History of WYSIWYG

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READY: Select operand or type command Last command was LOOK

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{>>This.i..me.text.}

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SampleDoc.bravo4

Moving around the document is mostly intuitive. There's a hidden scroll bar to the left of the document text. It behaves a little like the old X-Windows scroll bars: a click on the left button scrolls you up, a click on the right button scrolls you down. This makes sense if you know that one version of the Alto's mouse had the buttons in a vertical column rather than a horizontal row.

We mentioned Bravo is a WYSIWYG editor with multiple type-faces and font sizes. You access them via the look mode. After entering the look mode by pressing the 'I' key, you select from a small collection of type-faces and font sizes by pressing the number keys.

- 0 Times Roman, 10 pt (default)
- 1 Times Roman, 8 pt 2 XEROX Logo
- 3 Math, 10 pt
- 4 Greek, 10 pt
- 5 Times Roman, 12 pt 6 Helvetica, 10 pt
- 7 Helvetica, 8 pt
- 8 Gacha, 10 pt (fixed-pitch typeface)
- 9 Helvetica, 18 pt
- Two statics in Beaus is your your

Type styling in Bravo is very, very odd.

If type styling in Bravo is odd, then paragraph styling is completely insane. Maybe it's not as insane as all that; to style a paragraph, you select the paragraph, enter the *look* mode and then select the look you want for the paragraph. But the way you select a paragraph is somewhat non-obvious.

First, you have to define a paragraph. In Bravo, paragraphs are all text between Control-CR's. So to get a paragraph, you append or insert a Control-CR, some text and then another Control-CR. Once you've done that, you select the paragraph by hitting the middle (pellow) button just to the left of the text (but not so far that you're in the invisible scroll bar.)

As an example, here's some centered text.

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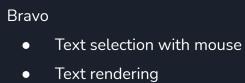
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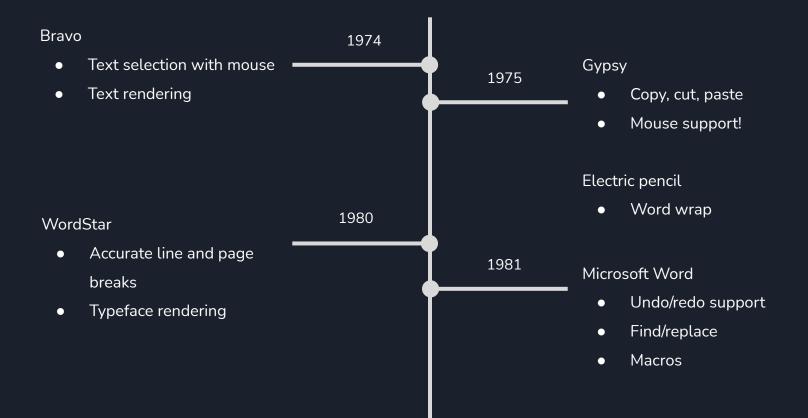
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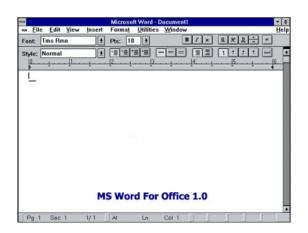
- Accurate line, page breaks, and margins
- Typeface rendering

> > > --Cursor Movement-- | -Delete- | -Miscellaneous- | -Other Menus-^A word left ^F word right |DEL chr lf| ^V INSERT ON/OFF | ^J Help ^K Block ^E line up ^X line down | ^T word rt| ^L Find/Replce again| ^Q Quick ^P Print --Scrolling-- | Y line | RETURN End paragraph| O Onscreen ^Z line down ^W line up | | ^N Insert a RETURN | ^C screen up ^R screen down| | ^U Stop a command | 1. Introducing WordStar WordStar is highly flexible and very visible. Watch the screens as you give commands, and information in various parts of the screen will guide you. You won't see all the information all the time, but it will be there when you need it. WHERE YOU ARE The seven WordStar menus are your greatest aids. They are like signposts at the top of your screen. showing you where you are. 3SET LM 4SET RM 5UNDLIN 6BLDECE 7BEGBLK 8FNDBLK 9BEGET

