

Hi,

Here's a wireframe template I've been using lately. I hope you find it helpful.

Backgrounds

There are a few background pages that contain elements I want to replicate across other pages, like the footer information, my logo, and parts of the design itself. I also layer them together:

- The Footer background contains the information in the lower left corner. Information like the last modified date and page number are automatically generated.
- The Header&Footer background includes the Footer background plus my logo in the upper left and a title in the upper right. The title is inserted automatically corresponding with the page title.
- The Frame Continued background includes the Header&Footer background plus a box on the left to frame the design and space on the right for notes. I use this background when I want to show information that appears below the fold. Tip o' the hat to Liz Danzico for sharing this technique.
- The Frame background includes the Frame Continued background plus more design elements of the wireframe that are replicated across all or most wireframes, such as navigation. This is usually customized on a project-by-project basis.
- An example cover, wireframe, and wireframe specification are included and are, hopefully, self-explanatory.

Colors

You'll notice I draw the design itself in shades of blue for that blueprint look, and notes about the design are in black or gray. This helps others tell which is which.

Size

The page layout is 11x17 inches. This allows me to put a lot of information on one page. However, Visio is not good - in my experience - at printing in smaller sizes, so to get a letter-size print I usually convert it to Acrobat first.

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...is on the last page for easy access. Although lately I try to use real content on my wireframes.

Please send constructive comments and suggestions to victor (at) victorlombardi.com

-- Victor Lombardi

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Typical Wireframe

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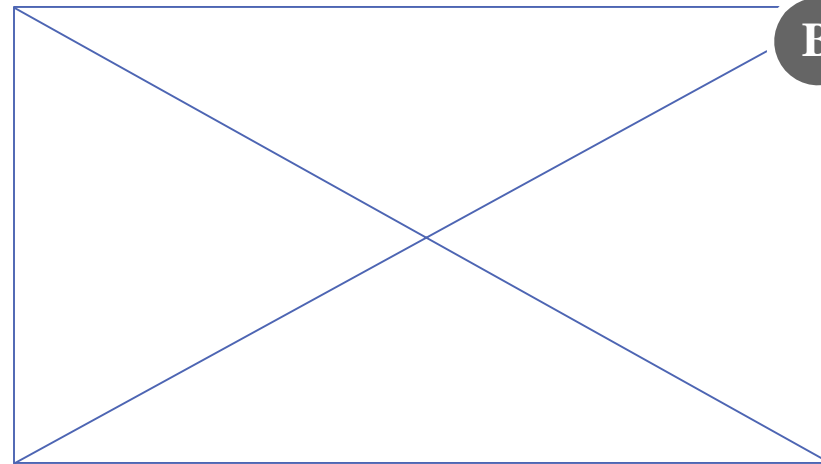
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Notes

A This is a comment about something marked "A" on the wireframe.

B I stole the letter-in-a-circle technique from Christina Wodkte. Ain't it pretty?

C This is some primo content. Your users are gonna love this.