

Balsamiq - Our User Experience / Wireframe Tool

Our Technology Alliance Apps Course Balsamiq projects page – you will need to use your login:

<https://k12app.mybalsamiq.com/projects>

Balsamiq has its own set of good Help Pages

<http://support.balsamiq.com/customer/portal/topics/51252>

Balsamiq is iPhone centric: Balsamiq has iPhone images for mockups (under the iPhone Menu), but they are similar enough to an Android device that this should be fine. May consider making our own Android images.

Apps for Good Page: Here is the Balsamiq Tips page from Apps for Good (some of the links that follow are from this): <http://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/155442535/Educator%20Zone/Balsamiq.html>

Setting Up Projects & Inviting Students: Detailed instructions PDF on how to set up projects & invite students:

<http://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/155442535/Educator%20Zone/attachments/1573687/1704114.pdf>

Balsamiq Video Tutorial: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jhknk61ds44>

Sample Wireframes: - I found some sample Wireframes in Balsamiq from the UK Apps for Good program we can use to demonstrate Screen Prototyping... (one is linked to in the presentation I created)

This links to the collection of example project Wireframes:

<https://appsforgood.mybalsamiq.com/projects>

To demonstrate them: after opening up the "grid" view, press the diagonal arrow in upper right to "Launch Prototype". You will get the first screen and can then scroll through them using the arrows in the bottom left. Pretty cool.

Here are a few good Wireframe examples:

- Nice App on saving up money that has good comments posted throughout - Cubed:

<https://appsforgood.mybalsamiq.com/projects/cubed/grid>

- Simple flow through - CloudBerries

<https://appsforgood.mybalsamiq.com/projects/cloudberries/grid>

- Even more complex but no comments, lots of screens - Aquapps:

<https://appsforgood.mybalsamiq.com/projects/aquapps/grid>

Presentation I assembled, introduces Balsamiq: [Designing the User Experience \(UX\) Presentation \(PDF\) \(PPT\)](#)

Recording WireFrames: Later we could use Jing (a free program: <http://www.techsmith.com/jing.html>) to capture a walk through and record an explanation of the Wireframes narration.