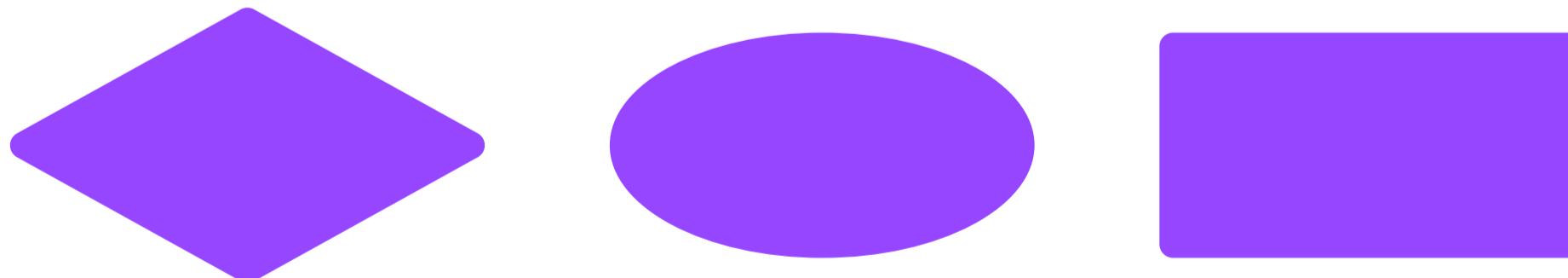
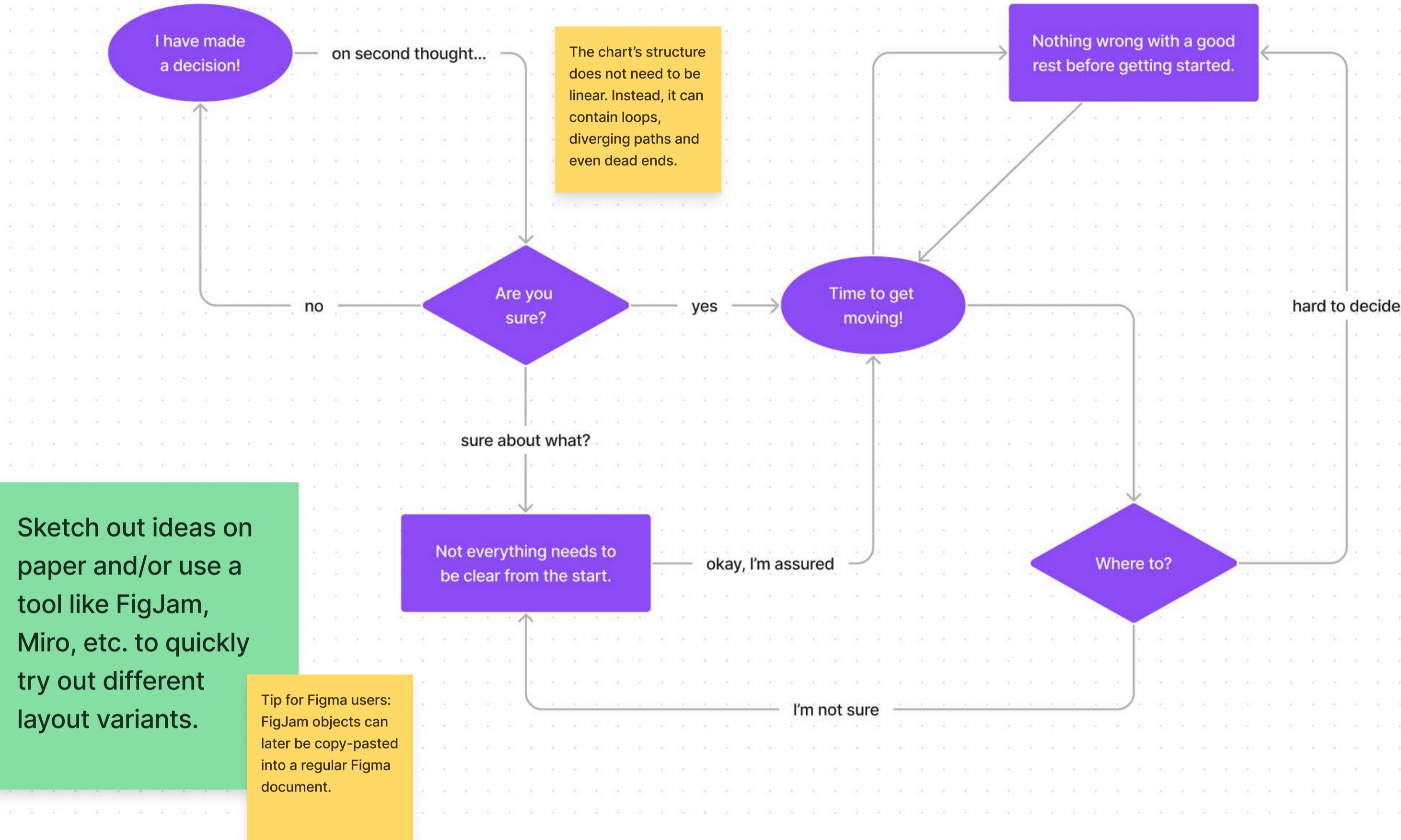
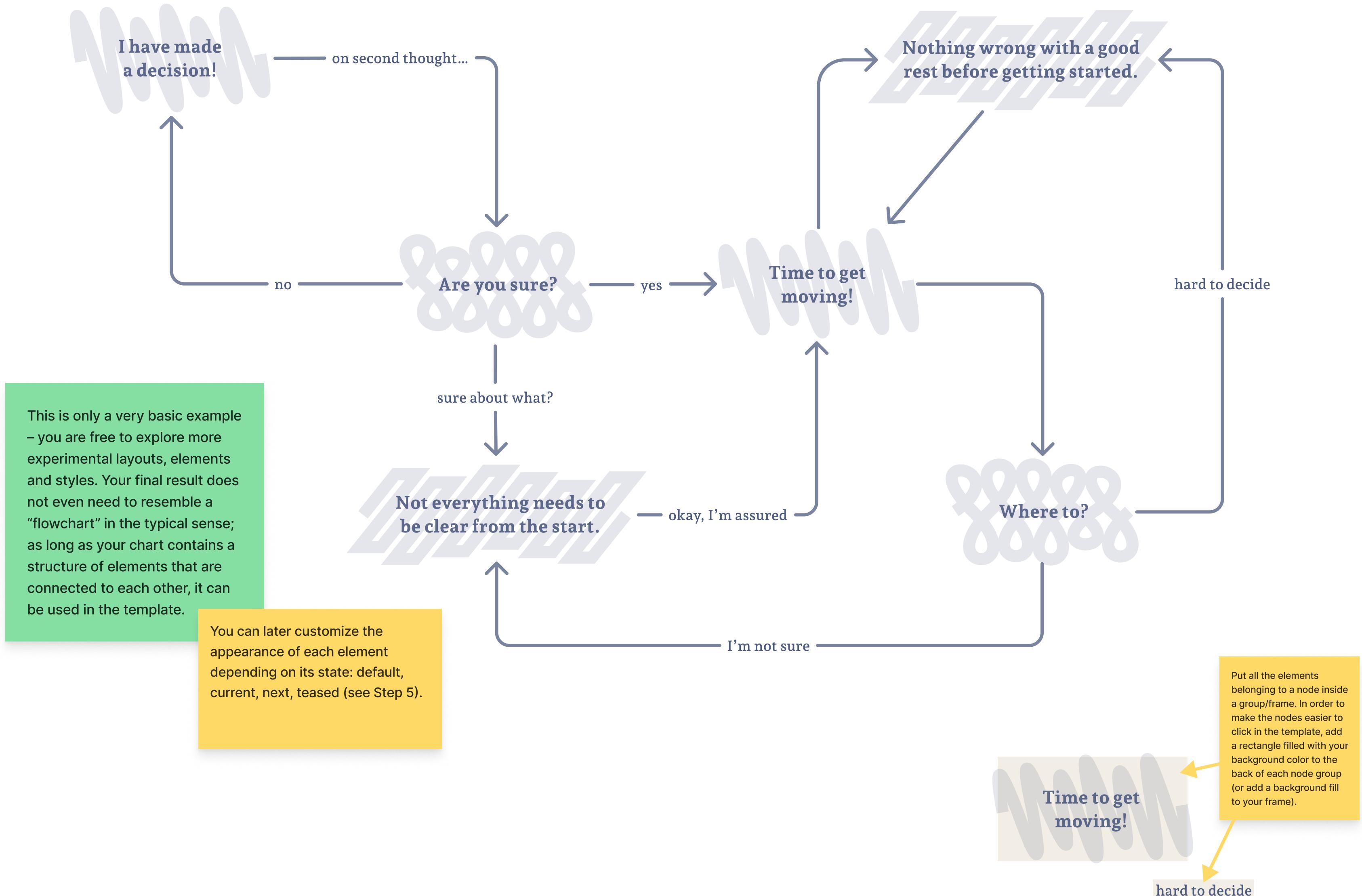


