

The Top Tools and Skills UX Designers Use Today



*Certificate in Design
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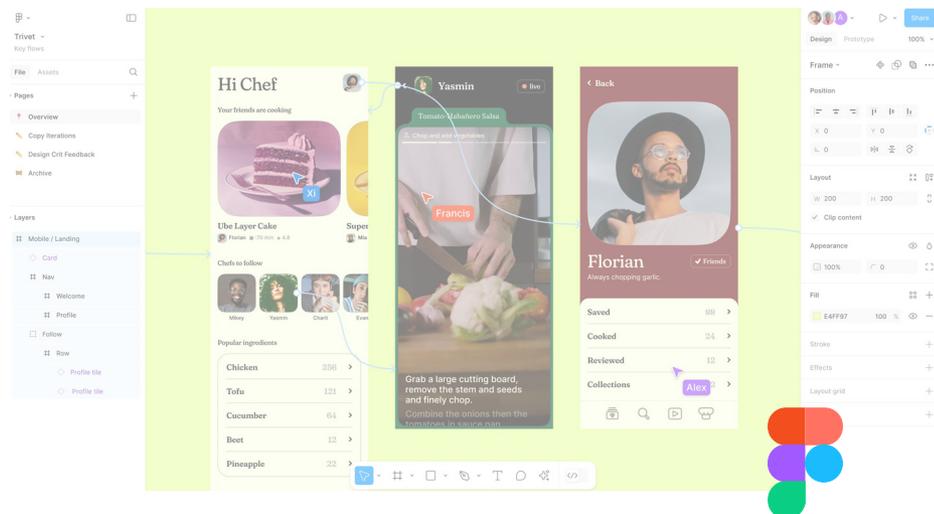
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1 Figma

Figma is a popular **cloud-based design tool** known for features that keep it **collaborative**, allowing multiple designers to work on a project simultaneously. It's easy to provide feedback and for using **interactive tools**, offering advanced drawing tools and **flexibility** because of its cloud-based platform.

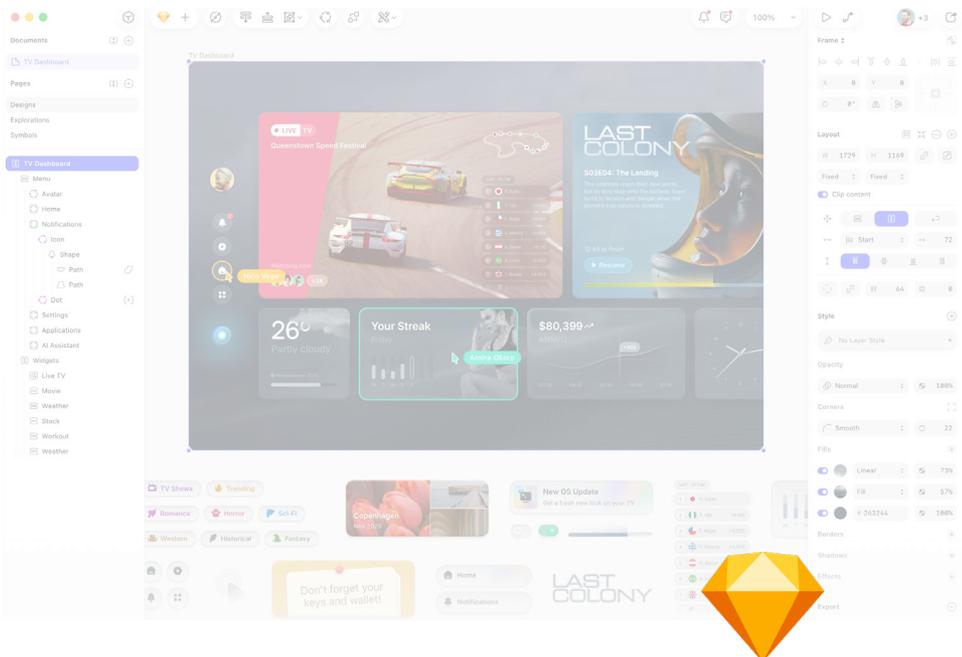
At CSUN, training in Figma is a key part of the [Design Experiences and Interactions certificate](#), part of the **Master's in Design and Innovation** program.





