



HNDIT1022 – Web Design

Week 4: Define and plan the information hierarchy

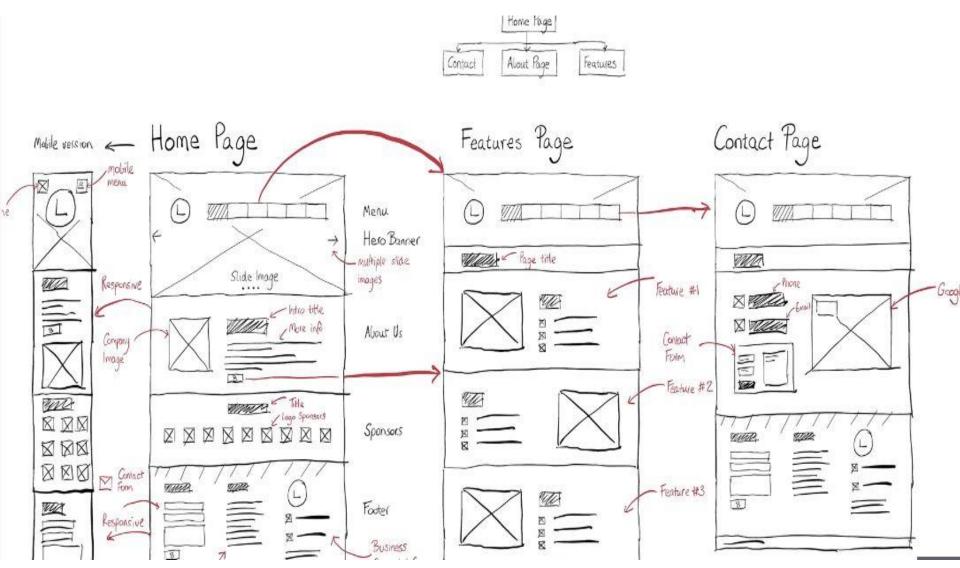


Subtopics

- Why designer use wireframes
- Design wireframe

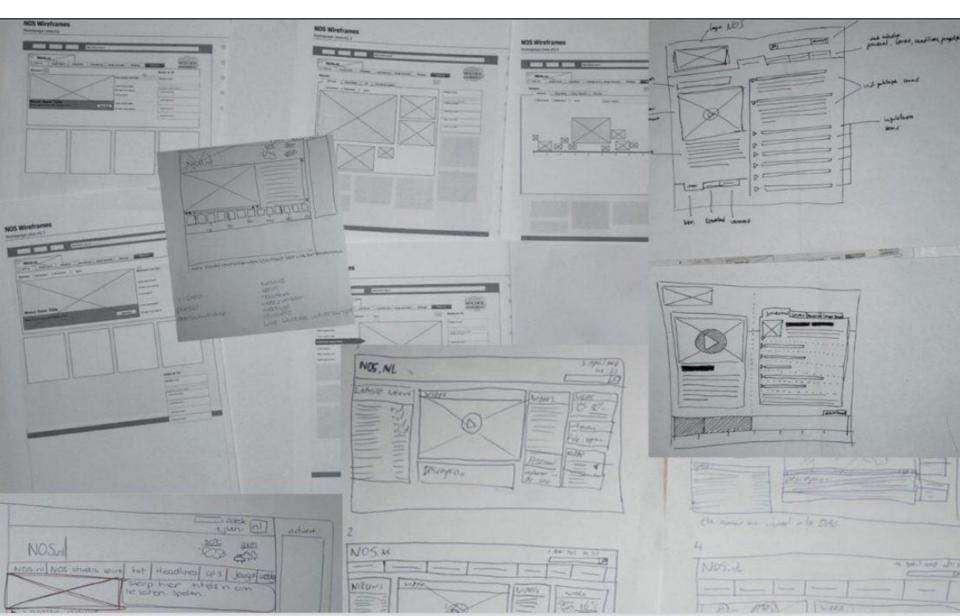


Wireframe?





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What is Wireframe?

Basically wireframe is a sketch of your website, before any kind of design elements or development even takes place.

It is a visual representation of elements on a website.

It usually doesn't include any styling, color, or graphics.

- A wireframe is constructed using basic boxes, lines, and other shapes to create an outline of the functional parts of a web page without wasting time creating an intricate, polished design.
- It's often the first step in the website design and web development process.



Definition in detail: A visual representation of an interface, used to communicate the structure, content, information hierarchy, functionality and behavior of an interface

Structure

How will the pieces of this site be put together?

