Front End

HTML & CSS



HTML & CSS

HTML = Hypertext Markup Language

CSS = Cascading Style Sheets

Every website on the internet uses HTML & CSS, and about 96% use JavaScript.



Your new best friend

It's called the Dev Tools Inspector (right click in the browser and select **Inspect Element**)

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Nesting and Indenting

HTML elements "nest" inside of one another.

The element that opens first closes last.

Understanding how to nest elements is crucial to writing clean and maintainable code.

Comments

HTML allows for comments.

Comments are useful for keeping code organized while developing.

The browser engine will ignore them.

<!-- Hello, I am a comment. -->

Folder Structure

Folder structure may not be exciting, but it is important.

How a folder is structured will depend on the preferences of whoever is building the project.



HTML



Content Tags

Tag	Description
div	The defacto container element.
р	Used for body copy.
h1-h6	Designating titles/subtitles.
ol	Create a numbered (ordered) list.
ul	Create a non-numbered (unordered) list.
li	List elements.
a	Link to other pages or sites.
link	Import external documents.



Semantic Tags (HTML5)

Tag	Description
section	The "new" div tag, used for page organization.
header	Introductory and navigational content.
main	Content inside should not be repeated.
footer	Footer content (site map, internal links, etc.).
nav	A list of navigation links.
audio	Multimedia tag for playing audio files.
video	Multimedia tag for playing video files.
canvas	Element can be used to draw graphics using JavaScript.

HTML5

HTML5 is a standard that has come to make web development more programmatic and standardized.

This goes along with improvements to CSS, and JS.

Moral of the story: it's a great time to learn web development!





Tables

Tables are used to display data, NOT organize and position content.

The only exception to this rule is for developing emails, due to client restrictions.



What about breaks, bolds, and horizontal rules?

Any inline styling elements such as , <i>, or
should not be used.

If an element needs to have emphasis (bold or italics), use a or element.

Anyone on a screen reader or PDA will appreciate this consideration.

If an element needs spacing, use margin.



CSS



What is CSS?

CSS is short for Cascading Stylesheets.

It is the language for styling HTML.

CSS can be written to do anything from changing fonts and colors to creating beautiful transitions and animations.



CSS Selectors

The selector instructs the browser to search the page for any HTML element that matches the given criteria.

It applies any applicable declarations to the matched element(s).

CSS Selectors

Selector	Description
tagname	Selector based on the element's tag name.
•	Selector based on a class name.
#	Selector based on an id.



CSS Declarations

Declarations are made up of the property needing to be altered and the value given to the property.

Declarations can be grouped so that more than one declaration may be applied to a selected element.

Curly brackets must surround declaration groups.

Declarations must end in a semicolon.

```
.selector {
  background-color: red;
  color: white;
  border: 1px solid black;
  border-radius: 5px;
}
```



Comments

Just like HTML, CSS offers comments:

```
/* This is a CSS comment, it can be multi-line */
```



CSS Pseudo-Classes

```
a:link { /* unvisited link */
 color: aliceblue;
a:visited { /* visited link */
 color: darkblue;
a:hover { /* mouse over link */
 color: lightblue;
a:active { /* mouse click link */
 color: yellow;
```

Used to target specific states of an HTML element.



Other Pseudo-Classes

Pseudo-Class	Description
:first-child	The first direct child of its parent.
:last-child	Any element which is the last child of its parent.
:only-child	Any element which is the only child of its parent.
:empty	Any element which has no content.
:nth-child	Any element which is the nth child of its parent.



Other Pseudo-Classes Demo

http://jsbin.com/gebegehewe/1/edit?html,css,output



nth-Child Syntax

:nth-child takes an
expression to determine which
children to select.

It is common to use :nth-child for alternating styles of large groups of data like table rows, columns, or lists.

```
p:nth-child(an + b) {
  property: value;
div:nth-child(3) {
  color: red;
ul:nth-child:(2n + 5)
  color: yellow;
```

Pseudo-Elements

Used to target specific parts of an HTML element.

Pseudo-Element	Description
::after	Inserts something after the element's content.
::before	Inserts something before the element's content.
::first-letter	Selects the first letter of the element's text content.
::first-line	Selects the first line of the element's content.
::selection	Selects a portion of the element that is selected by the user.