# 1 Tell your story as a flowchart

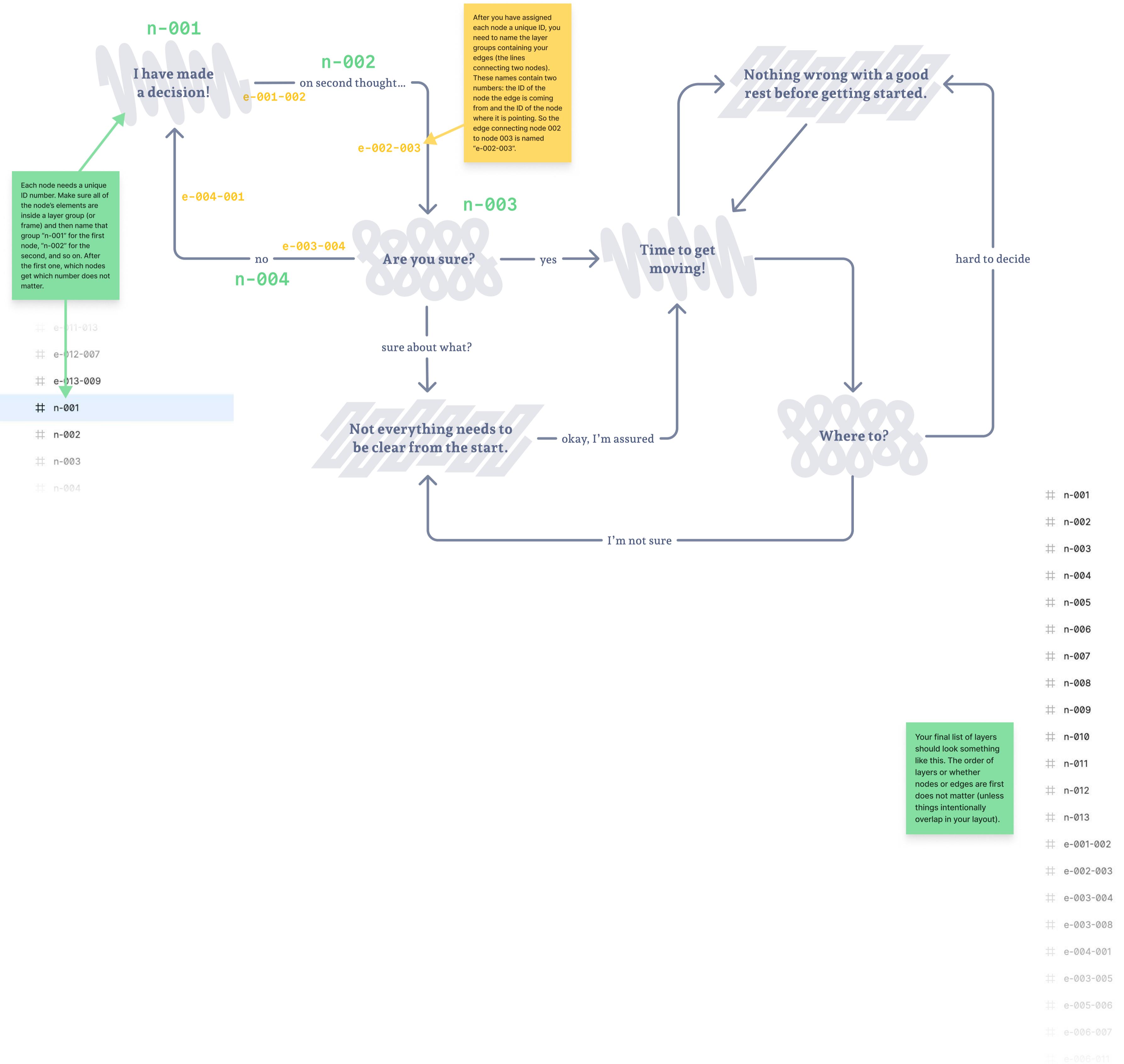


It is likely interesting to consider which types of information (questions, statements, thoughts, quotes, ...) appear in your flowchart and to mark these types in your initial drafts using different shapes.

