

UX/UI Design



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Session 3

Session Overview

- 10:00-12:00 Lecture
- 12:00-13:15 Task & lunch
- 13:15-13:30 Session wrap up



Lesson Objectives

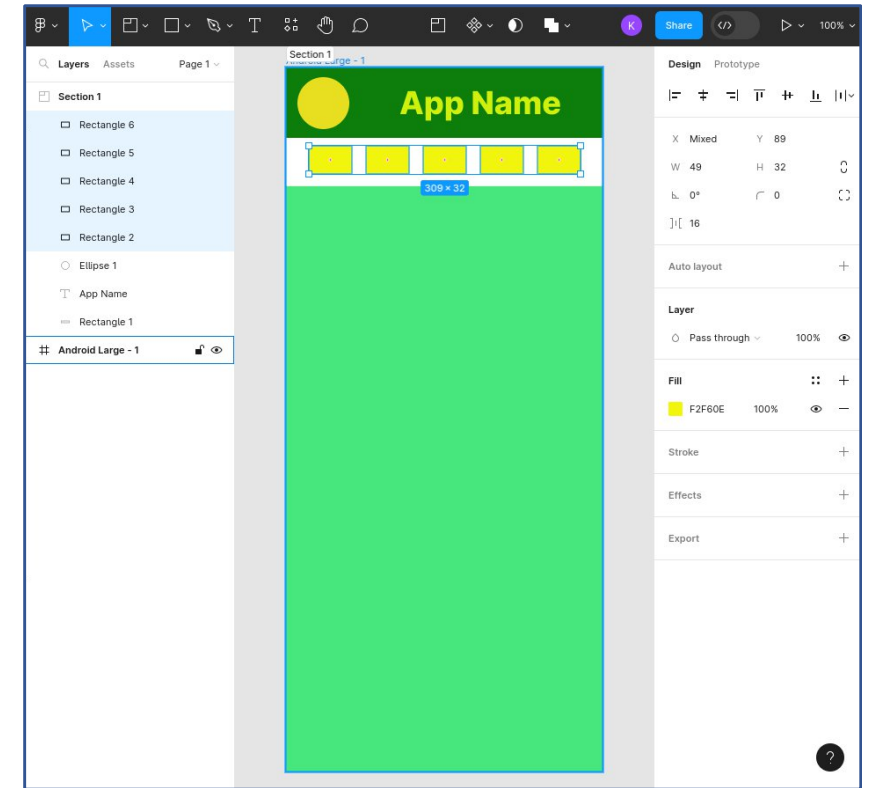
- To understand what Figma is and what it can be used for
- To understand how to use Figma
- To be able to apply this knowledge to create a design in Figma

Keywords

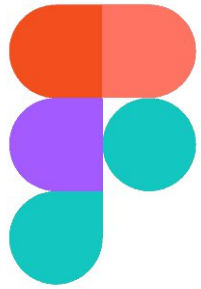
Keyword	Description
Figma	Figma is a collaborative interface design tool.
Vector graphics	Vector graphics are digital visual images that are created directly from geometric shapes, meaning that they do not pixelate when enlarged.
Wireframe	A wireframe is a visual guide that represents the skeletal framework of an app or a website.
Prototype	A prototype is a more detailed wireframe that provides a degree of interactivity.

What is Figma?

- Figma is an application for collaborative interface design
- Figma focuses on user interface and user experience design.
- It utilises a variety of vector graphics editor and prototyping tools.
- It is available as a web site, or an app that works on a variety of devices.



