

A web design incorporates different disciplines and skills to develop and maintain a website. Different areas of web design include graphic design, user experience design, user interface design, and search engine optimization. Precisely, it is the step-by-step process to make a fully functional website.

Prior to creating a planning stage, you must understand the website design process flow. A web designer should primarily focus on content when considering steps in web design process. Since the business will advertise their product or service with engaging content and flowless web design.

So, here are the 7 web design process steps that help you to shape your web design workflow.

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1 Define the Goal

Many web designers solely focus on style when it comes to implementing the web design steps. It may influence the visitors but jotting down the goals helps to provide you with a clear understanding of requirements.

Before defining a clear goal about your website designing project, it is crucial to clarify the below questions

- Who is your target audience?
- What will the user achieve by accessing the website?
- Will the visual design convey the message?
- How can my website be unique from the competitors?

If you have answers to these questions, your project may never go in the wrong direction. These questions need to be answered with the utmost clarity. Before you go ahead with the planning phase. These questions will help you with the full suite of web designing.

The basic checklist

- Perform complete competitor analysis
- Answer each question clearly before starting a web design process
- Note down your business and customer needs

Typical time required to complete this step

- 8 hours

What are the points that need to be taken care of during this phase?

- Thorough assessment
- Research

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Validate Your Idea

After structuring the information about the goal, now is the time to validate your idea.

Idea validation is the core part of the web design process to make your service, product, or business viable by testing it in numerous ways. To build a sustainable business, it is crucial to test and validate your idea before launching your website.

Idea validation aims to share your idea with the right audience, before the launch phase.

Rather than spending thousands of dollars in the development phase, idea validation will help you to save money and resources. It will tell you whether or not to invest in the business or product you are planning to develop.

The basic checklist

- Define a problem
- Define a client
- Define what value you are offering to users

Typical time required to complete this step

- 3 Days

What are the points that need to be taken care of during this phase?

- Research about your competitors and audience
- Scrape forums by finding the business problems and contacts of relevant ads
- Start a blog to share information and communicate with the right audience
- Create an effective landing page
- Initiate an ad campaign to know what clients likes and dislikes about your product

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Creating Sitemap and Wireframe

Sitemap

As we have seen in the above step, you need to validate your idea before planning to create a sitemap. A sitemap is one of the essential steps to designing a website. It is a blueprint of your existing website.

Additionally, by creating a sitemap you are allowing the web designer to understand the website's information architecture. In short, it will help you to structure your design and development process.

Moreover, it will help to understand the connection between the different pages and content elements in your website. Moreover, it will also be easier for Google to easily find your website, crawl, and index your web page content.

Importance of Creating an Information Architecture

Prior to creating a wireframe, it is essential to understand the importance of information architecture. The information architecture focuses on content arrangement. The content arrangement is the key that determines how users interact with your website. For example, the navigation button should be put either on the left or right side.

Therefore, the wireframe helps to balance out the patterns and website architecture to help solve the overall weaknesses in your web design. Hence, it will also improve your website's usability.

Wireframe Development

To store a visual design and content elements wireframe provides an effective framework. Although the wireframe will not contain the final design, it will help you to identify the potential sitemap gaps and challenges. By structuring the wireframe, you can take reference from that wireframe design later on.

There are many tools to create wireframes like Webflow or Balsamiq. Also, you may try to draw wireframes on paper to unleash your creativity. When it comes to choosing the right wireframe tool, make sure to select the tool which fulfills your design requirements, and stick to that tool(s) only.

The basic checklist

- Check the sitemap path
- Submit the sitemap on Google Search Console
- Specify the location in the robots.txt file
- Gather tools for wireframing
- Research about your UX design and target users
- Perform a usability test to try your design
- Transform your wireframe into a prototype

Typical time required to complete this step

- Pencil / pen / and paper
- Moqups
- Axure
- Slickplan
- Mindnode
- Balsamiq
- Sketch
- Webflow
- Writemaps

Typical time required to complete this section

- 3-4 Days

What are the points that need to be taken care of during this phase?