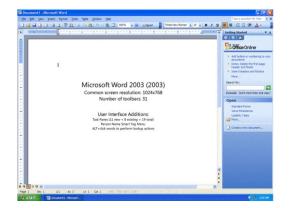




Microsoft Word For MS DOS 6.0







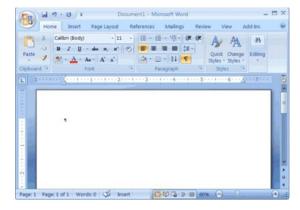




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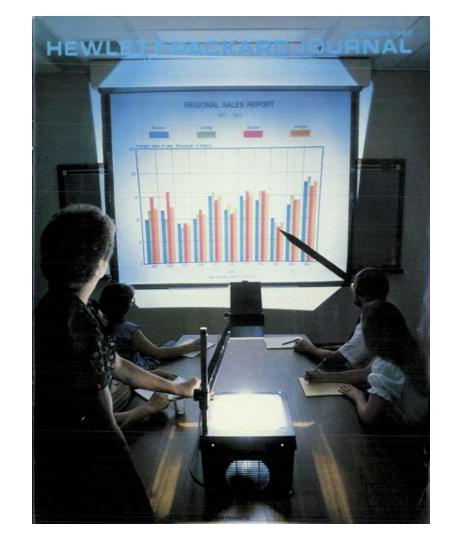
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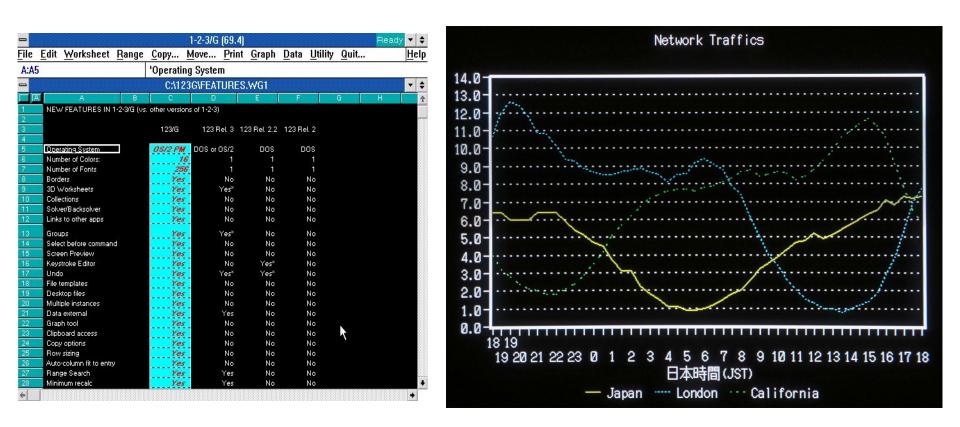
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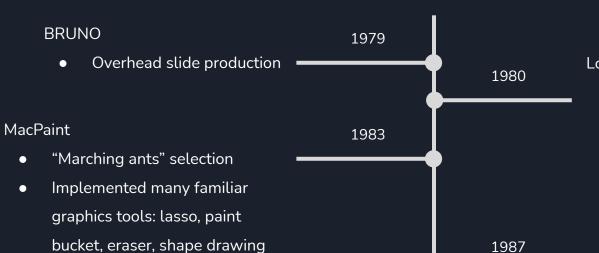
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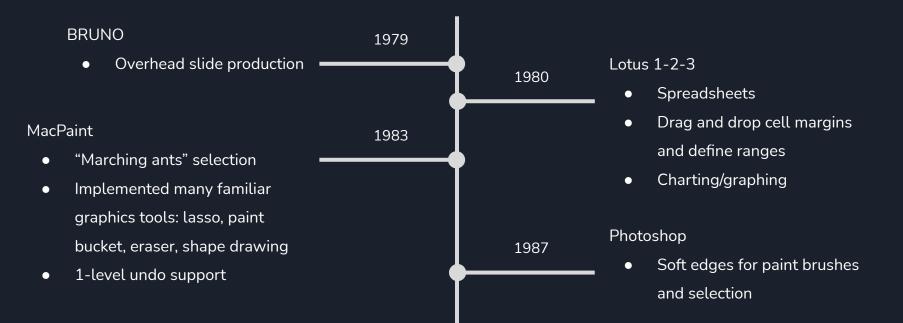
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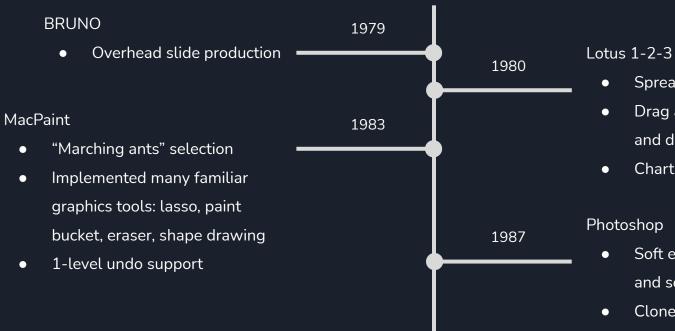