Content

What will be displayed on this site?

Information Hierarchy

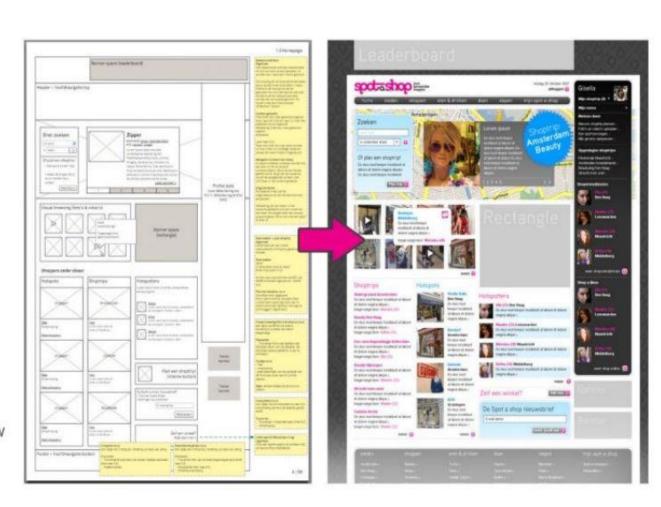
How is this information organized and displayed?

Functionality

How will this interface work?

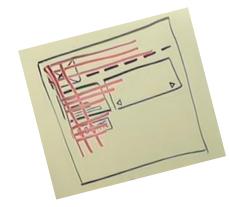
Behavior

How does it interact with the user? How does it behave?





Why designer use wireframe? / Why is a wireframe important?



- Establish hierarchy of information
 - You want to follow that F-Shape pattern that users are looking for the information in. And it lets you understand what are the most important parts of your web site. What do you need people to click on first?
- Simplifies communication
 - It simplifies the communication between developer and your client, which is always good for everyone involved.
- Blueprint for the design it means an outline.



Type of wireframes

- Sketches
 - Quick/experiment
 - Good for feedback
- Low fidelity
 - Block diagrams
 - Good for flows
- High fidelity
 - Detailed wireframes
 - Including comments
 - Describe content & behavior
 - Should be understood without explanation



How to design wireframes

Simply there are two types of designing

- Physical hand-drawn Sketches can be made with paper, pens and markers
- Digital wireframe can be made using a variety of tools



Digital Wireframe Tools: Free and Paid Wireframe Tools

You can find a range of great tools for wireframing with a quick Google search, many of which are free to use and often browser-based!



- Figma
- Diagrams.net
- Mydraft.cc
- Pencil Project
- Justinmind
- Wirefy



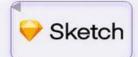


Best Paid Wireframing Tools



balsamiq®

Pricing: \$5 or \$12 per month for browser; \$89 for installed wireframing



Pricing: Freemium. \$9 per month per user; \$99 per year per user





Pricing: \$5 per month per user. Enterprise plan (10 users) \$1500/year



Pricing: Freemium. \$15 per month per user for an upgrade to 3



Pricing: Freemium. Free for the first 3 projects. \$15 per month per user

- Wireframe.cc
- Balsamiq Moqups
- Sketch
- MockFlow
- Cacoo
- InVision
- Miro
- Adobe XD
- Marvel







How to design wireframes

- Whether the hand-drawn sketch wireframe or digital wireframe they're both made up of the same things basic fundamental shapes to represent the key elements that would you see on a screen in their simplest form and they're usually in black white and sometimes some gray
- The important thing about wireframes is to keep it simple more detail can be distracting and it's important to keep things to their most basic fundamental forms.
- Once you've got some initial ideas down on paper you might notice that not everything fits quite as you envisaged.

