guided by clear standards and documentation. Design systems are now an industry standard used by the website teams of most major companies.



History

An HfLA website audit revealed that having no clear system resulted in considerable design and development inconsistencies, miscommunication and inefficiencies within the team.

Following industry standards, a hackforla.org website design system was created to improve consistent application of design across the website.... Later, other projects started using copies of it as a rough template.

This led to leadership recommending the development of organization-wide design system guidance, to enable all volunteers to learn about, create, and maintain design systems for their HfLA projects. The Design Systems team was created.

The DS team's researchers conducted generative interviews with HfLA's volunteers in various roles, and the research confirmed the need for a new initiative. This new product "HfLA Figma Kit" serves as an educational platform for designers at HfLA and consists of Standards, Starter templates, Tutorials and Examples on Figma project governance and Design Systems.

The HfLA Figma Kit v1.0 was released in Nov 2022.

6 Month Roadmap

- Update the existing UI assets library to improve designers/developers collaboration
- Conduct post-launch user research to improve future releases
- Continue development on Figma Kit, including new sections:
 - Establishing HouseKeeping Rules for HfLA Figma files
 - Accessibility Standards
 - Color Style Guides
 - Typography Style Guides