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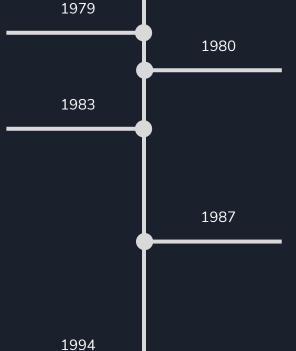




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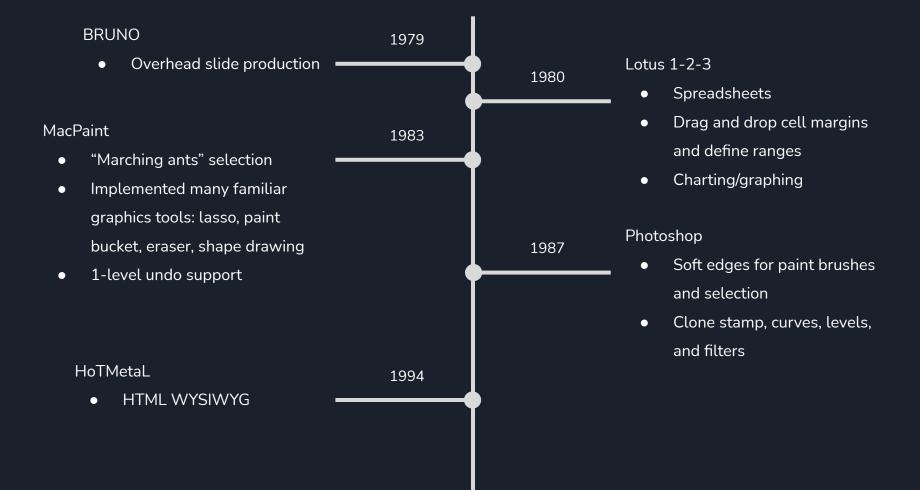


