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Discussion 5.3

Wire Framing Tools Research

The first of three free wire framing tools is Pencil Project. According to Clique Studios, "It has an unlimited amount of designs for UX/UI pros to utilize and all of its features come completely free." You can select a multitude of elements or shapes to create and edit. After creating the interface, the document can be exported as an HTML markup page. It takes some getting used to and the element you are looking for may not be available although you can look for clipart. The documentation is a bit dull with mostly text no video tutorial. All OS platforms are supported.

Mydraft.cc is a very simple wireframe tool which is also open source. According to Henri from bashooka.com, “Open source wireframing tool written in typescript, react and redux.”It features a limited assortment of elements to choose from. Where it shines is that it has a large amount of font awesome icons to choose from out of the box. It is a web integrated application so there is nothing to download. This app is very easy to use as they label all the components very clearly. I did not find any sort of tutorial or help section. Since it is web based, there are no platform limitations.

Diagrams.net or Draw.io, is my favorite in this list. According to designrevision.com, "It has a lot of features and comes with more components that you will actually use. So many that it has an option to toggle groups on and off based on what you need." This app is available online with no need to login or can be downloaded. There are so many elements to choose from, so much that they allow you to edit your dashboard because so many element types don't fit in the toolbar. One of the features I liked the most is that it has all bootstrap and mobile platform elements available. This app is very easy to use. Their technical support or documentation takes place in the blog section. There you can find a lot of information and it is searchable. Because it can be accessed on the web, it is available for all platforms.

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