CSS Properties

There are hundreds of CSS properties that are available for use.

We will go over a few of the most common, however, the best strategy is to Google if curiosity strikes.



CSS Properties

Property	Description
background-color	Background color for an element.
color	Color of text AND border of an element.
font-family	Typeface for text.
font-size	Size for text (px, %, em, pt).
font-weight	Used to make text bold (if possible).
text-decoration	Used for changing decorations (underline/strikethrough).
height	Specifies the height of an element.
width	Specifies the width of the element.



Color in CSS

Method	Syntax	Description
color name	white	One of the 140 predefined colors.
hexadecimal	#FF0000	RGB values in hex form. Each value can be within the range of 0-9 or A-F.
RGB	rgb(255, 0, 187)	RGB values.
RGBA	rgba(255, 0, 187, 0.5)	RGB values with an added alpha (opacity) value.



CSS Units

Method	Syntax	Description
em	1em	Scalable unit based on font size of the parent element.
rem	1rem	Scalable unit based on font size of the html root.
pixels	16px	Fixed number of pixels.
percent	120%	Percent value based on font size of the parent element.

Exercise

Pick from one of two images linked below.

Try to re-make these images with HTML and CSS.

Be ready to demo! Option 1 / Option 2



Display Properties

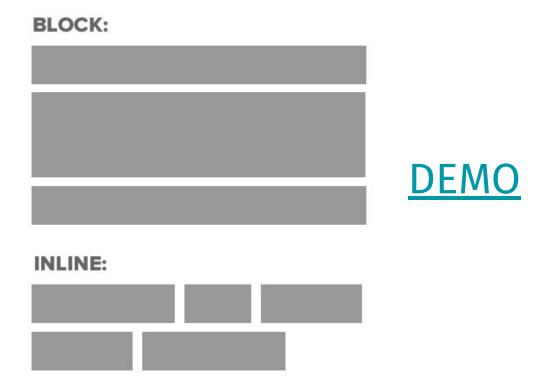


Display

Display	Description
block	Takes up the horizontal space of a line. This will stretch to fill all the space from left to right of its parent container.
inline	Rendered without starting a new line. They appear side by side until reaching the edge of its parent container.
inline-block	Inline element that can have a height and width declared.
flex	Acts like a block element but its direct children can be aligned, justified and flexed.



Display Demos





Block vs. Inline Elements

```
Inline elements: <a>, <img>, <span>.

Block elements: <div>, , ,
, , and just about everything else.
```

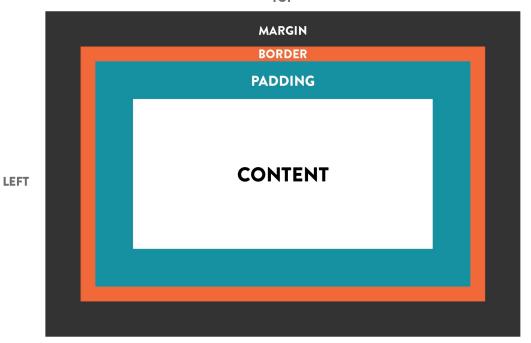




Every HTML element is in a box, regardless of its visible shape.

The total size of an element is a combination of the following: content, padding, border, and margin.

TOP



RIGHT DEMO

BOTTOM



Property	Description
padding	The space between the content within an element and the border. Padding can be specified in units of pixels (px), Ems (em), or points (pt) or percentage (%) of the containing element.
border	The edge around the element. It has elements of thickness, style, and color.
margin	The space outside the element that separates it from other elements. It is 'outside the fence' in terms of its relationship to the border.

Margin

```
margin: 10px; /* 10 pixels
 of margin on all sides */
margin: 10px 5px; /* 10 px
 on top/bottom & 5px on
 left/right */
```

```
margin-top: 5px;
 margin-right: 10px;
 margin-bottom: 15px;
 margin-left: 20px;
 margin: 5px 10px 15px 20px;
/*top, right, bottom, left*/
```

Centering with Margin

margin: 0 auto can be used on an element that has a set width to center the element.

This method only works for horizontal centering.

<u>DEMO</u>



margin auto vs. text-align center

margin: 0 auto centers the given element within its parent.

text-align: center centers the text that is inside the given element.