- Structurize your design
- Create an easy-to-understand sitemap structure
- Design a wireframe with Adobe XD or other tools

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Website Design Process

Here comes one of the most crucial website development phases, where every element is strategically placed to appeal to your target audience. We have listed some of the important ones:

Following Wireframe

The wireframe is a skeleton of the website. The core purpose of creating and following the wireframe is to make a layout and understand how each functionality will integrate into the website.

UI / UX Design

The next critical step includes applying brand guidelines and creating a user interface (UI), which includes content development of the website like images and animations. We have mentioned the 2 things here. UI and UX. Let us understand the UI and UX first.

The UI (User Interface) is focused on the visual and graphical side of the design. In UI following points are included

- Graphic Design
- Photo Theory
- Motion Graphics
- Typography
- Vector Manipulation

Whereas UX (User Experience) is known as the behind-the-scenes of web design. In UX design following points are included

- Target User
- Information Architecture
- Usability Testing
- Design Interaction
- Content Strategy

Apart from focusing on UI and UX part, it is crucial to know your goals to make the design appealing and engaging.

Animation with Interactive Mockups

Designing a mockup makes a significant difference when it comes to designing a website. Because, by creating a mockup, you can test your website in a realistic manner, gather stakeholders, and design a perfect website down the line. It is essential to design interactive content. Hence, planning and studying animation elements like buttons, cursor, and hover states can help to design interactive mockups.

It is essential to discuss the advantages of creating animation mockups for websites. Let us discuss.

A Blend of Visuals and Functionality

It is easy to switch from one screen to another manually. However explaining the entire flow of design to your client gets tougher, if they are only seeing the static page without any functionality. Hence, developing impressive visuals and functional mockups will allow you to stay ahead of the curve. Additionally, it will help your client or business to get a clear idea of what they can expect from the website design.

This is especially true if you're presenting the mockup to non-UX designers, such as business stakeholders or a client. It might be possible that they don't know about navigation flows – they might not even know what these flows are supposed to look like. Rather than just telling them, you want to demonstrate them.

Adding Link Events

If you want real freedom to design a mockup based on your creativity, then instead of using Photoshop, you can consider using prototyping tools. Since, these prototyping tools will offer you the freedom to dictate and generate event triggers from click, hover to perform page and style change.

Hence, these mockups will enable the interactions, that run actions at a specific time. To conclude, your mockups will function as a finished product. Hence, you can test the majority of the functionalities at the early stage of development.

The basic checklist

- Focus on client and competitors before the determining the quality web design process
- Develop a strong wireframe
- Interactive animation mockups

Tools used during this phase

Visual Presentation	Tools
UI/UX	Adobe XD
Graphics	Adobe Photoshop & Illustrator
Style Title	-
Element Collages	-
Moodboards	-

Typical time required to complete this section

- 5 Days

What are the points that need to be taken care of during this phase?

- Use suitable tools to design effective mockups and visual elements
- Check the design elements
- Cross-browser testing
- SEO friendly design and content

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Website Development Process

You may be wondering, what are the steps to building a website? To answer your question, we have divided the web development process into 2 parts.

Since it is the most technical part of the guide, we have explained each process as easy as possible to make you understand the entire process swiftly.

Front End Development

A part of the website with which you can see and interact is known as the front-end. Now, creating that visual part from scratch is front-end development.

Designing the front-end is an essential part of the web design process. Front-end development is about designing and crafting experiences.

Even the designers who collaborate to create experiences and visuals are also front-end developers.

We have listed basic technologies we use for front-end development.

- HTML

- JavaScript

- CSS

- Bootstrap frameworks

Back-End Development

Back-end development happens backstage, which powers the entire web.

Whether it is a website or web application, the back-end powers the logic and functionality of the entire website.