Getting started with Figma




Figma

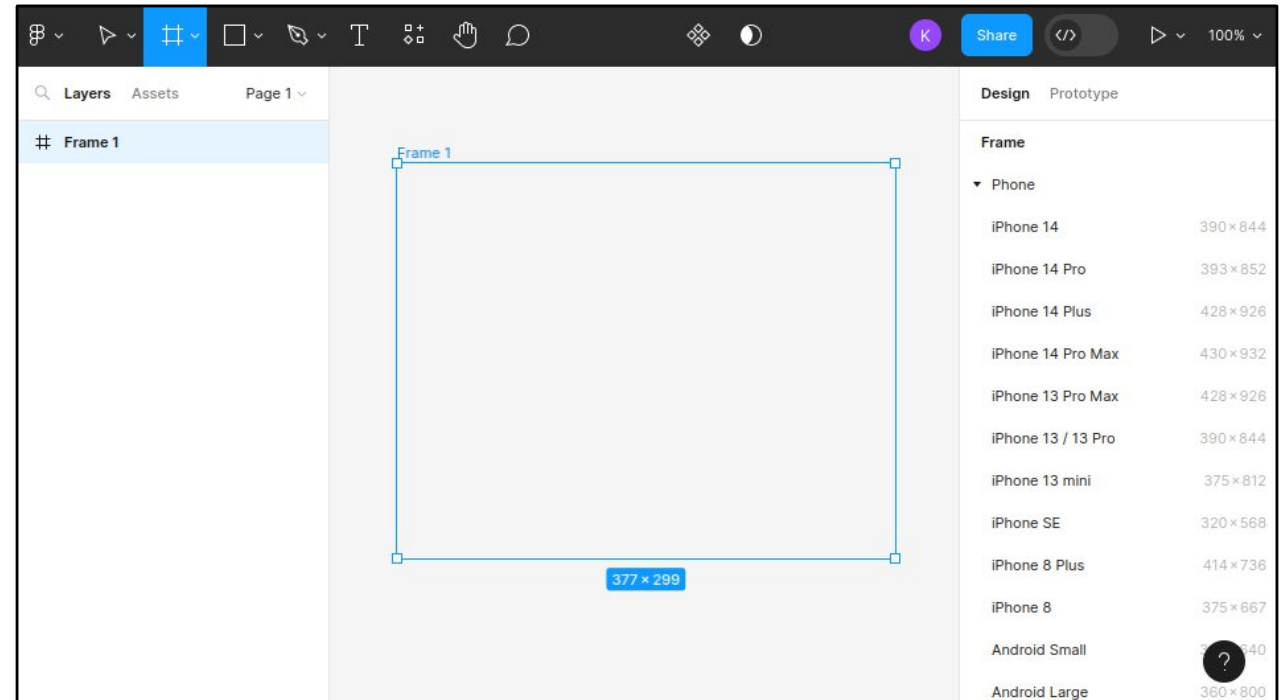
- Go to figma.com
- Sign up for a free account
- You can use **Figma** through your web browser or install the app to your device(s)

Note: The Android app only lets you view existing designs

- [Support on signing up on Figma](#)
- [Figma for Beginners tutorial](#)