Centering on X and Y

A solid choice for centering (both horizontally and vertically) is using a translate.

```
.vertical {
 position: relative;
  top: 50%;
  transform:
translateY(-50%);
.horizontal {
 position: relative;
 left: 50%;
  transform:
translateX(-50%);
```



Positioning



CSS Positioning

Every HTML element has a property called position, which dictates how that element flows on a document.

This property can be set to many different values, each of which behaves slightly differently.

Positioning gives a web developer more significant control over the design and overall look of a page.



Positioning

Position	Description
static	Default for all HTML elements. Adheres to the previously discussed behavior of block and inline elements.
relative	Relative positioned elements appear in the normal flow of the document but can be offset by using the top, bottom, left and right properties.
absolute	Absolutely positioned are removed from the normal flow. They appear relative to their nearest positioned parent element, using offsets.
fixed	Fixed positioned elements are removed from the normal flow. They appear relative to the viewport or the nearest transformed parent.



Absolute Positioning

When an absolutely positioned element is inside another positioned element, it is positioned relative to that container, rather than the whole page.

<u>DEMO</u>



Exercise

You try! Make a web page with 4 elements. Heads up: This will look bad.

- 1. One should have a header tag with a background color of your choice, 100% width, and fixed positioned to the top, right of the viewport.
- 2. Give the body a viewport height of 200vh.
- Make a div (give it a width and a height) under the header and give it a border of 1px solid black.
- 4. Put a paragraph tag with your name inside the div and absolutely position it to the bottom, right of the div.
- 5. Add an image of your choice without any positioning (this is your static positioned item).

More Properties of Interest



Float

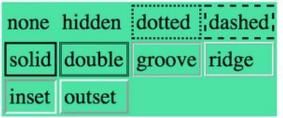
Floating takes an element in the normal flow and pushes it as far to the left or right of its parent element as possible.

When an element is floated, other elements will wrap around it.

To float an element, you must specify a direction to float.



Float



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Clear

Clear specifies on which side of an element other elements cannot appear.

Clears can be applied to left, right, or both.

<u>DEMO</u>



Z-Index

When elements are moved out of the normal flow of content (i.e., not position static), they can overlap.

Z-index can be used to define the order of overlapping elements.

The element with the highest z-index goes on top.

Z-index will NOT work on an element with position static.

<u>DEMO</u>



@font-face

The @font-face property allows the use of non-default fonts on websites.

Using external fonts is quite easy. Follow these steps:

- 1. Download your font
- 2. Place the font file in your web site
- 3. Create a @font-face CSS rule

```
@font-face {
  font-family: "myCoolFont";
src:
url("path/to/myCoolFont.ttf"
div.demo {
  font-family: "myCoolFont";
```

Exercise

- 1. Download a free font from font-squirrel.
- 2. Place the font file in your pre-work, this cannot be a CDN.
- 3. Create a @font-face CSS rule and use it somewhere in your project.



CSS3 Properties and Prefixes



Vendor Prefixes

Not all browsers support all of the newer CSS3 properties, which means additional rules must be created for specific browsers.

Great Prefix Resource

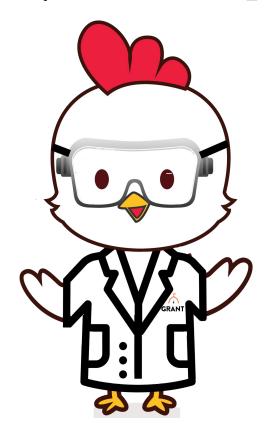
The order matters, so make sure the non-prefixed property goes last.

```
-webkit- /*Android*/
-webkit- /*Chrome*/
-webkit- /*iOS*/
-webkit- /*Safari*/
-o- /*Opera*/
-moz- /*Firefox*/
-ms- /*Internet Explorer*/
```