2 Sketch

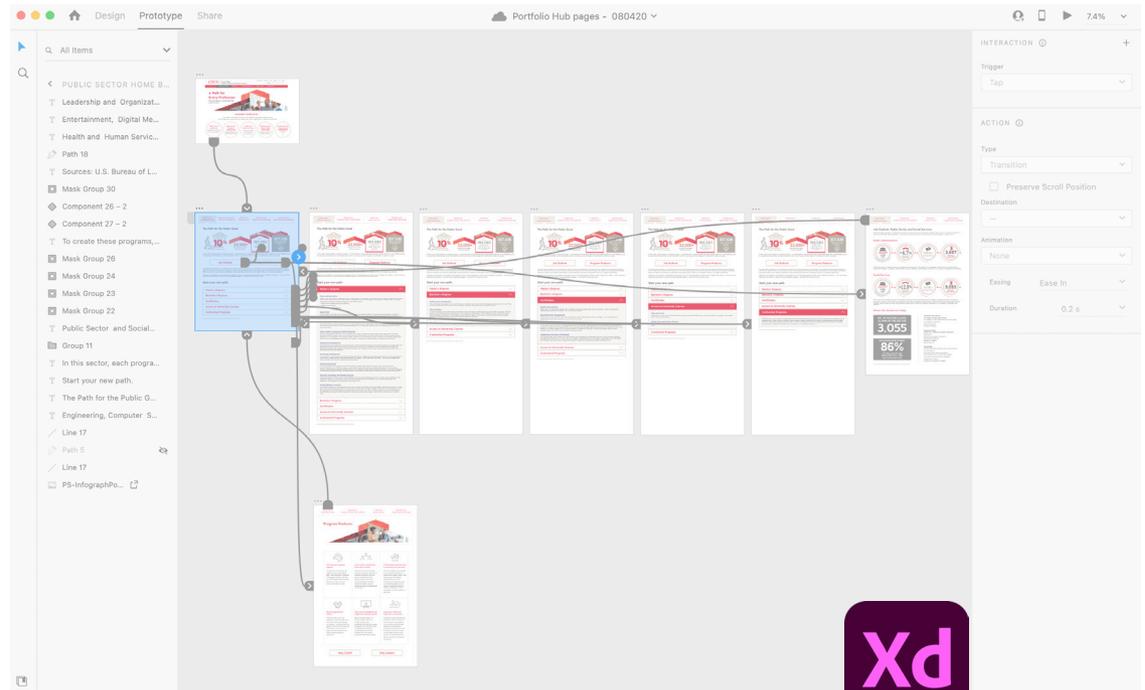
Sketch is a **macOs tool** often considered the top software for **vector-based design**. Similar to Figma, it's praised for being both **simple and efficient to use**. Both reusable components and plugins for extended functionality offer even greater customization. For teams looking for the opportunity to easily share their work, the shared libraries on Sketch can't be beat.





3 Adobe XD

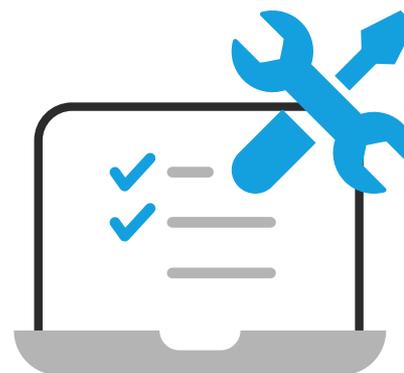
Adobe is a recognizable name across all creative industries, and Adobe XD is their program specifically **designed for UX and UI pros**. Designers can use Adobe XD to wireframe, **prototype interactively**, test user flows, and create responsive layouts, even incorporating voice technology in real time.



Your Next Career Phase

Consider yourself a pro with these tools? Interested in becoming one? Apply to **CSUN's Master's of Design and Innovation program** and join a collaborative student cohort led by expert faculty, where you can earn the **Design Experiences and Interactions certificate**, one of three customized certs that make up the degree. Get hands on training for your next career phase.

[Here's how.](#)



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