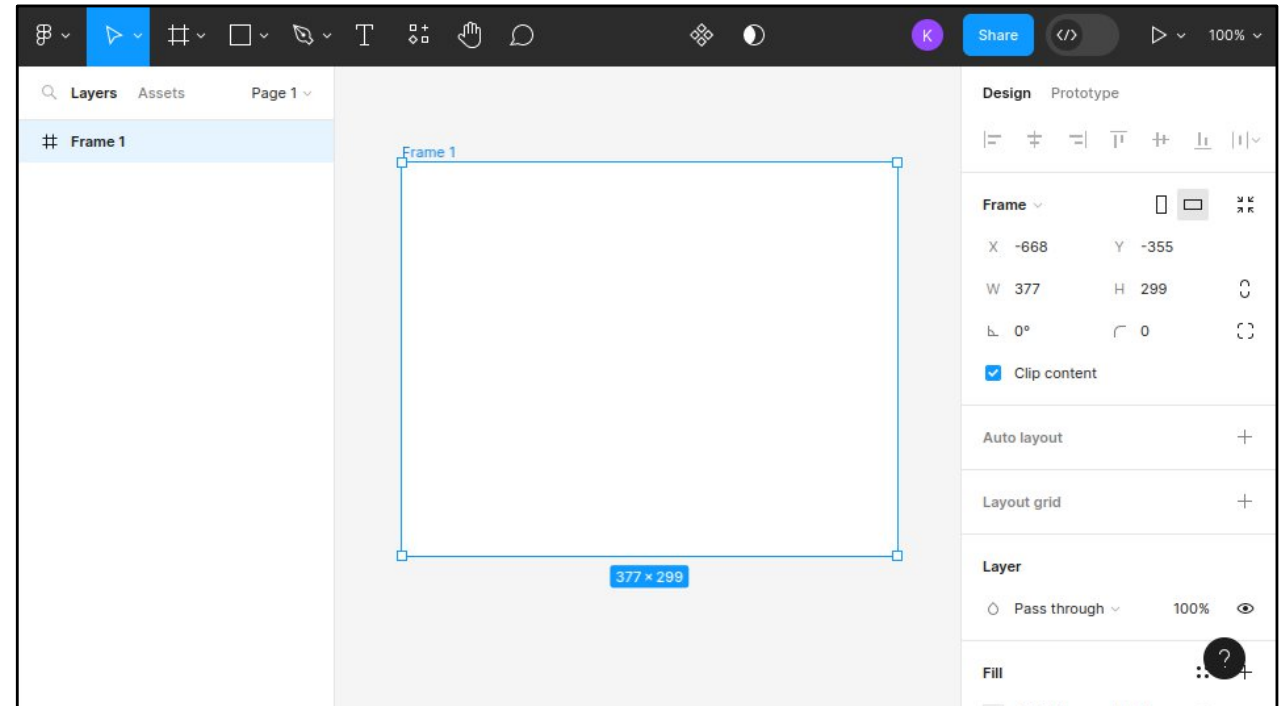
Figma frames

- In **Figma**, a **frame** is a container that mimics a screen in which you create a design for each of your pages
- Click the  button
- Select a type of screen from the list on the right, or draw in a custom frame on the **canvas** by clicking and then dragging




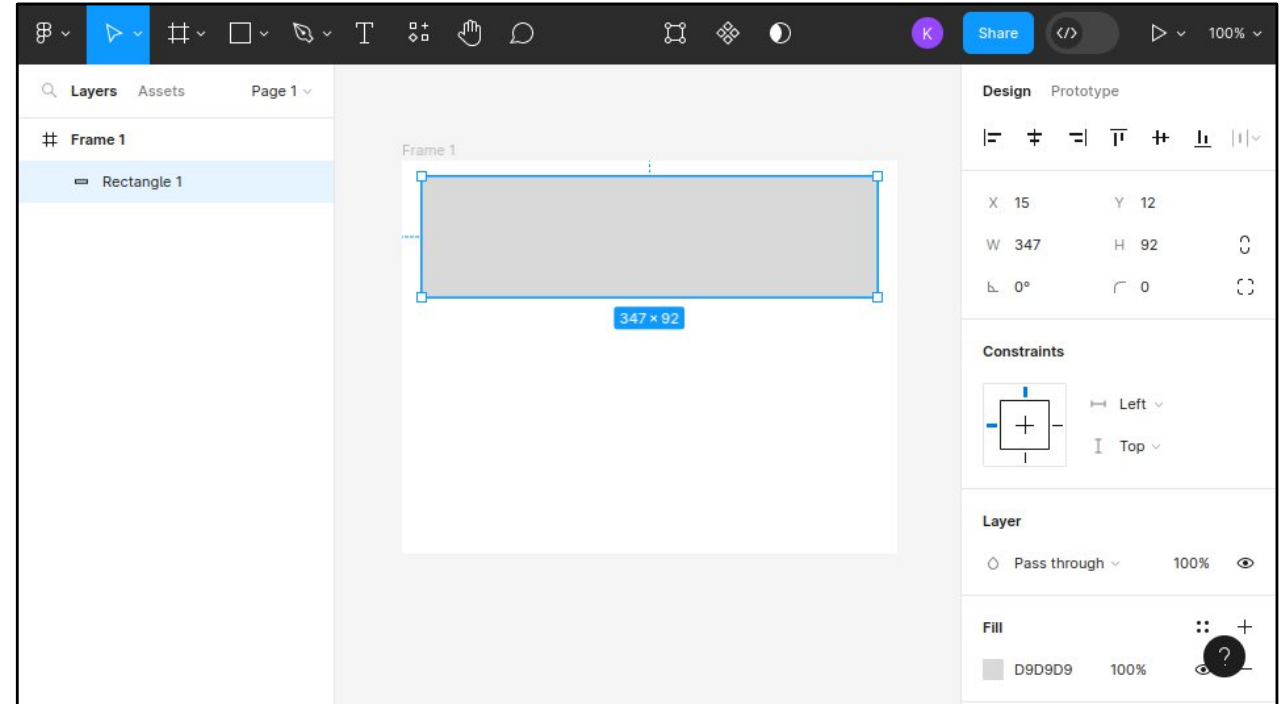
Figma frames

- You can rename the frame, if you like, by double clicking on its existing name either above the frame or on the **Layers** list in the bar on the left
- The settings for the frame are in the bar on the right