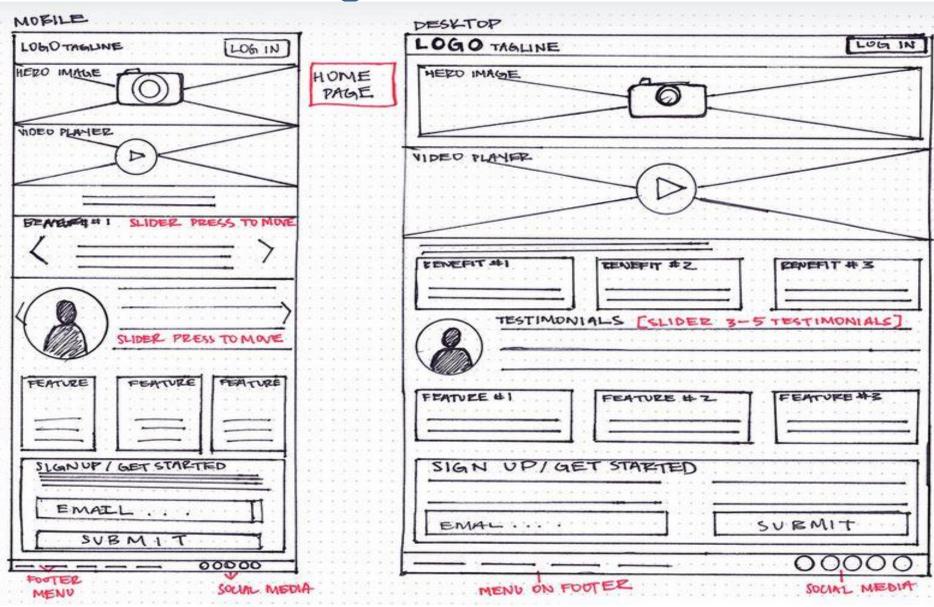


How to design wireframes Contd..

- Take the time to do a quick second sketch and refine key elements if they don't fit quite right.
- Digital wireframes are a great step after hand-drawn sketches because they're easy to share with colleagues and the rest of the design team who can continue to add layers of complexity and polish.



How to design wireframes Contd..





Standard Elements on Wireframe

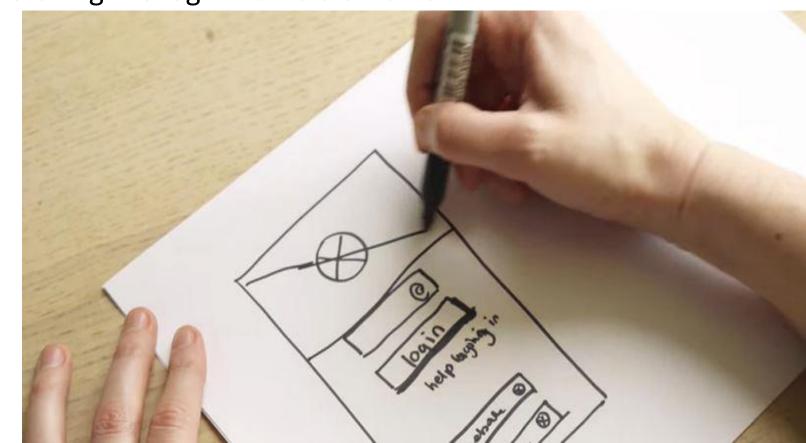
A wireframe usually includes the following standard elements.

- 1.Logo
- 2.Search field
- 3.Breadcrumb
- 4. Headers, including page title as the H1 and subheads H2-Hx
- 5. Navigation systems, including global navigation and local navigation
- 6.Body content
- 7. Share buttons
- 8. Contact information
- 9.Footer



Let's build your first wireframe

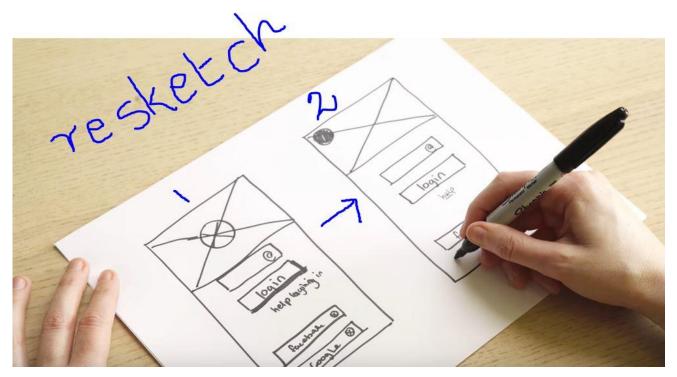
- Let's get started with the login frame
- Login frame elements: image, logo, text field to enter user id or email id, login button, forgot password link, alternative login options such as Facebook, Google
- Step 1: Sketching the login frame elements