Back-End Language / Content Management System Installation

Backend development is focused on how the website works. In the backend development, you need to make the necessary updates and changes to the website. Additionally, it is crucial for the backend developer to monitor the website functionally from time to time. The most popular backend languages are PHP, Ruby, Python, and SQL. We always choose the language based on the requirements of the project.

Database and Custom Field Creation

To upload images and text in the CMS (content management systems), it is important to create each area of content in the database and custom field creation.

CRM Plugin Setup and Content Creation

Plugin examples such as Zoho, Podio, SharpSpring, and Salesforce. You can easily manage contacts on a day-to-day basis using the free version of CRM.

Since it can help the overall website's information architecture.

Code Optimisation and Cross Browser Testing

Optimization of code helps in search engine optimization. Search engine rankings determine overall website performance.

For example, CSS and JavaScript minification improve the overall speed of your website. Additionally, we test websites in different browsers like Chrome, Firefox, Safari to make sure it works seamlessly in all browsers.

Final Design Modifications

We make sure to check the entire design is reviewed by our skilled UI/UX designers so that there is no room for errors.

The basic checklist for front end & backend

Front end checklist

- Check the performance
- Validate the markup
- Verify the console for Javascript errors

Back end checklist

- Database testing
- Data storage solution
- Security
- Server environment
- Application monitoring

Tools used during this phase

- Bootstrap Framework
- CMS and SEO Plugins

Typical time required to complete this section

- 5 – 14 Days

What are the points that need to be taken care of during this phase?

- Make sure it is aligned with SEO guidelines
- Only use necessary plugins and compressed images to reduce the website speed

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Pre Launch / QA Testing

Before launching your website, the QA team tests the entire flow of the website. We will check from page organization to site structure just to make sure everything is aligned.

After finalizing the website, our team of expert graphic designers schedules a session with the client and explains each detail. Clients must know how to add content, images, and how the website functions.

Here, we have a list of things you can do before launching your website.

Website performance

You can use Page Speed Insights to analyze the website's performance.

Check Security (HTTPS)

After the finalization of the website, the next step will be to check the SSL of the website. By checking the SSL connection, you can ensure that only the recipient is going to access the intended information.

Check Front End and Admin Login

It is essential to check the front-end login and admin logins before launching the website. Sometimes, with the front-end login info, any user can easily log in to the admin panel and manage all the settings. To avoid that scenario, ensuring the separation of user login and admin login is crucial before the post-processing of the website.

Image Compression and CSS/Javascript Minification

You can improve your website's performance by uploading compressed images on your website. Since compressed images on your website will make your web page faster and in turn increase your page speed on Google.

CSS and Javascript minification involve eliminating characters within the file to decrease its size, which will help you to load your webpage faster.

Back end checklist

- Test website's usability
- Review browser compatibility
- Check for mobile-friendliness
- Check for small errors (Content review, image optimization, audio, and video file should work properly)

Tools used during this phase

- W3C Link Checker
- Spider

Typical time required to complete this section

- 2-3 Days

What are the points that need to be taken care of during this phase?

- Standard code
- Standard Google guidelines
- Preferable web hosting

7 Post Launch

The process of design and development is timeless. There is always a scope to develop something new. Hence, we always help our clients to create and maintain their well-designed websites and review performance promptly.

We make sure to analyze the below points after launching the website:

Website Development Plan for the Phase – 2

After successfully launching the website in the first phase, in case, if you want to redesign the entire website or specific elements of the site, then it will be added into the phase 2 section.

Server Monitoring

If your website gets overloaded with traffic, our team helps you to monitor the website server. We check your traffic data, performance, operation, and security of the server. In case your website requires higher server configurations, our team can help you suggest better alternatives.

We help our clients to develop and maintain their web design projects and put efforts to take their website to the next level.

We are Space-O Technologies.

Having over 10+ years of experience in building mobile and web apps, Space-O Technologies is committed to delivering exceptional enterprise solutions.

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