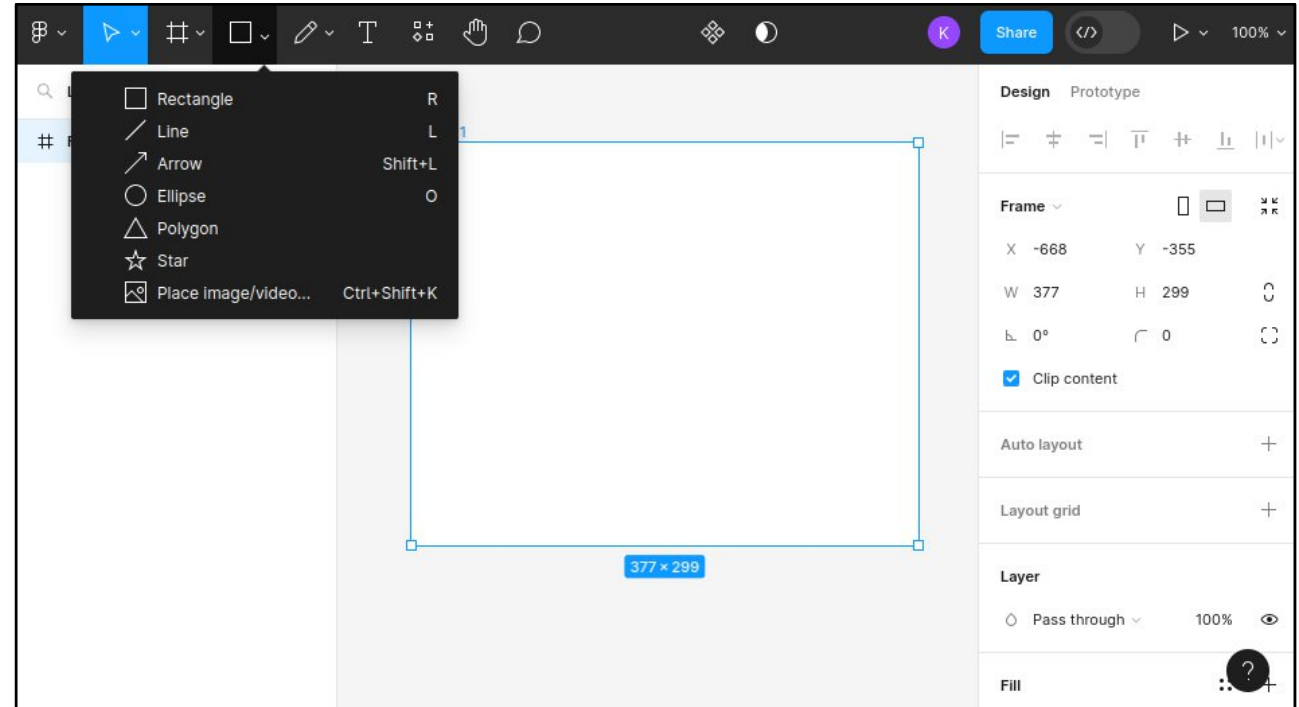
Figma shapes

- To draw a **shape** into a frame, click the  button and select the shape you want
- Draw the shape within the frame
- Note that it lists the created shape under the frame on the Layers list in the left bar
- The settings for the shape are on the right