## 2 Find a visual language



# 3 Encode connections using layer names



# 4 Export and test in the template

Congrats, you can now export your chart as an SVG file and test it in the interactive template! If you are using Figma, make sure the “Include ‘id’ attribute” checkbox is ticked. Illustrator does this by default.

The flowchart consists of several nodes:

- I have made a decision!** (top left)
- on second thought...** (top center)
- Are you sure?** (center)
- Time to get moving!** (right)
- Nothing wrong with a good rest before getting started.** (top right)
- Where to?** (bottom right)
- Not everything needs to be clear from the start.** (bottom center)
- sure about what?** (center between 'Are you sure?' and 'Not everything...')
- hard to decide** (far right)

Arrows indicate the flow between nodes:

- From **I have made a decision!** to **on second thought...** labeled "no".
- From **on second thought...** to **Are you sure?** labeled "on second thought...".
- From **Are you sure?** to **Time to get moving!** labeled "yes".
- From **Are you sure?** to **Not everything needs to be clear from the start.** labeled "sure about what?".
- From **Time to get moving!** to **Nothing wrong with a good rest before getting started.** labeled "Time to get moving!".
- From **Nothing wrong with a good rest before getting started.** to **Where to?** labeled "hard to decide".
- From **Not everything needs to be clear from the start.** to **Where to?** labeled "I'm not sure".
- From **Where to?** back to **Time to get moving!** labeled "I'm not sure".

**Export Settings (Left):**

- Color profile: Same as file (sRGB)
- Ignore overlapping layers
- Include bounding box
- Include "id" attribute
- Outline Text

**Export Dialog (Center):**

- 1x Suffix SVG
- Export Frame 50
- Preview
- ?

**Name (Right):**

- assets
- flowchart.svg
- index.html
- intro.md
- narration.m4a
- setup.json
- timestamps.txt

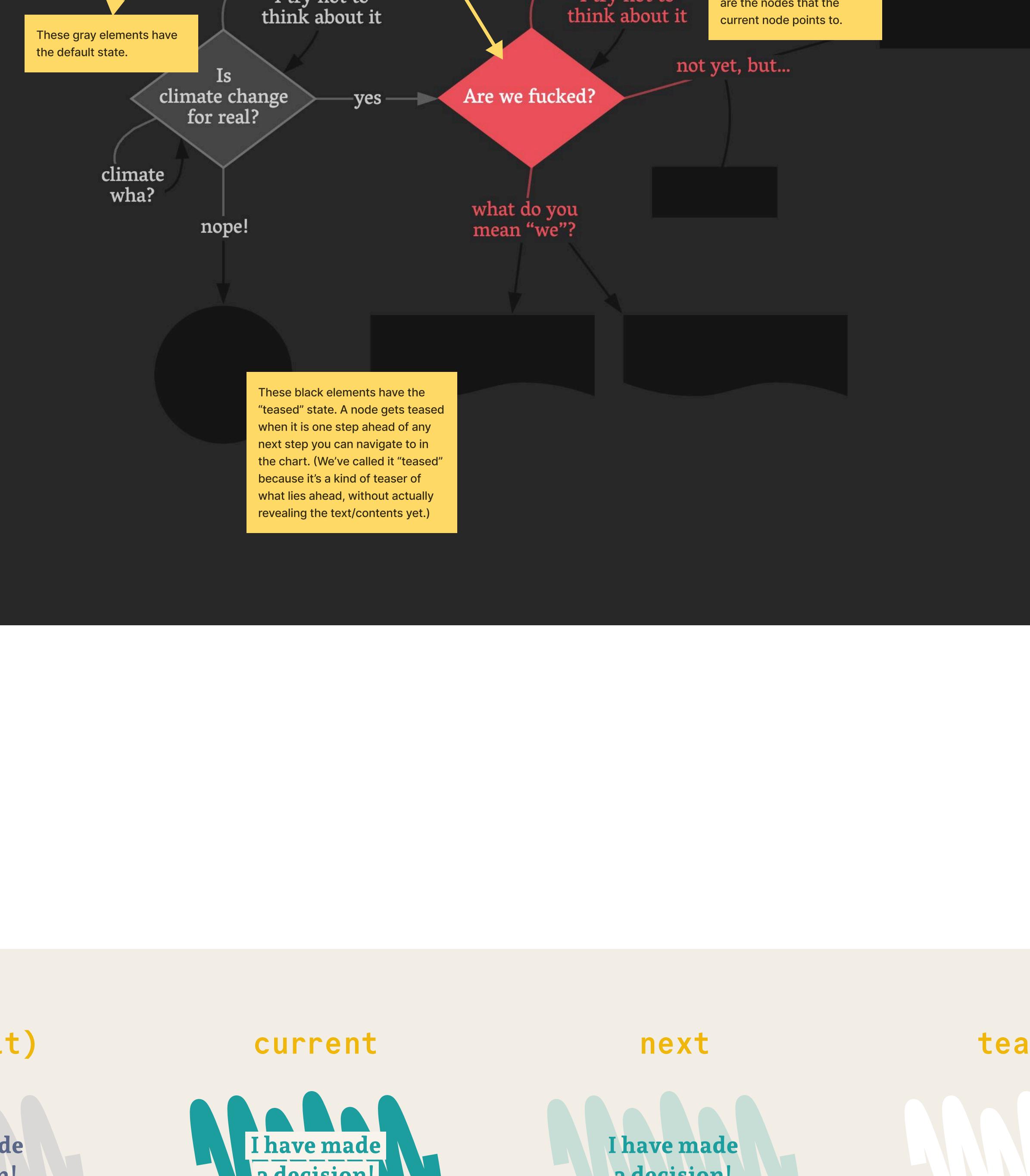
**In the template files, replace **flowchart.svg** with the file you just exported.**

You are free to use a background color or place anything else behind your flowchart elements.

Also, be sure to leave some empty space on the sides.