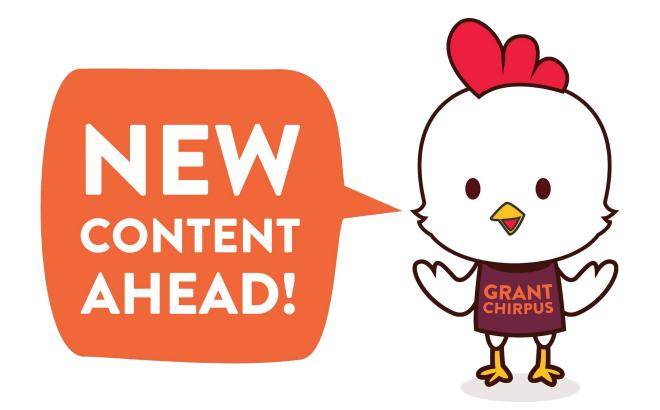
CSS3 Properties

Property	Description
border-radius	Creates rounded corners or circular borders for elements.
opacity	Controls the transparency of an element.
box-shadow	Adds a calculated shadow effect to an element.
text-shadow	Adds a calculated shadow effect to text.
transforms	Adds the ability to transform HTML elements (rotation, scale, translate).
animations	Allows for one or more property changes to be applied as an animation.

HTML/CSS Lab part 1









Responsive Development



What is responsive?

For a site to be responsive, it has to be able to be viewed on multiple screen sizes and screen orientations (landscape or portrait).

With so many different types of devices out there, all of them must be recognized and coded for (welcome to front-end development).

This is done by creating fluid layouts using flexbox, css grids and media queries.

Tools for Responsive Development

Flexbox for responding to parent and siblings in one dimensional layouts

Grid for responding to parent and siblings in two dimensional layouts

Media Queries for responding to device differences



Flexbox



Exercise

A client wants you to make a site for their new dog walking business.

The client's head developer wants you to build our navigation using floats because that is what is being used on the rest of their site and she is most familiar with it.

The designer gives you the .png in the next slide, so you should make sure it looks like what the client wants!

Exercise

Remember - You can only use floats and display: inline-block right now.

The font they want you to use is Lato.

The background color of the navigation is #551A8B.

The font color is rgba(255, 255, 255, 0.8).

Good luck!



Flexbox

Think of a world where people do not have to use floats or inline-blocks for their layout!

Flexbox is a display property within CSS that allows a developer to plan and visually display their site's content.

There are tons of values that can be leveraged with flexbox.



Benefits of Flexbox

- 1. Eliminates the need for calculating the heights of elements in JavaScript to set equal heights of divs.
- 2. No more floats or need for clear fixes.
- 3. Flexbox works beautifully for responsive layouts.
- 4. Flexbox calculates the widths of each element and sets the margins for us.

Here's using flexbox to accomplish equal heights through CSS!

Here's using flexbox eliminates the need for clear fixes.



How to Flex



The Parent Container

To use flexbox, wrap the items needing to be flexed in a container.

The container is often referred to as the flex container or as the parent container.

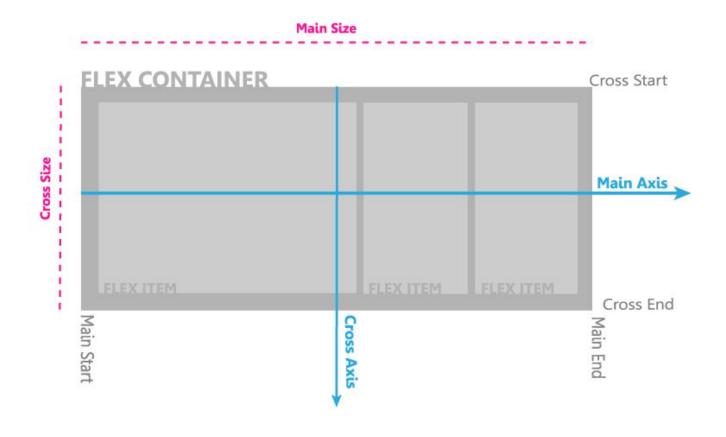
Do this by giving the display property a flex value. It should look like this:

```
.parent-container {
   display: flex;
}
```

Here's how we do it.



Cross Axis and Main Axis





Cross Axis

The cross axis is the vertical axis along the flex container.

This allows for elements to move between the top, middle or bottom of the container.

The align-items property is what controls this axis.

The align-items property goes on the parent container and will be applied to child items.