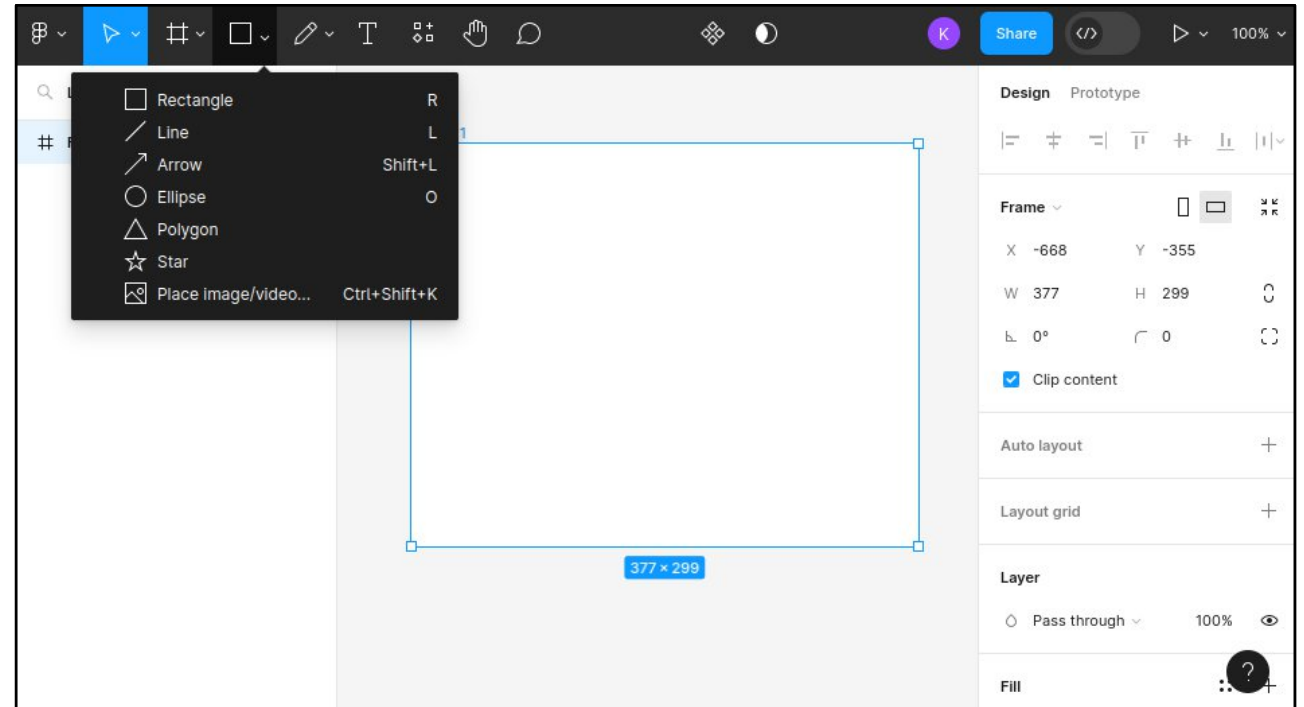
Figma shapes

- There are a variety of shapes that you can draw
- To draw a square, select rectangle and hold down shift while clicking and dragging
- To draw a circle, select ellipse and hold down shift while clicking and dragging
- You can select the number of sides for the polygon




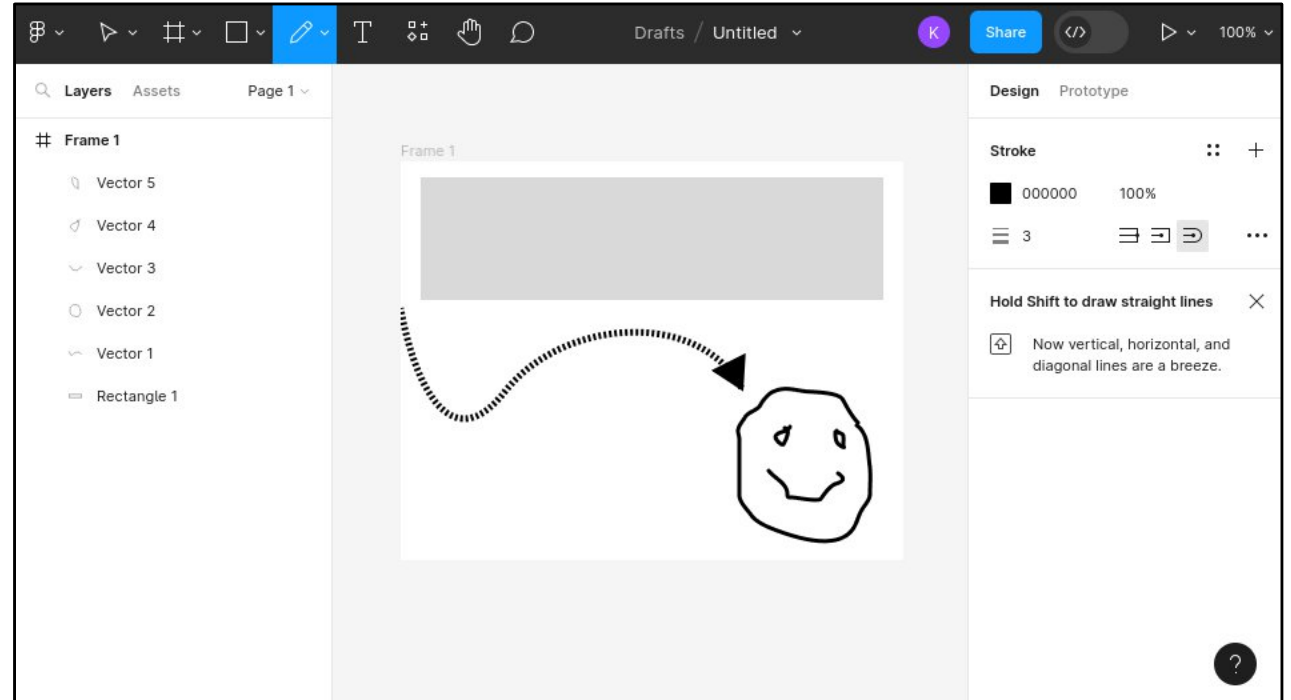
Figma shapes

- Click **Place image/video** and select a saved image
Alternatively you can drag and drop the image onto your design
- You can also copy an image from another web page and paste it into Figma
- Note: Placing videos requires you to pay for the Professional version




