

The Best UX Tools

Design + Prototyping + Handoff

Invision/Invision Studio

Platform: web (integrates with Sketch and Photoshop), and macOS

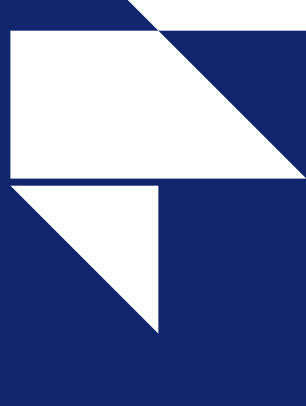
InVision is arguably the mightiest UX tool yet. It allows Sketch and Photoshop designers to import their static screens and turn them into dynamic prototypes.



Framer/Framer Studio

Platform: macOS

In terms of offering, Framer is the tool that most closely resembles InVision, since they both combine a mature web interface with a brand new UX design tool.



Figma

Platform: web, macOS, and Windows

Figma stood out from the rest early on in its development as the leading tool for multiplayer design, allowing multiple designers to work on the same design file all at once.



Adobe XD

Platform: Windows and macOS

Adobe XD, is a lightweight vector graphics editor and prototyping tool similar to Sketch. As opposed to Sketch though Adobe XD works on Windows as well.



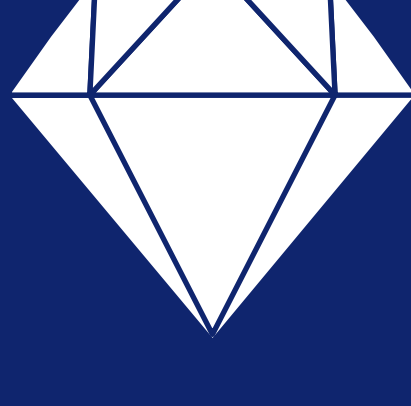
UXPin

Platform: web

UXPin is a complete product design platform offering everything from design, wireframing, prototyping, collaboration, user testing, and handoff all in a single web application.



Design + Prototyping



Sketch

Platform: macOS

Sketch wears the crown as the leading design tool for ideation, collaboration, wireframing, prototyping and UI design.

Webflow

Platform: web

Webflow is a WYSIWYG editor for the modern-day designer who wants to build responsive websites without code, and even host them, all with a single subscription.



Principle

Platform: macOS

Although more of a prototyping tool than a design tool, the highly-rated Principle app is for designers that focus on high-fidelity prototypes, and uses timeline animation to design advanced micro-interactions.



Flinto (prototyping only)

Platform: macOS

Flinto takes transitions and micro-interactions to the next level with advanced animation tools, including springs and easings, 3D rotation, scrolling effects, and allows designers to export animations as videos and GIFs.



Wireframing + Prototyping + Handoff



Marvel

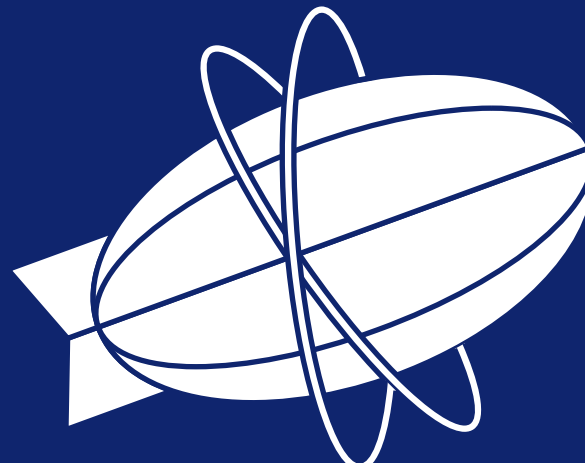
Platform: web

Wireframe, design and prototype fast with this intuitive design and prototyping tool. Instantly generate design specs and connect integrations that power up the design workflow.

Zeplin (handoff only)

Platform: web and apps for macOS and Windows

Zeplin has recently added Adobe XD and Figma integrations alongside the existing Sketch and Photoshop CC ones. Handoff designs and styleguides with accurate specs, assets, code snippets—automatically.



Axure

Platform: Windows and macOS

Designers can create wireframes and highly functional, rich prototypes with conditional logic, dynamic content, animations, and data-driven interactions without writing a single line of code. Quickly drag and drop elements from built-in or custom libraries.



OmniGraffle (wireframing only)

Platform: macOS

The grand daddy of wireframing tools is still a versatile vector-based design tool for lo-fi designs but has lately been eclipsed by others in the space. ‘Stencils’ is one of it’s powerful features which is similar to symbols and Libraries in Sketch.