## 5 Create variants for alternative states

In the template, elements can have four different states (shown as styled/used in the Better Catastrophe chart):

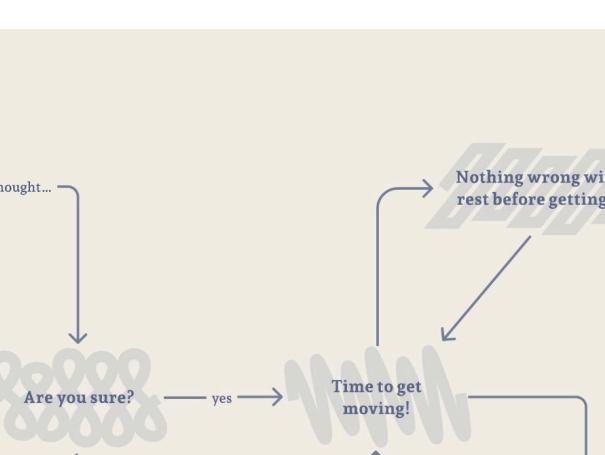


For each of these states, you can create different visual variants:

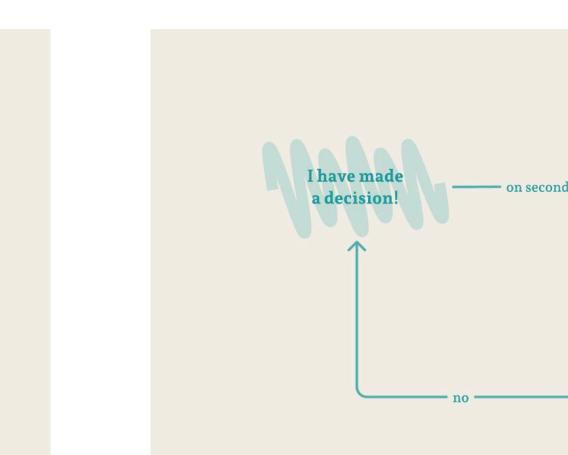