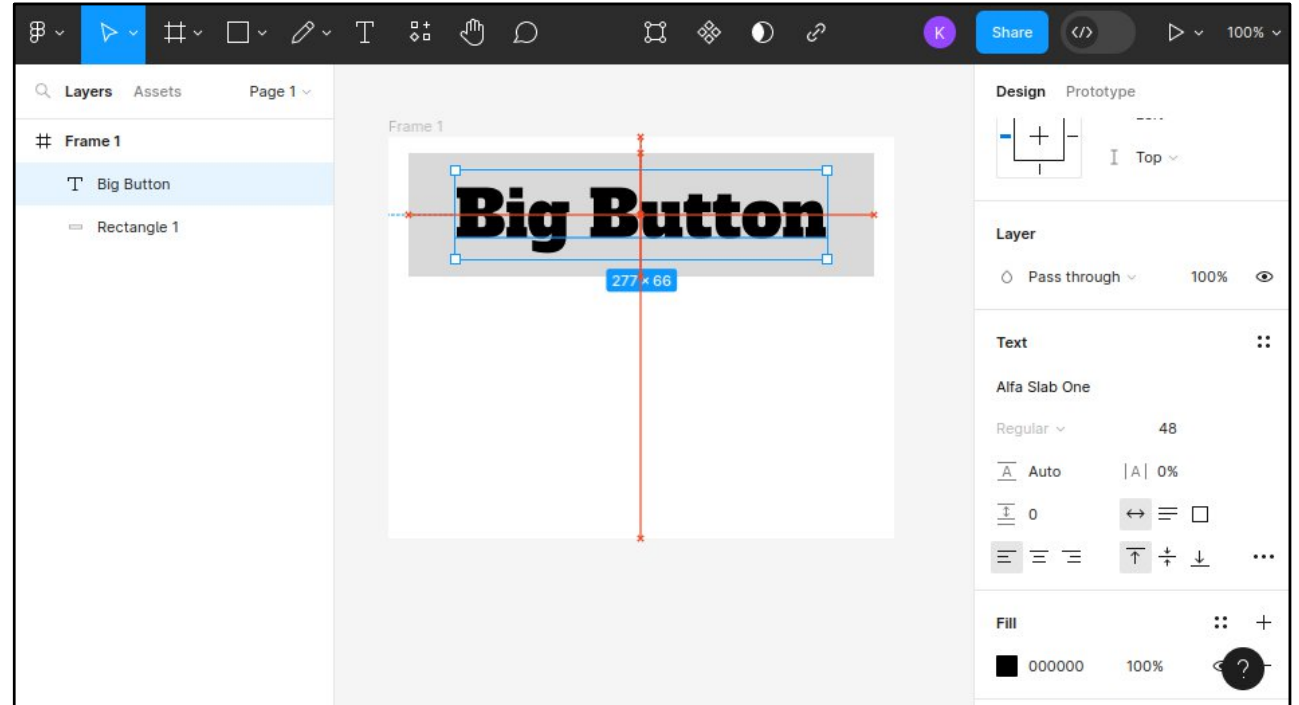
Figma pen & pencil

- You can draw vectors using the pen tool and draw freehand using the pencil tool
- Click the  button to select a pen or pencil
- Note that this icon will change if you select the pencil
- The pen can take some getting used to