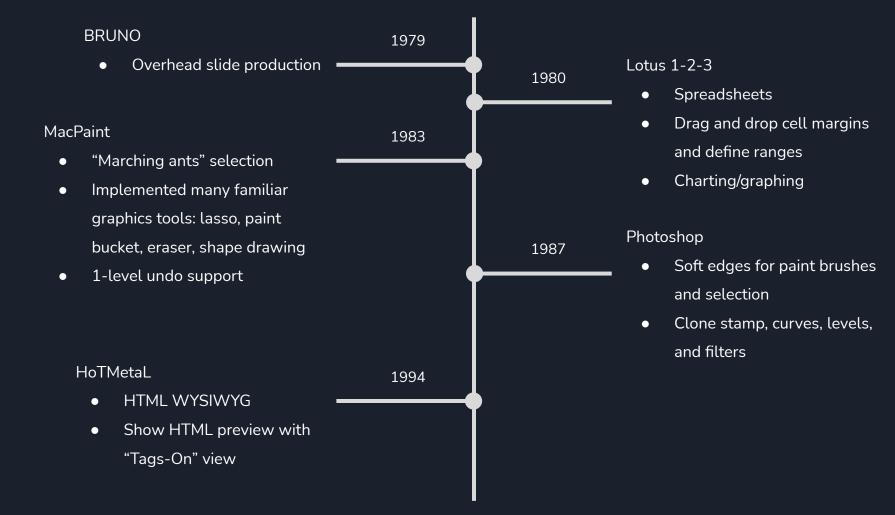
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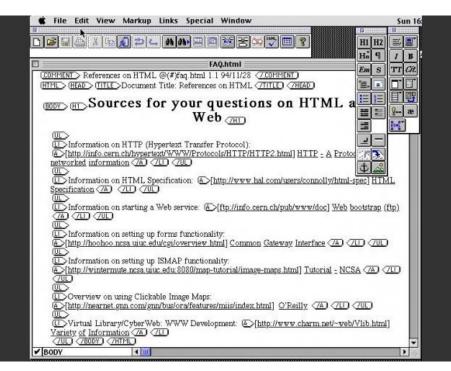
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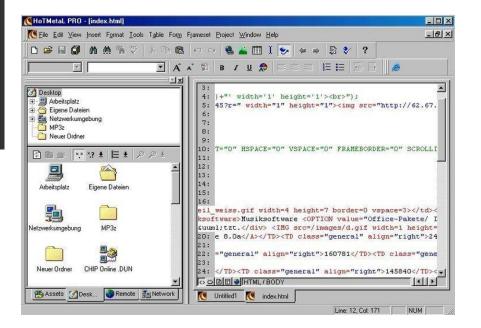
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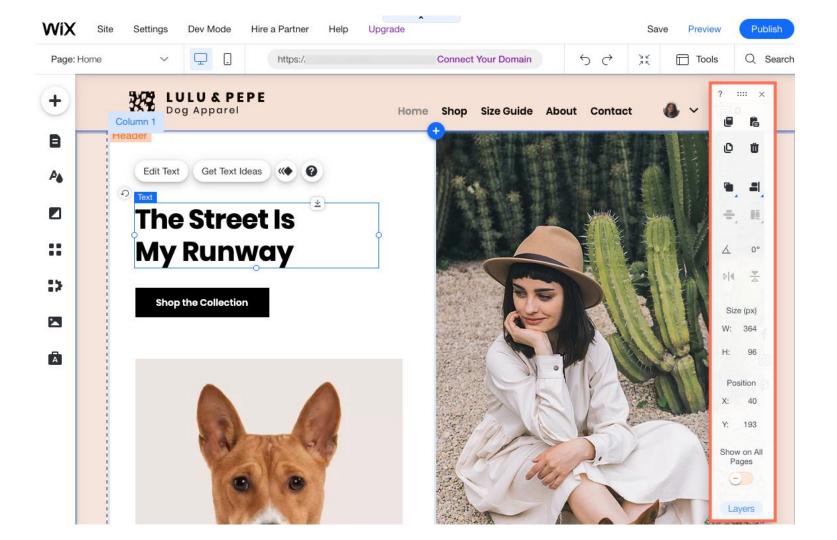
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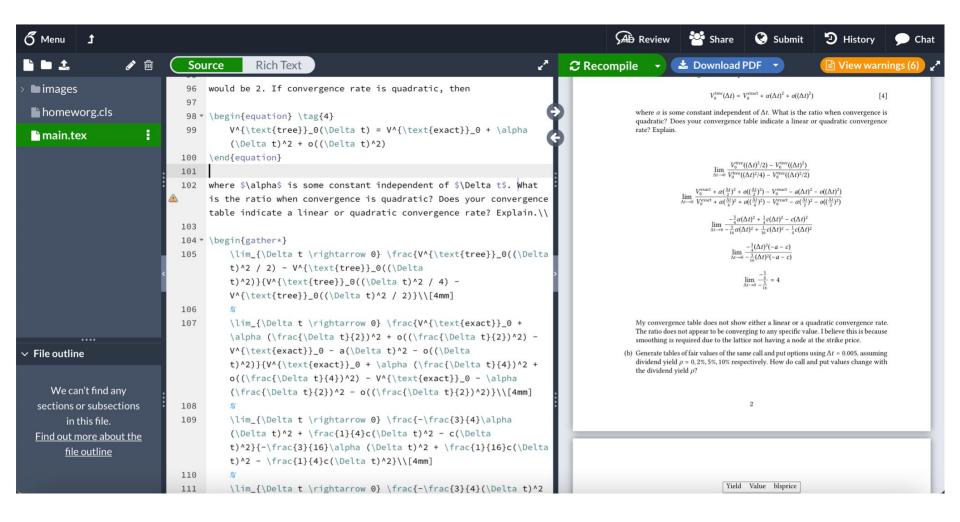