Align-Items

Value	Description
flex-start	Items will line up at the top of the container.
flex-end	Items will line up at the bottom of the container.
center	Items will be centered in the container.
baseline	Items will be lined up along their baseline.
stretch	Items will stretch as tall as the container. (default)

DEMO



Main Axis

The main axis is the horizontal axis along the flex container.

This allows for elements to move between the left, middle or right of the container.

Spacing can also be applied either around or between these items.

The justify-content property is what controls this axis.

The justify-content property goes on the parent container and will be applied to child items.

Main Axis

Value	Description
flex-start	Items will line up at the top of the container. (default)
flex-end	Items will line up at the bottom of the container.
center	Items will be centered in the container.
space-between	Flex items are evenly distributed between items.
space-around	Flex items have space around all sides.

DEMO



Flex-Direction

Flexbox items can go in two directions, rows and columns. The direction can also be reversed. <u>DEMO</u>

Value	Description
row	Items will flow left to right. (default)
row-reverse	The order of items will reverse row order.
column	Items will stack from top to bottom.
column-reverse	Items will stack in a reversed order from top to bottom.

Flex-Wrap

The flex-wrap property controls whether the flex container is single-line or multi-line, which determines the direction new lines are stacked in.

Value	Description
nowrap	The default value. Items fall on a single line, even if they start to overlap each other.
wrap	Items fall on another line if there isn't enough room on the current line.
wrap-reverse	Items go on top of the previous line if there isn't enough room on the current line.

<u>DEMO</u>

Oh no!

It turns out the head developer took a flexbox course and realized the magic of flexbox.

Convert your old code to use flexbox, but still achieve the same look as before.

Here's the image of the navigation again for you to reference.

Great job!

The client was super happy with your flexibility and knowledge of flexbox.

Less code for them to implement in their project does not hurt either.



Reference

https://cssreference.io/flexbox/

https://css-tricks.com/snippets/css/a-guide -to-flexbox/

Fun Game!

https://flexboxfroggy.com/



Media Queries

One of the ways to accomplish having responsive websites is by using media queries.

Media queries can detect a bunch of properties about the device used to view the site.

It allows the browser to use specifically developed CSS styles for the different screen sizes that it detects.



Media Queries

Media queries are written like this:

```
@media [not|only] type
[and] (expression) {
   /* rules */
```

Types of media can be all, screen, print, and speech. <u>Here's</u> an example of how to use media queries.



Min and Max Width

min-width applies the styles to anything greater than or equal to the min-width

max-width applies the styles to anything less than or equal to the max-width



You Try It!

Create a container element with three paragraph tags that have the same font size value.

Make their font size get more prominent by increasing the font-size as the viewport increases using two media query breakpoints.

Things to think about: will you need to use max-width or min-width for this situation?

Viewport Meta Tag

The following code must be included within the <head> element.

<meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1">

The previous tag tells the browser to render the width of the page at the width of its screen.

If that screen is 320px wide, the browser window will be 320px wide, rather than way zoomed out.

Mobile-First Development



Mobile-First Development

In this class, we will emphasize coding all sites mobile-first.

Mobile-first means any default styles will go above media queries, and any overriding code will go within media queries.

Typically, min-width is used for mobile-first development.



Mobile-First

In 2019, it is expected that there will be 4.68 billion mobile users.

It is far easier to build up than to scale down.

Mobile-first is also great for quicker load times and has a much higher SEO (Google ranks mobile-first sites higher).

Mobile-First

The standard device breakpoints to use are:

Breakpoint	Device Types
480px	Larger phone screens.
768px	Most tablets.
992px	Large tablets to small laptops.
1200px	Anything larger than a tablet, like desktop screens.

Let's go through how a mobile-first developer would typically code and test their site as they work.

Let's come up with a wireframe of what we want our site to look like together going from mobile to desktop.

We should minimally include a title, an about us section with two facts.



Grant's Dog Walking Company has been doing great since you built that impressive navigation.

However, now, it has gotten so popular that people on their phones are trying to access it.

No one can use it because we did not develop it mobile-first!

Our client wants us to re-do our navigation (still using flexbox) but to work responsively.

Here is the design.

They also want the name of the company to go on the right side on bigger screen sizes without changing the HTML structure.

Plan for them to change at the 768px breakpoint.

Grant's Dog Walking!