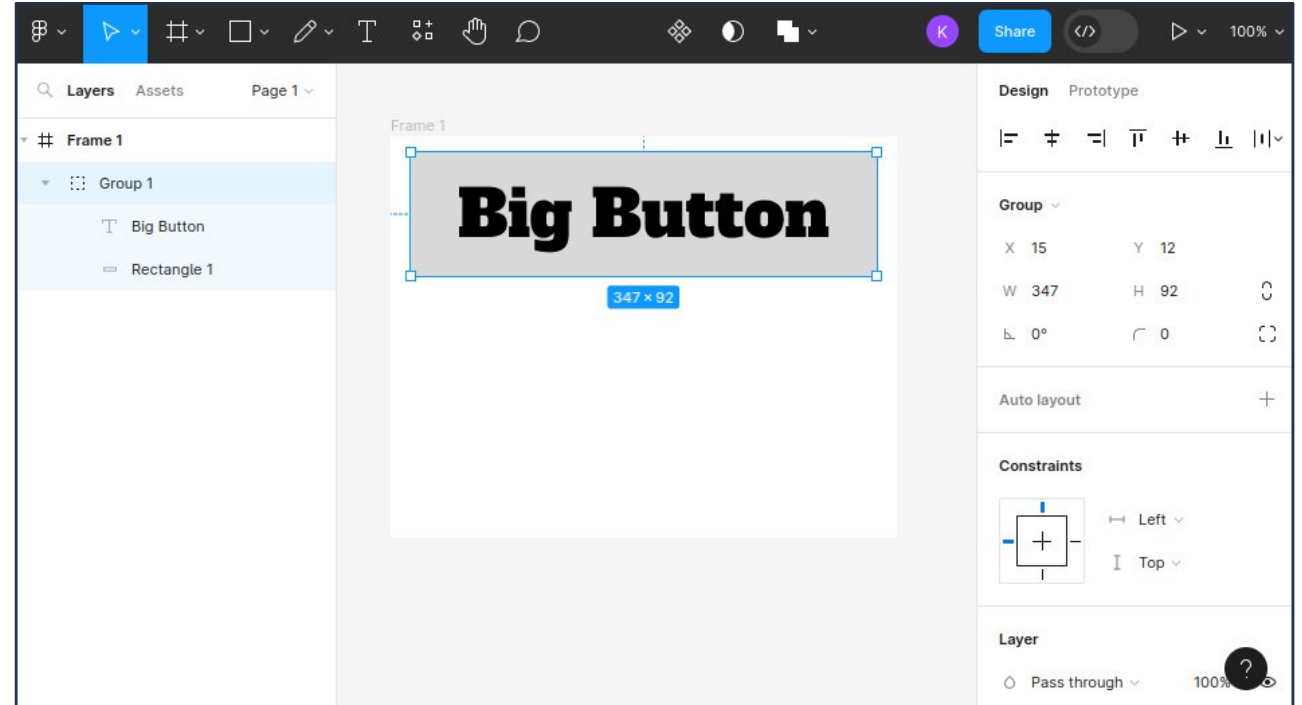
Figma text

- Add text by clicking the  button
- You can select font, style and size in the settings on the right
- Note the indicators that show that my text is in the centre of the rectangle

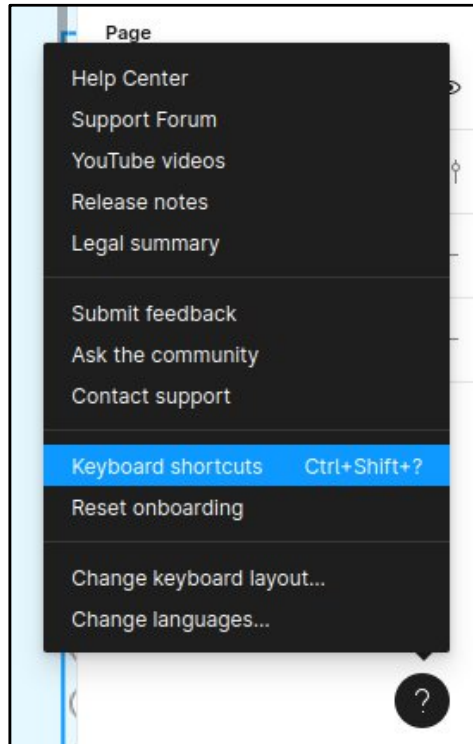


Figma groups

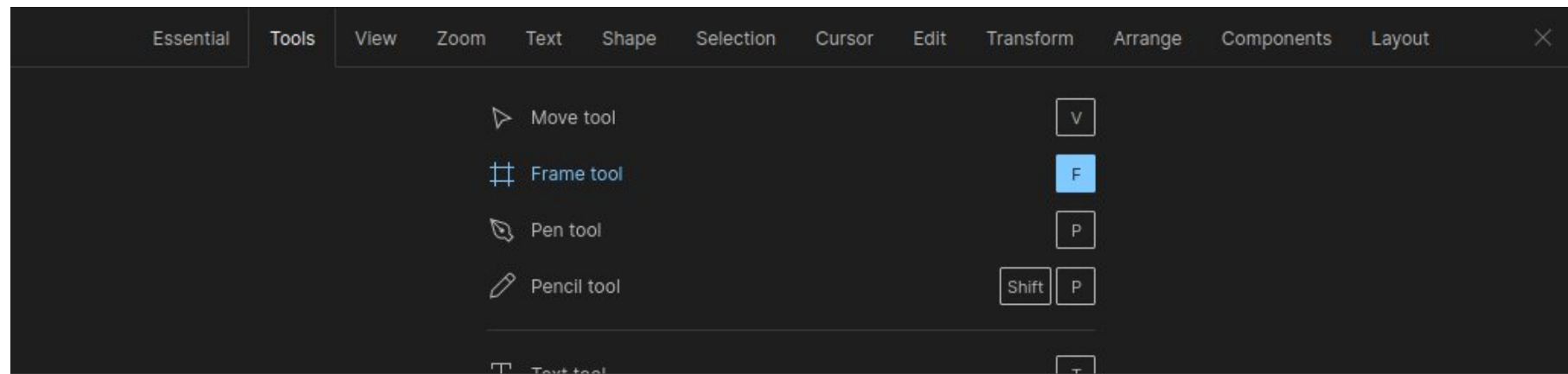
- To move objects, click the  button or press V
- You can use this tool to select multiple objects by clicking and dragging
- You can then group these objects by right-clicking on them and clicking **Group selection**