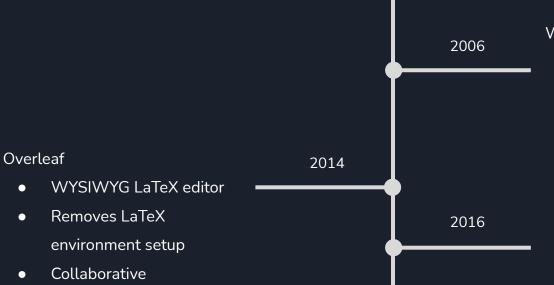
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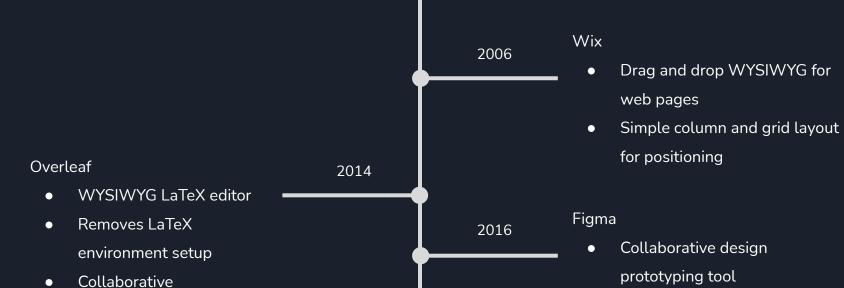
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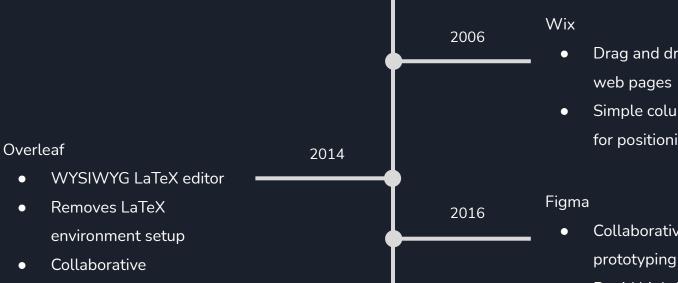






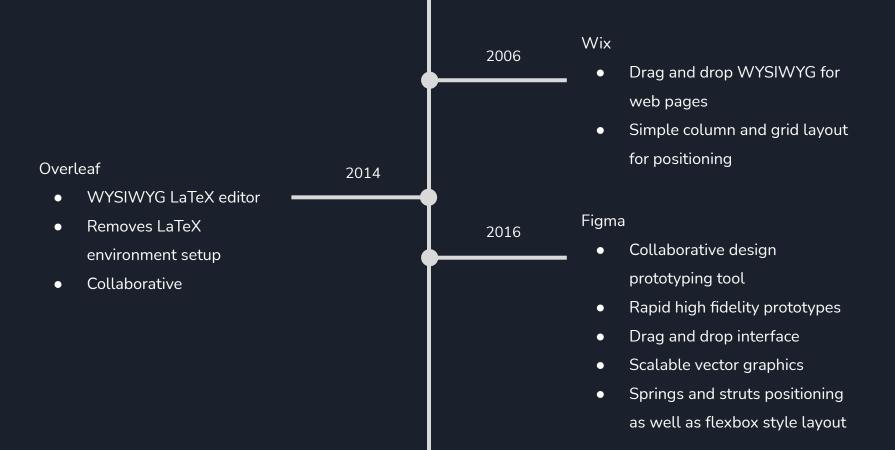
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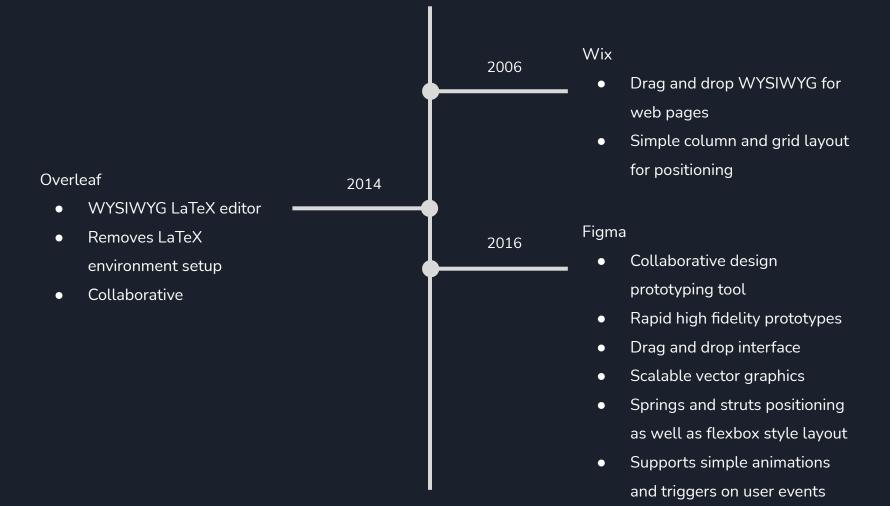
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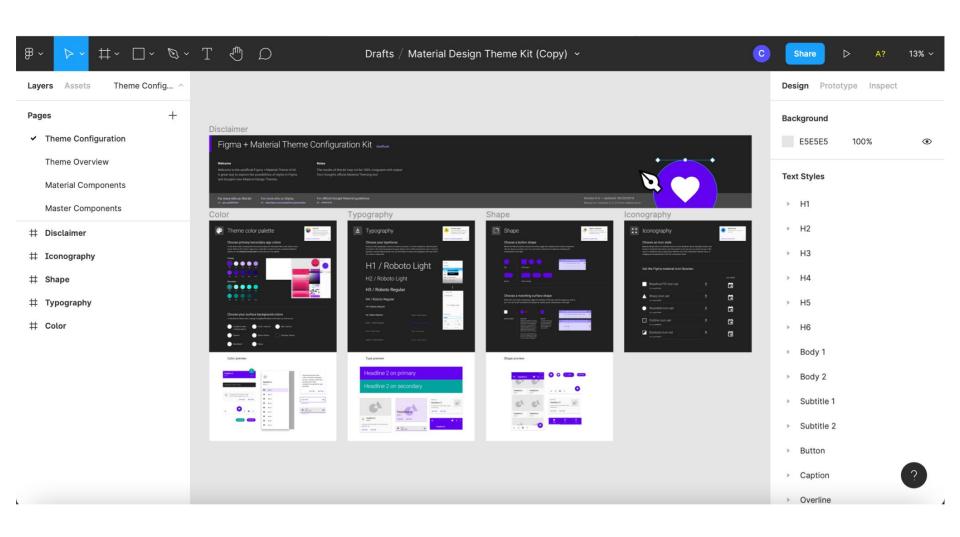


