





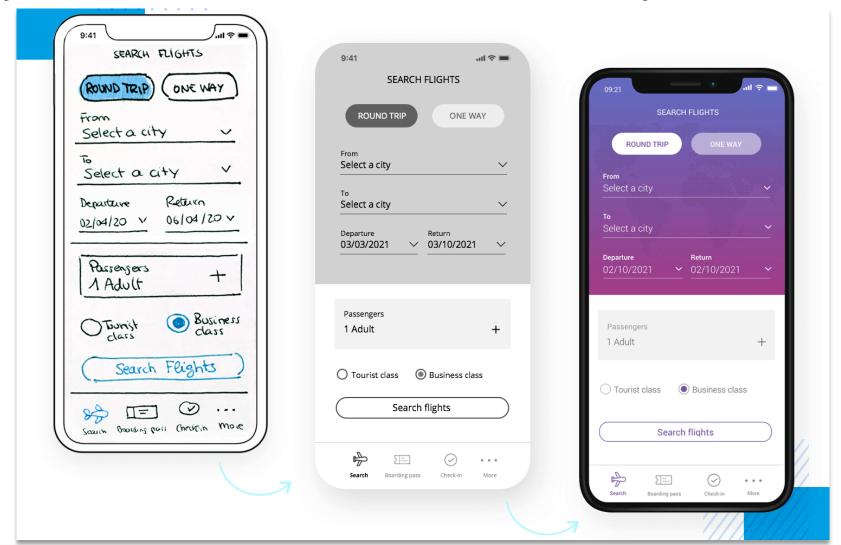
Prototypes

- «A prototype is a concrete but partial representation or implementation of a system design»
- «An easily modified and extensible model (representation, simulation or demonstration) of a planned software system, likely including its interface and input/output functionality»
- One of the most powerful tools for design exploration, visualization, and testing
- They let us 'see' and 'feel' interactivity (simulated or real)

Prototypes

- Envisionment: making ideas visible
 - Generating new ideas
 - Evaluating new ideas (within the design group)
 - Testing new ideas (with users)
- Different tools and techniques, according to
 - The stage of design (early, ..., advanced, final)
 - o The intended audience (designers, test users, clients, management, ...)

Fidelity: Different Information Is Conveyed



Figma

A Tool for Rapid Prototyping

Overview

- Figma is a collaborative interface design tool: https://www.figma.com/
 - entirely browser-based;
 - free for students;
 - allows real-time collaboration on the same file.
- Some starting points:
 - o https://www.figma.com/community/file/917793002372330875
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v_1DhO-Vcgc (from the HCI course)

Chrome Extensions

Prototyping DSCTs for the Web

Overview

- Extensions are written with the same web technologies used to create web applications:
 - HTML is used as a content markup language;
 - CSS is used for styling;
 - JavaScript is used for scripting and logic.
- A Chrome extension can access two different set of APIs:
 - "traditional" JavaScript APIs (https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API);
 - Chrome APIs (https://developer.chrome.com/docs/extensions/reference/).

Ingredients

The Manifest:

- required file;
- must have a specific file name: manifest.json;
- it must be located in the extension's root directory;
- o it records important metadata, defines resources, declares permissions, and identifies which files to run in the background and on the page.

■ The **Service Worker**:

- handles and listens for browser events (e.g., navigating to a new page, closing a tab, ...);
- it can use the Chrome APIs, but it cannot directly interact with the content of web pages.

Ingredients

Content Scripts:

- execute Javascript in the context of a web
- read and modify the DOM of the pages they're injected into.
- o can only use a subset of the Chrome APIs:
 - may interact with a service worker to access additional APIs

The Popup and other pages:

- an extension can include various HTML files, such as a popup, an options page, and other HTML pages;
- o all these pages have access to Chrome APIs.

Hello, World!

- 1. Create a directory for your extension
- 2. Create a file named manifest.json and add the following code:

```
"manifest_version": 3,
   "name": "Hello Extensions",
   "description": "Base Level Extension",
   "version": "1.0",
   "action": {
    "default_popup": "hello.html",
    "default_icon": "hello_extensions.png" }
}
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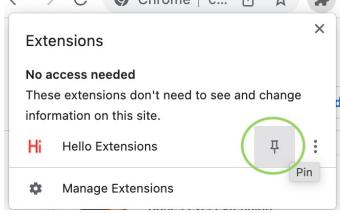
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- 3. <u>Download</u> the icon for the extension and save it in the directory with the name "hello-extension.png"
- 4. Create a file named hello.html and add the following code:

Hello, World!

- 5. Load the extension as an an unpacked extension:
 - go to chrome://extensions in a new tab;
 - enable Developer Mode;
 - click the Load unpacked button and select the extension directory.

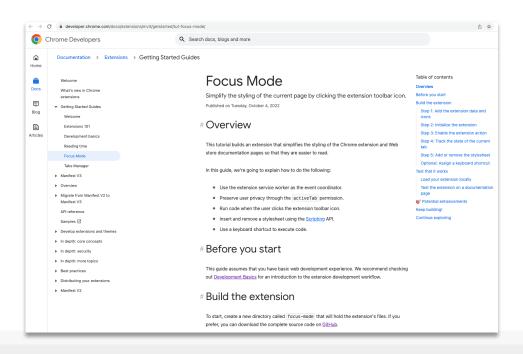
6. Pin your extension to the toolbar to quickly access your extension during development. $\leftarrow \rightarrow C$ © chrome | c... $\stackrel{\circ}{}$

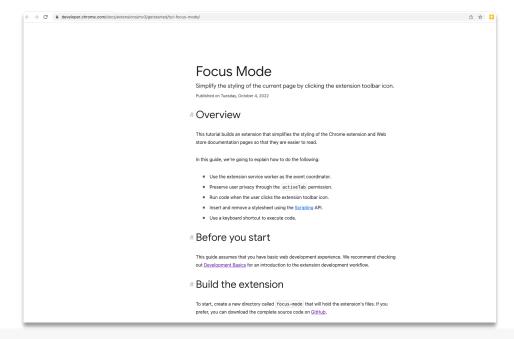


EXAMPLE: Focus Mode

- Simplifying the styling of a web page by removing menus, search bars, ...
 - SOURCE:

https://developer.chrome.com/docs/extensions/mv3/getstarted/tut-focus-mode/







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