Home

Prices

Contact Us



Additional Resources

Here are some additional readings to check out:

Flex-Flow Property

Flexbox Cheat Sheet

Mobile-First Importance

More Media-Query Resources



HTML Forms



Forms

Forms are used to send data back to a server from user inputs.



Form Tags

```
<form action="some-url" method="get">
     <!-- Form inputs and other html -->
     </form>
```



Methods and Actions

Action is the URL you want the data to be sent to.

Method is the HTTP methods used to transfer data.

- GET
- POST
- And others



Form Tags

```
<input type="text" name="firstname"
placeholder="Name?">
```



Types of Inputs

- Text (type="text")
- Radio Button (type="radio")
- Checkbox (type="checkbox")
- Password (type="password")
- Date (type="date")

- Time (type="time")
- Date & Time (type="datetime")
- Email (type="email")
- Submit
- <input type="submit"/>
- <button type="submit"/>



Demo



Text

```
<input type="text"/> Starts out empty.
<input type="text" value="Hello"/> Starts out
with 'Hello' typed in.
```

The 'value' attribute determines what text it starts out with.



Checkbox

```
<input type="checkbox" checked/> I'm checked.
<input type="checkbox"/> I'm NOT checked.
```

The presence or absence of a 'checked' attribute determines whether it starts out checked.



Radio Buttons

```
<input type="radio" name="group-name" checked/> I'm
checked.
<input type="radio" name="group-name"/> I'm NOT checked.
```

Radio buttons that have the same 'name' are grouped together. Only one of the buttons in a group can be checked at a time.

Select (Drop-Down)

```
<select>
<option>Red</option>
<option selected="">White</option>
<option>Blue</option>
</select>
```

One of the options can have the 'selected' attribute, which pre-selects that option.

Labels

```
<!-- input nested inside label -->
<label><input type="text"/> Describe the input</label>
<!-- The for attribute matches the id attribute, binding the two
together -->
<label for="color">Color</label>
<input type="text" id="color"/>
```

It's good to associate a label with an input. Here are two ways.

Labels

```
<!-- input nested inside label -->
<label><input type="checkbox" checked/> Click Me!</label>
<!-- The for attribute matches the id attribute, binding the two
together -->
<label for="hasDog">Has Dog</label>
<input type="checkbox" id="hasDog"/>
```

It's especially important to give checkboxes and radio buttons a label. Then the user can click either the label or the checkbox.

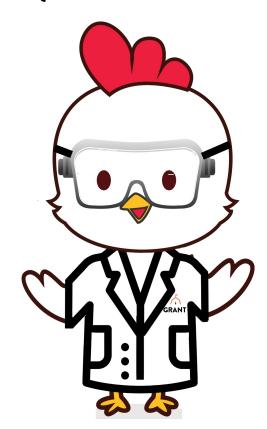
Forms Activity

Open a new JS Bin

- Add a form.
- Add a checkbox. Make sure it has a clickable label.
- Add a group of two or more radio buttons. Make sure they have labels.
- Add a dropdown (select) with at least two options.



HTML/CSS Lab Part 2

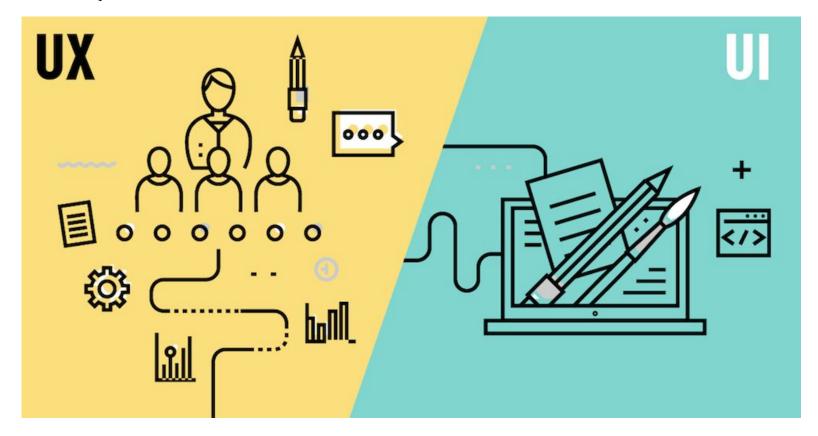




Wireframing and UX/UI



UX/UI (source)





Terminology



What is UX?

