WIREFRAMES

A WIREFRAME IS...

A skeletal rendering of every click-through possibility on your site which identifies elements that will be displayed on the page or screen, such as:

- Navigation
- Content sections
- Imagery/Media Needs
- Form elements
- · Calls to action

You make a wireframe before a single line of code is written, before any font or color is chosen, and before any graphic is made.

Wireframes are to a website/application what a blueprint is to a building.

Focus on the content type, not on what the content says.

➤ Is it an article title, an article summary, or an article itself?

Local News Article Headline

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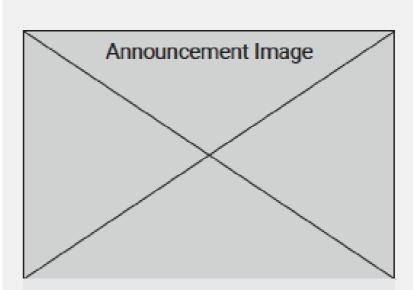
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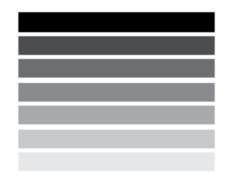
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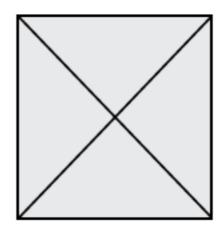
WIREFRAME SPECIFICS

- Uses only gray scale
- No specific fonts (though font sizing should be employed)
- Always use place holders for images
- For paragraphs, lorem ipsum can be used

Using wireframes allows you and your client to focus on layout without the distraction of color, type and other design elements.

Concentrate on what goes where on your web pages and the percentage of space that each element takes up, which can be determined by your client's needs.





Current Events Section

Main News Title

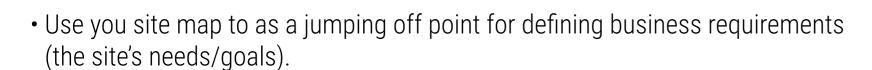
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Author

Contact info

WIREFRAME BUILDING

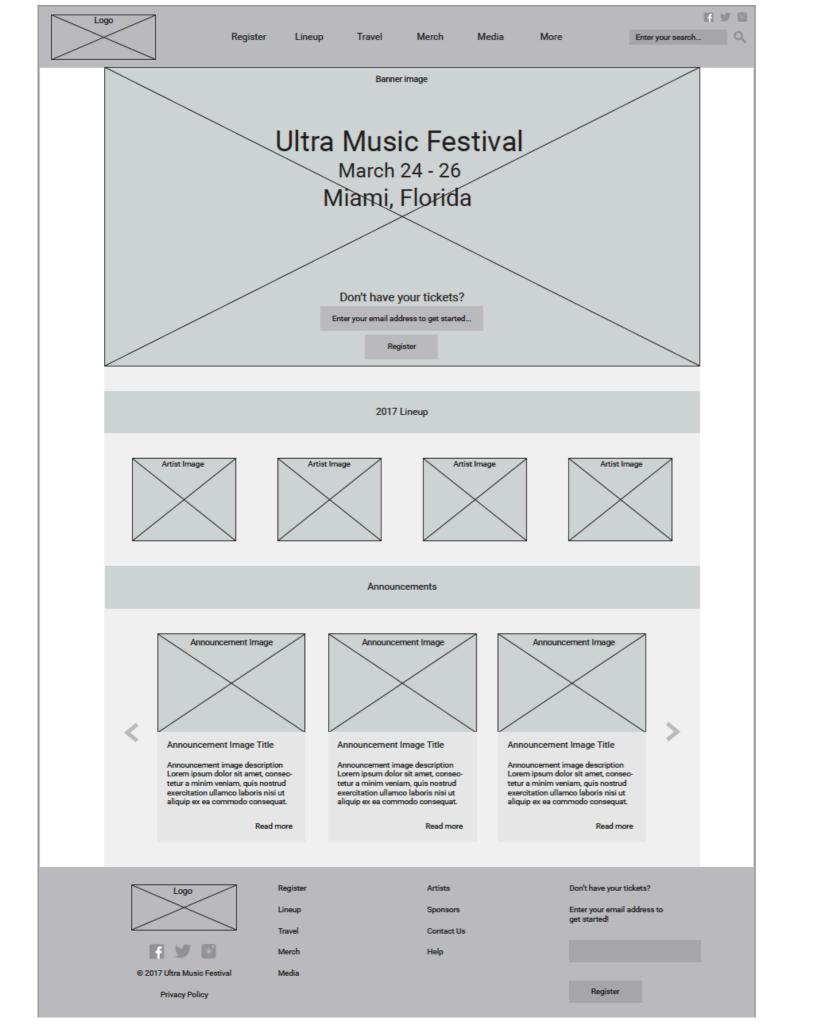
- Wireframes serves as a guideline, it is not the final word.
- It's ok to start the process with pencil and paper.
- Just like your initial sketches for other projects, you will often come up with multiple versions.
- Start with the basic anatomy of a website:
 - container/wrapper
 - header
 - navigation
 - content
 - footer
 - ...then break the parts down further

