

WIREFRAMING: THE WHY AND THE HOW.

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OBJECTIVES

- › Explain why wireframes are valuable during the development of a product.
- › Identify the essential elements of a wireframe.

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WHAT ARE WIREFRAMES?

- ▶ “...a skeletal three-dimensional model in which only lines and vertices are represented.” - The Complete Guide to Wireframes
- ▶ “...an image or set of images which displays the functional elements of a website or page, typically used for planning a site's structure and functionality” - Element 74, Web design 101

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THE ESSENTIALS

- › Lines
- › Boxes
- › Structure
- › Layout
- › Basic functionality

THE NON-ESSENTIALS

- › Pictures
- › Colors
- › Design
- › Fancy “stuff”

- › Key Definition: A wireframe is a draft of a web or mobile page showing absolute essentials about the layout and functionality

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THE ESSENTIALS, IN 'TECH SPEAK'

- boxes for primary graphical elements
- placement of headlines and sub-heads
- simple layout structure
- calls to action
- navigation