UX means user experience. It relates to the process of creating products that will provide personal and meaningful experiences.

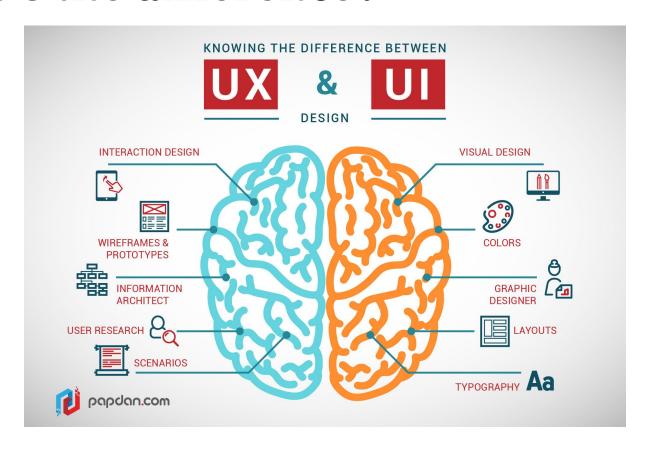


What is the UI?

UI refers to the user interface, it relates to the process of designing user interfaces for software or machines, such as the look of a mobile app, with a focus on the ease and enjoyment of the user.

It usually refers to the graphical interface and how the product is laid out.

What's the difference?





What's the difference?

UI is how things look, UX is how things work.

UI makes interfaces beautiful, UX makes interfaces useful.



User Interface



UI Examples

Inspiration UI



UI Core Principles

Clarity: Things need to be apparent to the user-like what happened, what they are, what they can do and what will happen if they do it.

Flexibility: Designing something that looks good in all situations.

Familiarity: Using familiar items and patterns in your app.



More UI Core Principles

Efficiency: User finishes main task in the most efficient way possible.

Consistency and Structure: Fonts and alignment are consistent and shareable elements are reused.



UI Design Tools

Sketch / Adobe XD CC



UI Frameworks/Kits

Bootstrap / Materialize / UI Kit / Bulma / Semantic UI



UI Activity

Make a contact form using Bootstrap styles! Begin with the HTML template from the Get Started guide on Bootstrap's website. The contact form should include the following:

- 1. 2 text inputs
- 2. two radio buttons
- 3. A text area
- 4. A submit button
- 5. Any other components of your choice (At least one)

Be ready to demo!



User Experience



History of UX

"When we go into a new project, we believe in it all the way. We have the confidence in our ability to do it right." -Walt Disney (One of the original UXers)



History of UX

You could say UX started during the machine age.

The easier it was to use the machines, the quicker the work would get done.



History of UX

A good example of experience design is Disneyland (opened in 1955)

Walt Disney was a pioneer connecting experience and emotion.



UX Examples

Pendar Yousefi Portfolio / Kathy Li



UX Core Principles

Useful: Should be original and fulfill a need.

Usable: Must be easy for everyone to use.

Desirable: Image, identity, brand and other design elements are used to evoke emotion and appreciation.

More UX Core Principles

Findable: Content needs to be navigable and locatable on and offsite.

Accessible: Should be accessible to people with disabilities.

Credible: Users need to trust and believe what you tell them.

UX Tools

Moqups / Invision



UX Process



UX Process

<u>User Centered Design</u>

Design based on understanding users, tasks, and environments.

Driven by user-centered evaluation.

Addresses the whole user experience.



UX Process

- 1. User Research Know and understand users.
- 2. Analysis Identify design opportunities.
- 3. Design Conceptualize and explore.
- 4. Prototype Implement ideas and receive feedback.
- 5. User testing Evaluate.



UX Process: User Research

What do your users want to accomplish?

What are their goals?

Who are the users?