Figma keyboard shortcuts

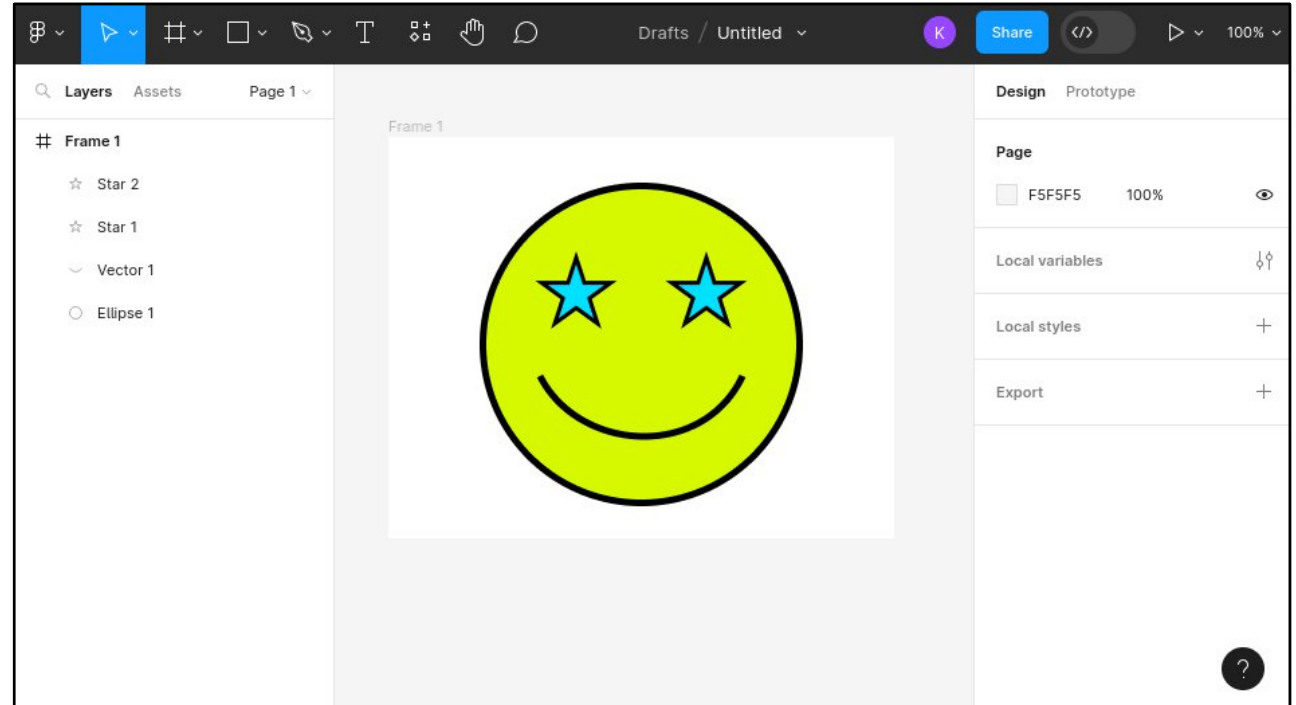


- Click the question mark button in the bottom-right corner and select **Keyboard shortcuts**
- Select the appropriate tab



Task

- Use Figma to make a design
- It could be a poster, a leaflet, a business card, or anything else
- Have a play with the tools and their various settings



Useful links

- [Figma Help Center](#)
- [Figma template gallery](#)
- [Figma on YouTube](#)
- [Figma Tutorial: A Crash Course for Beginners](#)
- [UI / UX Design Tutorial – Wireframe, Mockup & Design in Figma](#)



Figma

Session Wrap up