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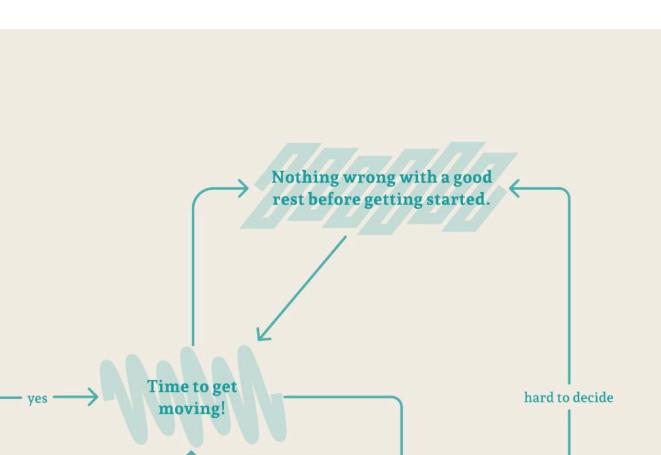
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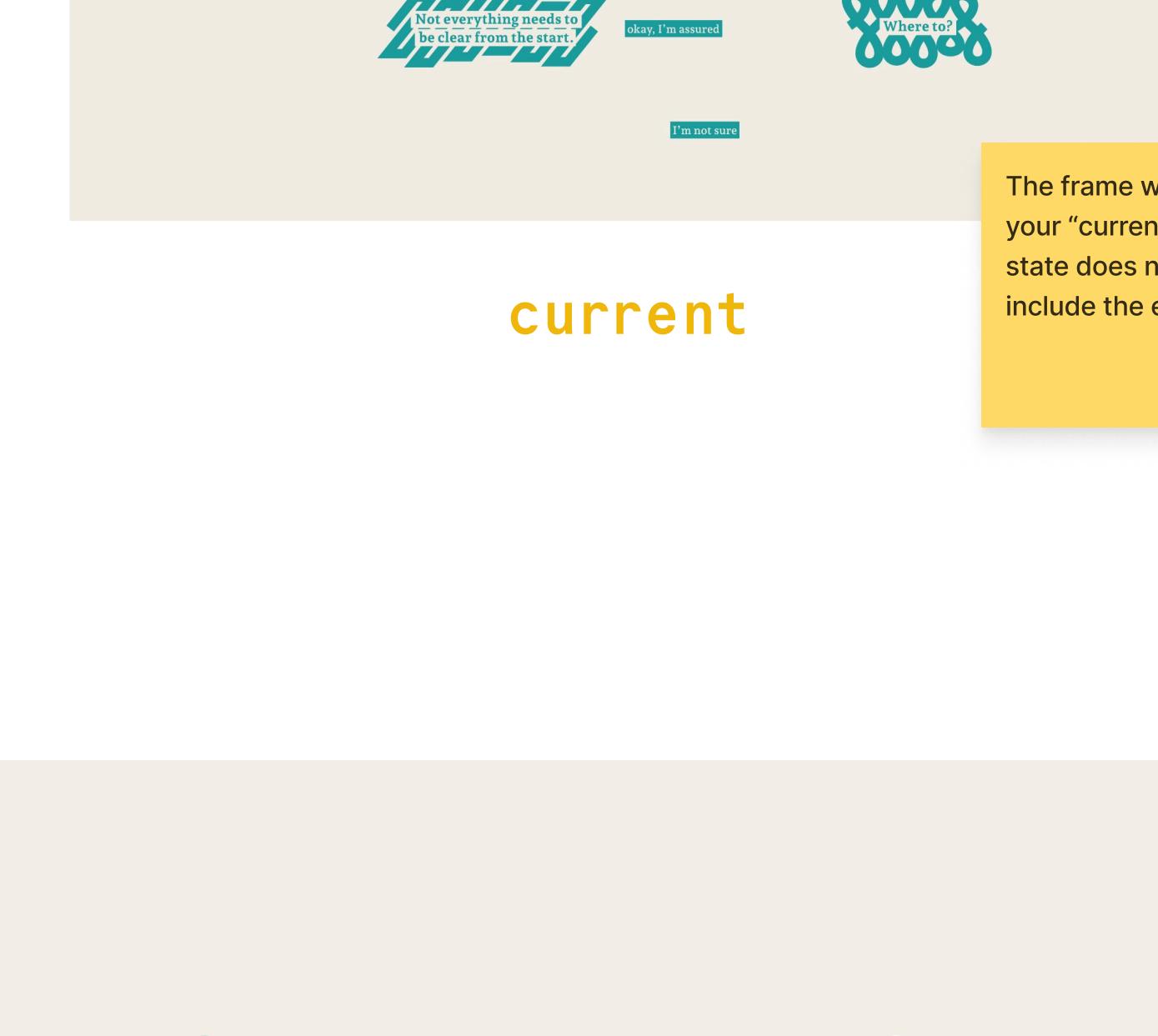
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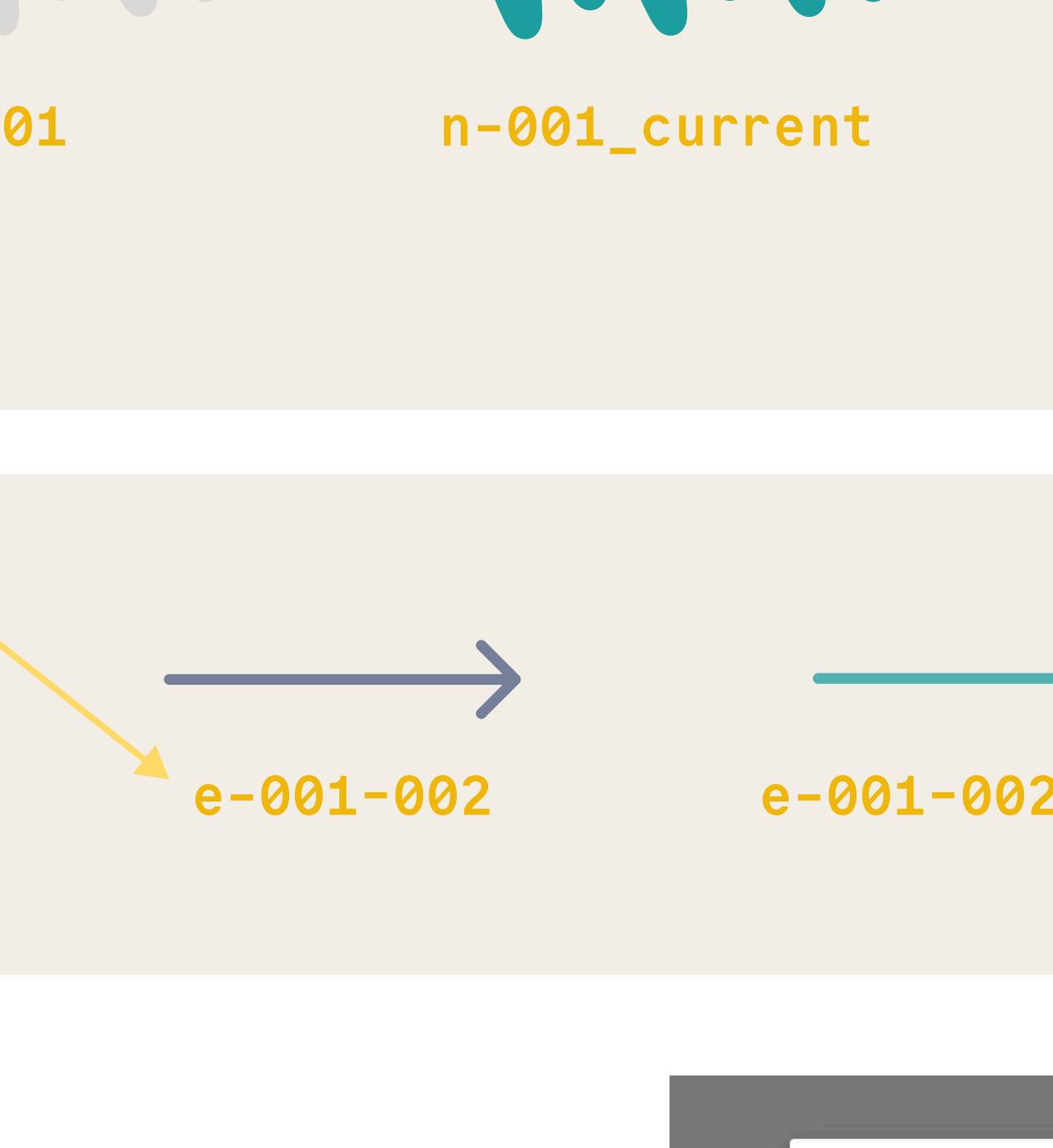
(default)