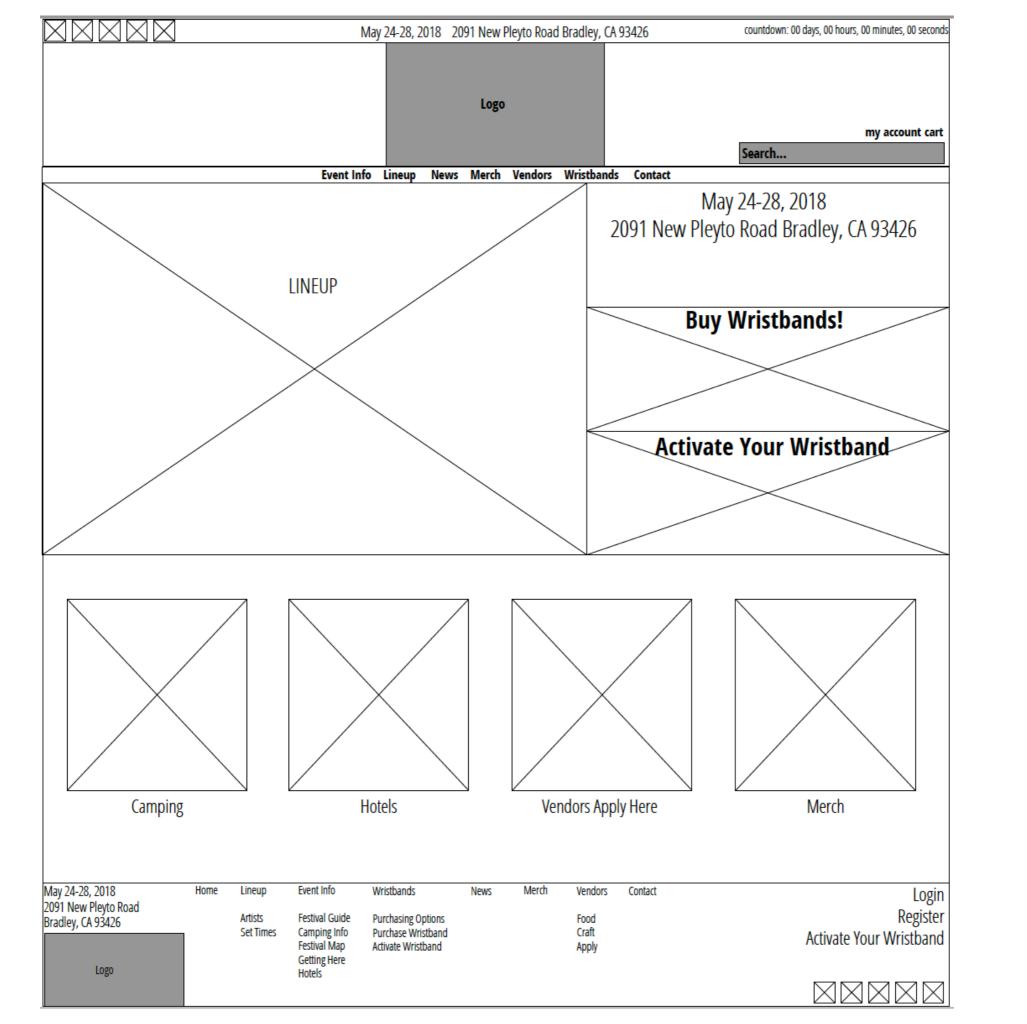


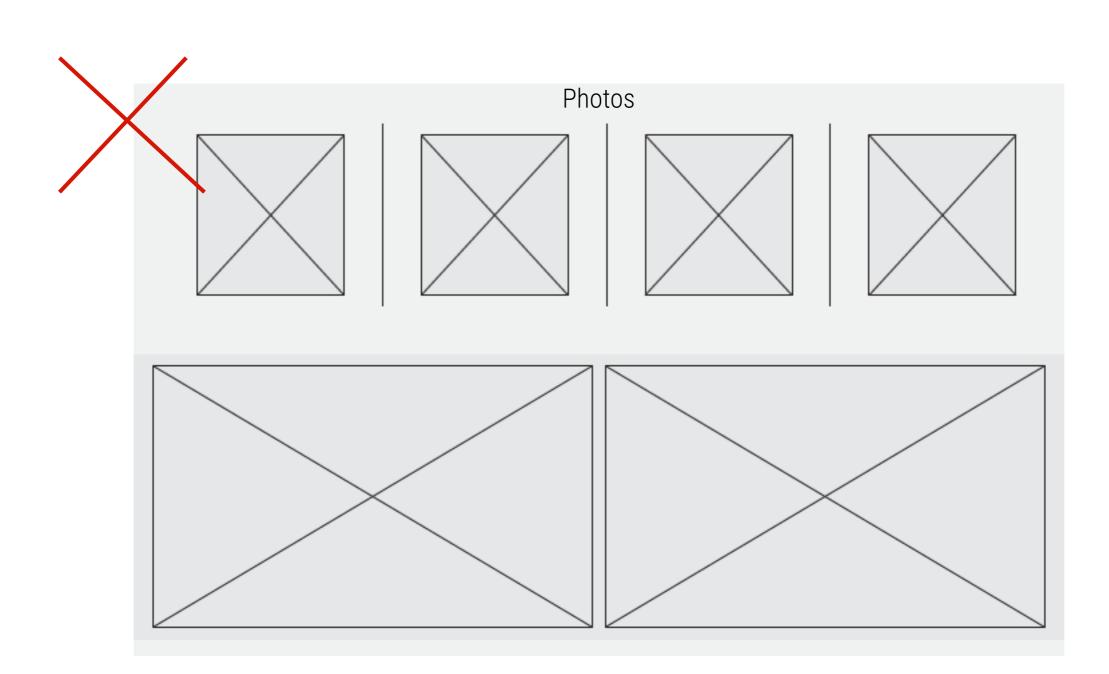
IN A NUTSHELL:

Put a box where there will be media and put (descriptive) text where there will be text.









PRESENTING WIREFRAMES

- Involve your client.
- Explain that wireframes are not the final representation of the graphical treatment.
- Wireframes account for content, general layout and interaction of the elements of the pages.
- Explain how other member of the team will use these wireframes also.

HOW WIREFRAMES ARE USED IN A TEAM

- Clients will want to see that you've incorporated the business goals they provided.
- Developers want to see what they have to support, and how the site or application works.
- **Designers** want to see what visual elements need to be on the page.
- Copywriters want to see what they need to write.
- **You** the future you need to remember why you made that form element a check box instead of a button.