Let's build your first wireframe

Step 2: re-sketch the wireframe and place the elements in right place

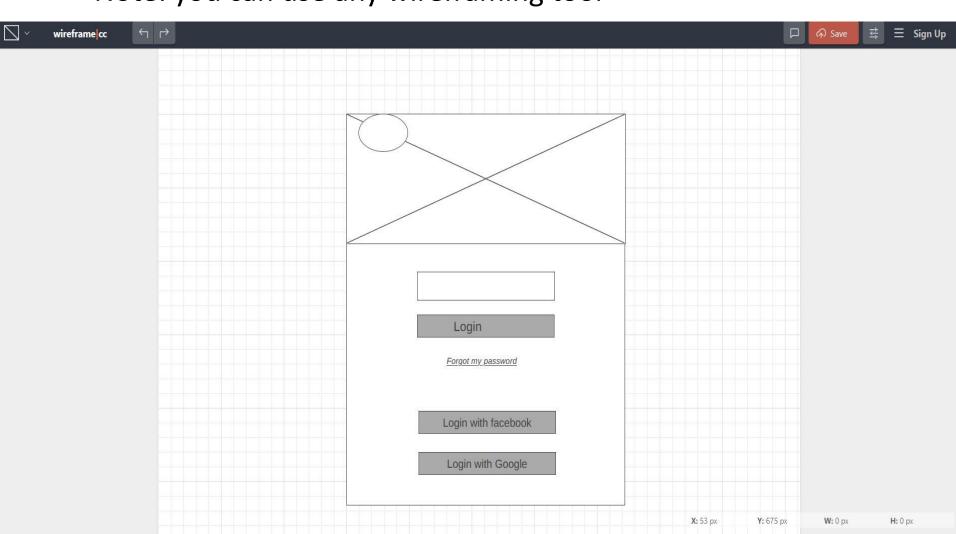


Step 3: After that you need to digitizing the wireframe using any tool



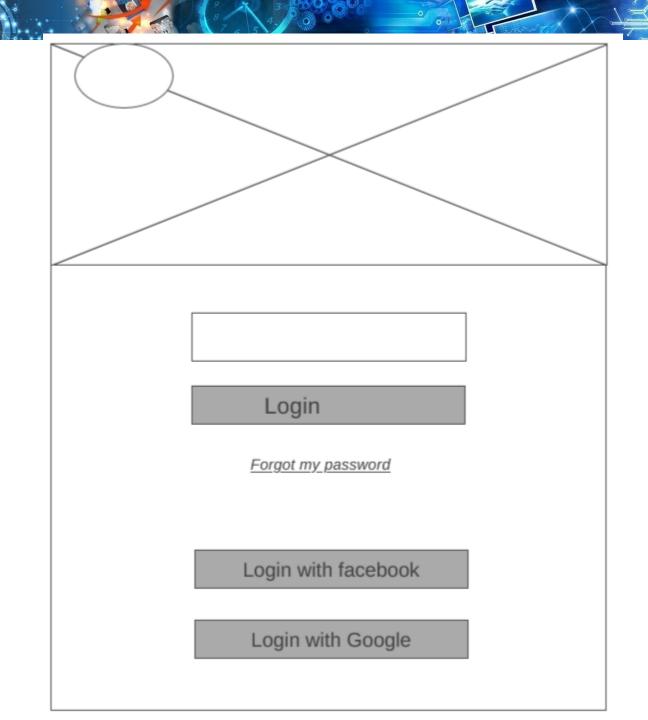
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let's use 7 days free trial online tool wireframe.cc to draw the digital format.

Note: you can use any wireframing tool





Digital wireframe





Bad wireframe vs Good design wireframe

This is a bad wireframe!

Forget visual design

Avoid using color / gradients

Adding unnecessary elements makes the wireframe less powerful, remember:

Wireframes focus only on the content and interaction of the interface!





Looks good, right?





Let's Start.....

Start big! Start with the largest parts of the interface, the frame, header, footer, etc. Then work you way through the smaller elements of the interface. The following slides will show a quick wireframe build-up.

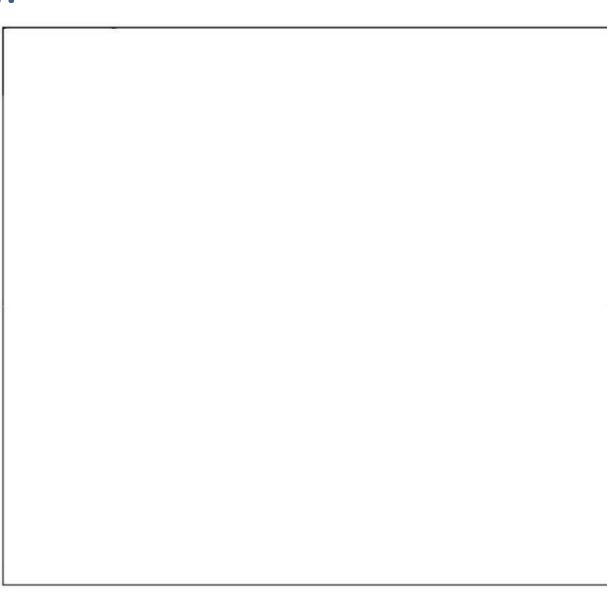
Final tip!

