

Design Guidelines

How to set up your Photoshop files and Style Guide for Agility

Layers

The following guidelines should be followed when working with layers in Photoshop to allow for pixel perfect template creation.

- Label all layers
- Delete unused layers
- Group layers together if they are part of the same graphic or section of the page
- Name all layer groups
- Try to order layers from top to bottom, left to right. This way if you need to find something near the bottom of the screen it'll be near the bottom of the layers
- Buttons should be on layers with each state having a separate layer
- Text should always be on its own layer
- Moving components should be on their own layer (menus, fly outs, panels)
- Set guides to show the alignment of elements that should be aligned
- Set guides for the columns and width of the page
- Any fonts that are non-standard must be supplied with the PSD
- A separate style guide for header styles, link styles, and other standard font styles should be supplied

Sample Style Guide

Width of white background: 998px

Padding between boxes should be 9 or 10 px.

Gutters on left and right should be 18px.

Space under purple header should be 25px.

HEADINGS

H1 (main headings): Helvetica Bold 18pt (Arial, sans serif)

H2 (Secondary heading): Helvetica Bold 20pt (Arial, sans serif)

H3: Helvetica Bold 14pt (Arial, sans serif)

body text: Helvetica Regular 12 or 13pt (Arial, sans serif)

COLOURS

yellow background: f8e8be

purple header background: 9561a8

light purple box background: fb7fd

light purple box heading: efe2f5

light purple box border: e3dfe5

yellow box background: fff7e3

yellow box heading: ffe8a9

yellow box border: f8e8be

footer background: f1f1f1

LINKS

nav section selected: efe2f5

nav page selected: e0c3eb

nav border: cbcacb

links default: 95af1b

links mouseover: 7b9500

links visited: b7d721

links on dark purple background: ffc423

nav text section headings: 959595

nav text default: 8b3ca9

nav text selected: 501864