next



teased



next



When you're done, the layer names in your three copies must be changed to include the name of the state:

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n-001\_current

n-001\_next

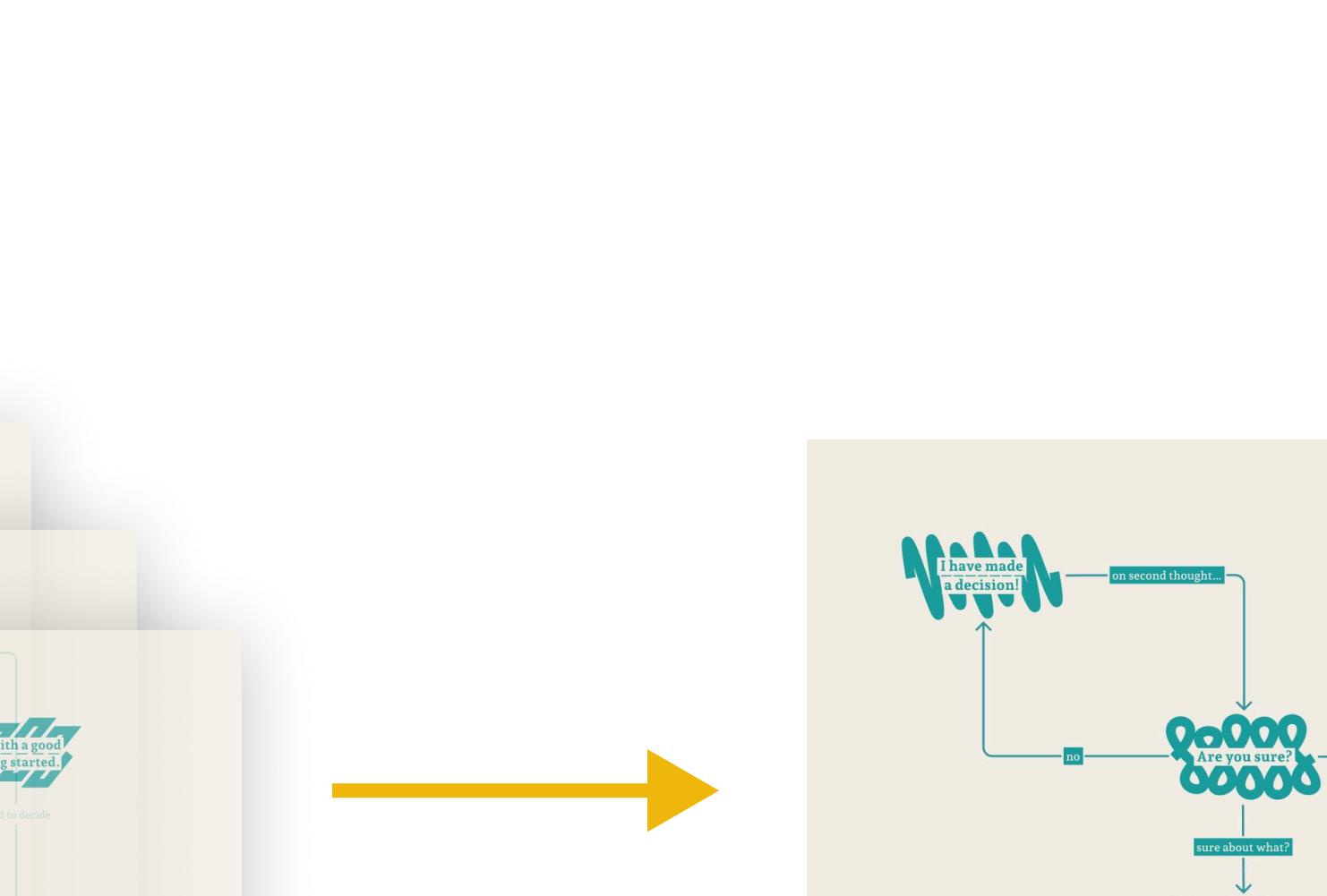
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The names of the default elements does not need to be changed.

e-001-002

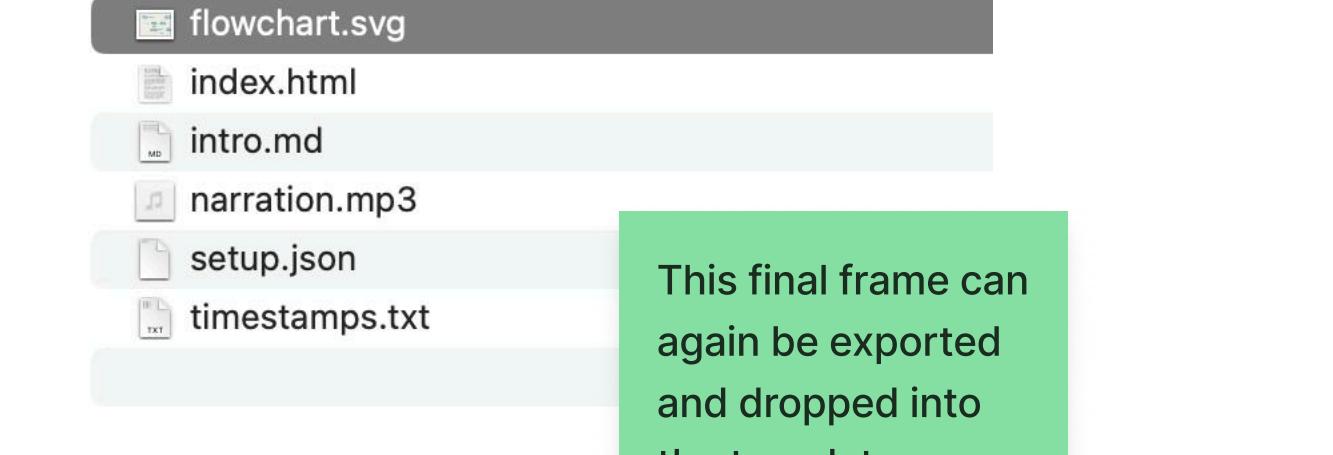
e-001-002\_next

e-001-002\_teased



Tip: If you're using Figma, you can select all of your layers/groups and type **Ctrl/Cmd+R** to open the Rename panel. By entering "\$&" (which is inserted when you click the "Current name" button) followed by the name of the state, you can rename all elements at once.

