Wireframing Tools/Methods

1. Although Adobe Photoshop doesn't offer catalogues of interface elements, it is a go-to for many designers for its straightforward, quick wireframing abilities. By creating a document based on the 960-grid system that is 1100 pixels wide and 750 pixels tall, designers can take actual web dimensions into account. Next, they can use the paint bucket tool to fill the document with a light gray color depicting the site's background color or image. Lastly, they can use the rectangle tool to sketch out their ideas or group and layer their different elements, and can even use the Type > Paste Lorem Ipsum command to view how it will look with the inclusion of text.

2. Like Photoshop, I chose to research wireframing with Adobe InDesign because it is a more common design application that I already have access to on my own computer. InDesign offers the ability to create an interactive PDF that will include animations, video and object states. In fact, in the new document properties window, there's even an "Intent" tab that can be set to "Web," which enables web developers to create their document with pixel dimensions and an RGB color space. InDesign provides basic wireframing methods like the drawing tools and layout menu, but also boasts interactive panels like media, liquid layout, and buttons and forms.