Remember, your wireframe will be used by lots of different people for different purposes:

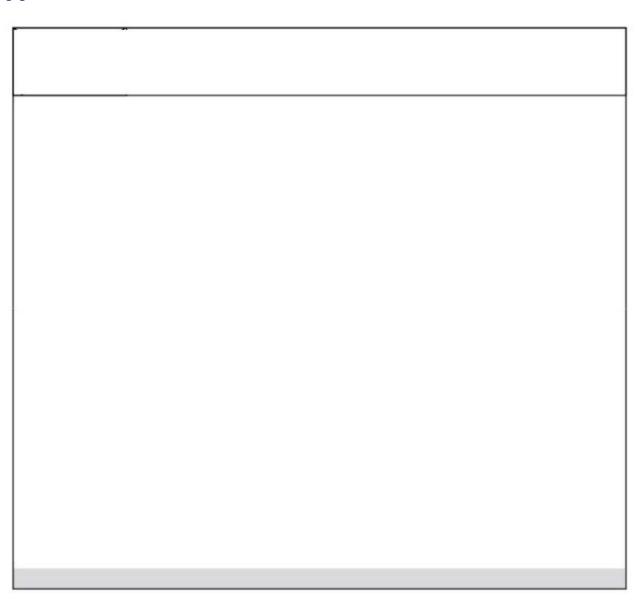
Designers
Developers
Project leaders
Usability testers
Clients

So be as clear as you can!

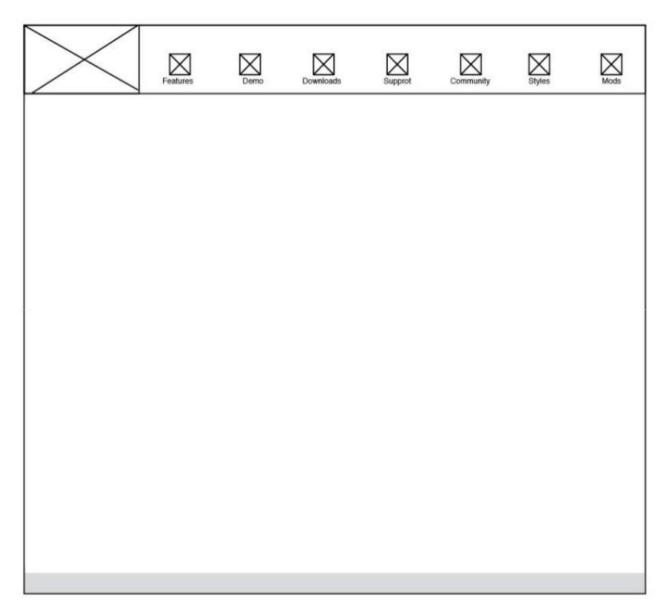








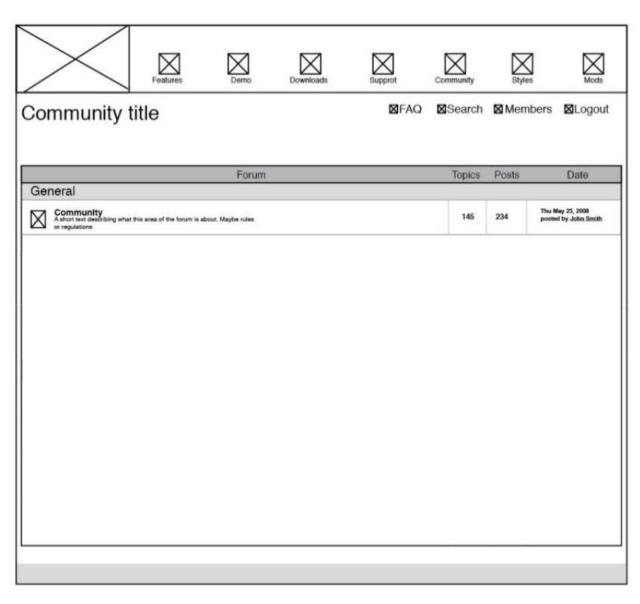




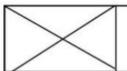


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