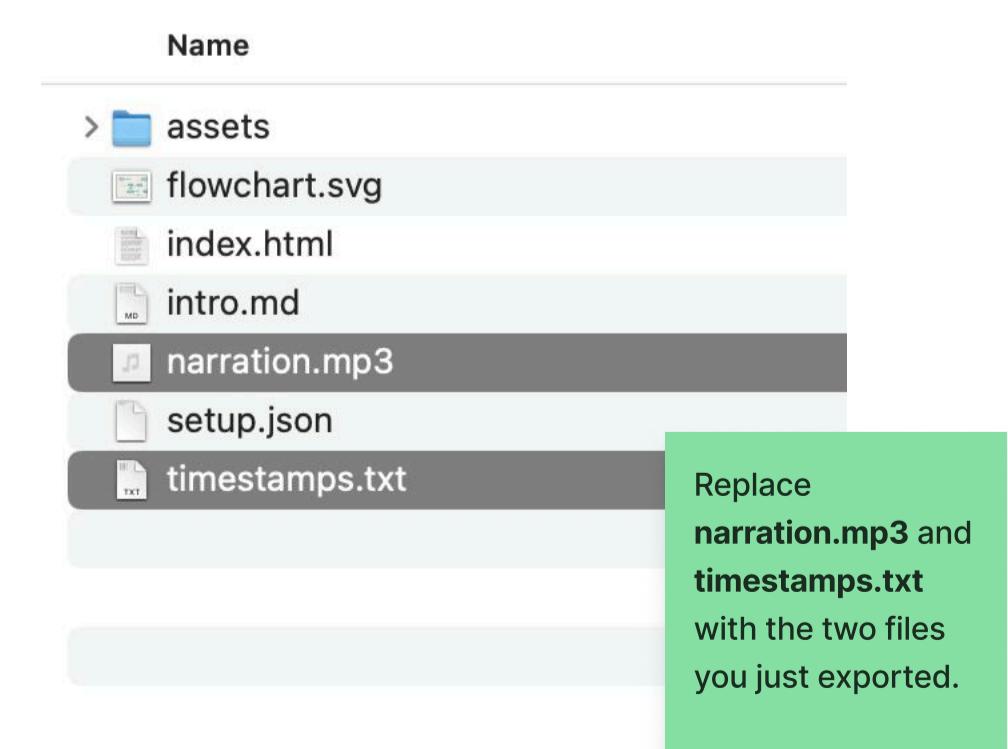
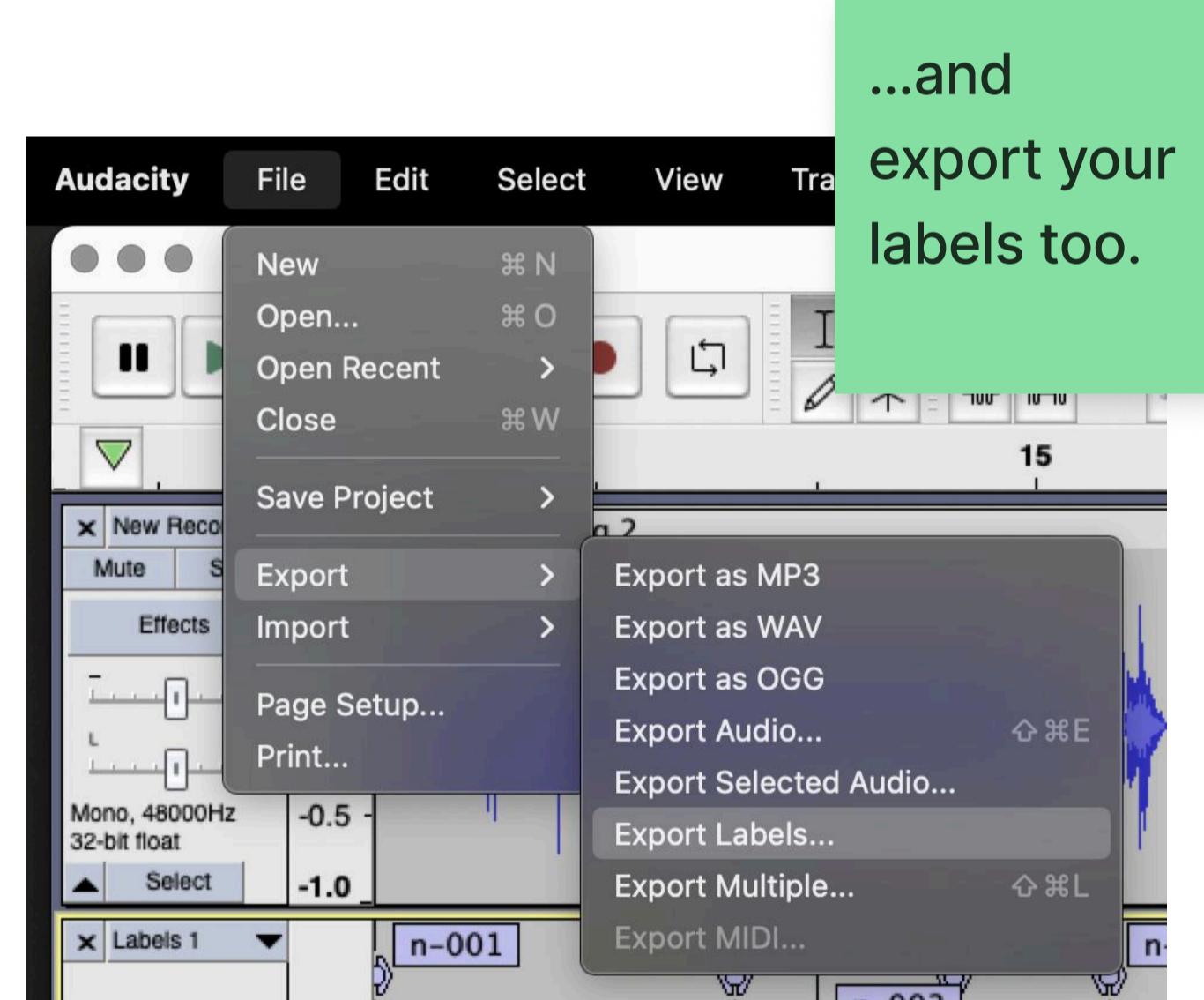
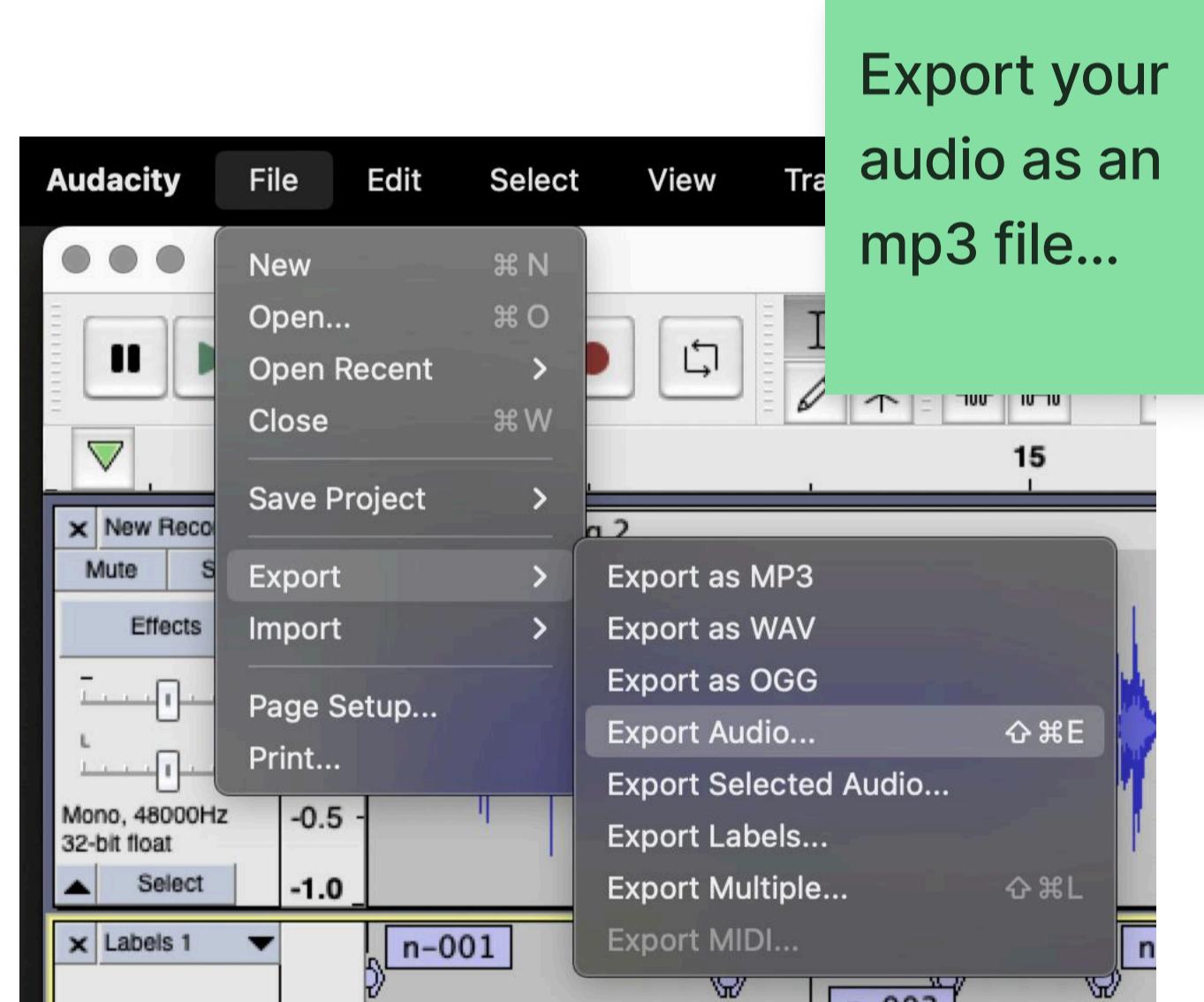
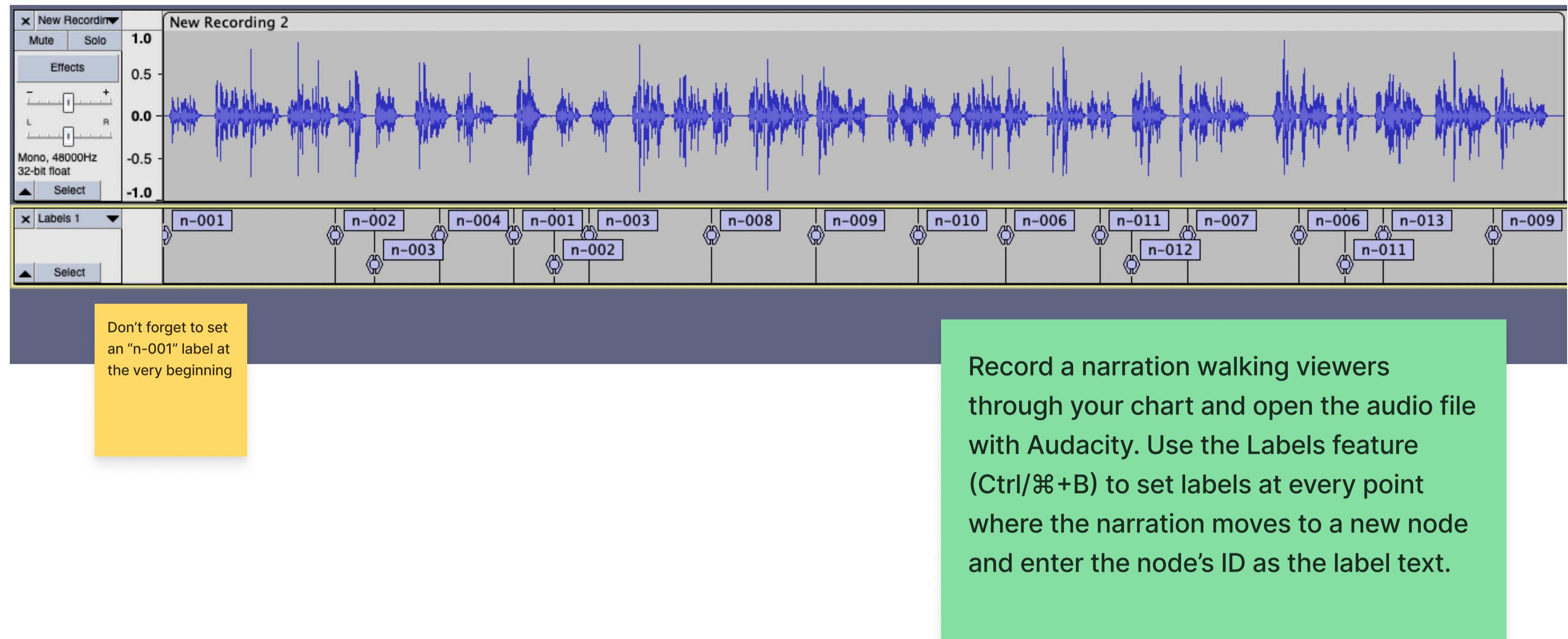
Finally, you need to add all layers from your four frames to a new, single frame. The different states of an element will overlap, but that is no problem. The order of the layers also doesn't matter.



This final frame can again be exported and dropped into the template as **flowchart.svg**.

## 6

# Record audio narration and set timestamps



## 7

# Customize colors and the intro text

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5 Use the button below to start (and pause) the audio narration of the
chart. You can also explore the chart yourself by selecting any visible
items and moving along step by step.
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7 # Credits
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9 This flowchart project was created as part of the class "What next?
Mapping and narrating personal dilemmas through interactive flowcharts"
taught at [Fachhochschule Potsdam](https://fh-potsdam.de/).

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intro.md

**Flowchart Template**

Mapping and narrating a personal dilemma through an interactive flowchart

Want to re-explore from the beginning?

**Reset progress and start over**

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**HOW TO USE**

Use the button below to start (and pause) the audio narration of the chart. You can also explore the chart yourself by selecting any visible items and moving along step by step.

**CREDITS**

This flowchart project was created as part of the class "What next? Mapping and narrating personal dilemmas through interactive flowcharts" taught at sdam.

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Change the color values in the `setup.json` file to match the template's interface to the colors used in your flowchart. You can also change the title and subtitle in this file.

localhost

Are you sure?

no yes

sure about what?

Not everything needs to be clear from the start.

setup.json

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**Enjoy your interactive  
flowchart! (hopefully)**