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WYSIWYG and the Future

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TEXT PROMPT

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AI-GENERATED IMAGES





Describe your layout:

a black button saying "OpenAI" and an orange button saying "Themesberg":

Generate

Generated code:

button class="btn bg-black text-white rounded py-2 px-2">
OpenAI

</button>

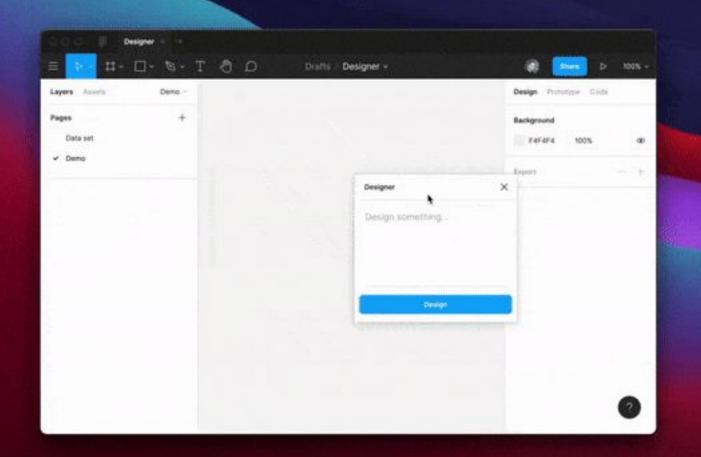
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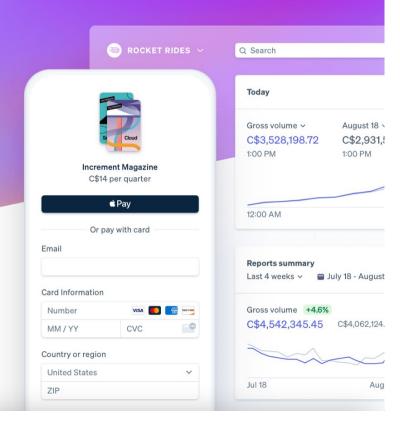
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