Types of User Research

- Online Surveys
- Interviews
- Focus Groups
- Analytics



UX Process: Analysis

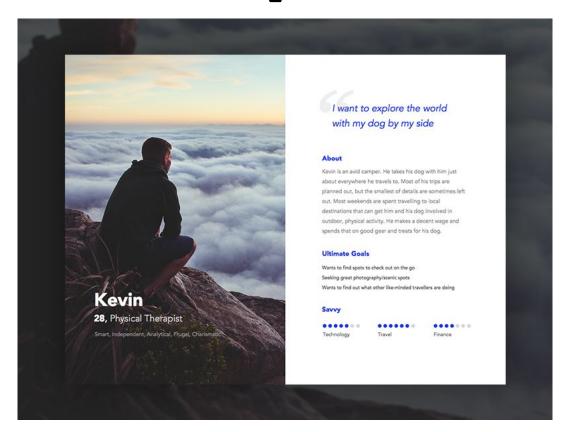
Analyzing user research to create user personas

"The purpose of personas is to create reliable and realistic representations of your key audience segments for reference".

(usability.gov)

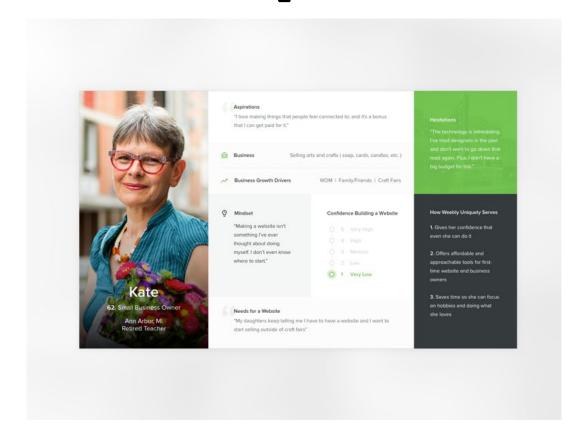


User Persona Example





User Persona Example





User Needs

Identify why users will use your product. What do they want to accomplish? What benefit will it provide?



User Needs ("Why" not "How")

This is NOT what features they need (e.g. blog, calculator, search).

This is what *outcomes* they need (e.g. find what hours the shop is open, identify pros & cons of different shipping options)



UX Process: Design

Sketching

Creating wireframes

User Flow

Feedback



UX Process: Prototyping

Paper Prototyping (Lo-Fi)

Digital Prototyping (Hi-Fi)

Prototyping Resource



Prototyping

Digital Prototyping



UX Process: User Testing

Analytics (web traffic and sales analytics)

Test design

Offer solutions



UX Activity

A client wants to create a product to help dog owners find playmates for their pet.

What are some possible user needs for this product the client has not thought of?

Split into groups and brainstorm at least six possible user needs on post-it notes.



UX Activity

Prioritize the eight most essential user needs that should be addressed throughout the product.



Wireframing



Wireframe

A wireframe is a skeleton of what we want our site to look like.

Think of it as the blueprint or sketch of the layout the site should include.

These are handy for us developers to use so we can visualize how sites are going to look before we start to code them.

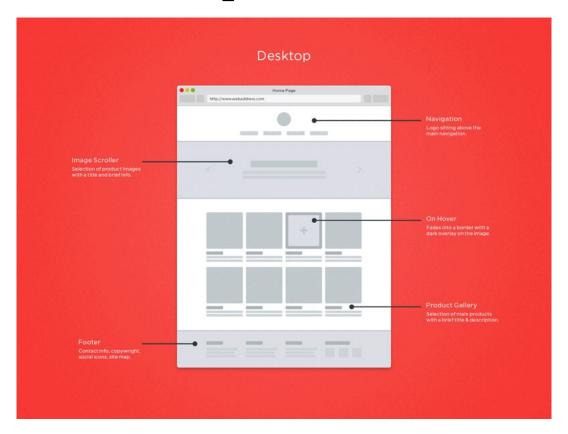
Wireframe

We use wireframes so we can plan and architect our code before we even touch the keyboard.

Strategizing this way helps to eliminate future problems by thinking through possible issues in the beginning.



Wireframe Example





Wireframe Activity

We are responsible for the creation of an event planning website.

Remember, we need a wireframe for mobile, tablet, and desktop.

What are some interactive features we can include?



Wireframe Activity

Let's go back to our dog matching site.

Based on our priorities, let's come up with a mobile and desktop wireframe.

Each group should take 10 minutes to sketch their interpretation of the home page structure based on user needs.