Lesson: Working with artboards

Artboards

An artboard represents the app screen or the website page you are going to design. It's the white area where the actual design objects are going to be drawn.

Each .xd file can contain a huge amount of artboards, as they are all positioned in a massive **50,000 x 50,000 px canvas** (the grey background area, also called "pasteboard").

You can choose the size of your artboard from a list of the most common mobile, tablet, desktop and wearables screen sizes, or you can define your own custom size.

Artboards

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				iPad Pro 10.5in	834 × 1112
				iPad Pro 11in	834 × 1194
				iPad Pro 12.9in	1024 × 1366
				Samsung Galaxy Tab10	800 × 1280
				Surface Pro 3	1440 × 960
				Surface Pro 4, 5, 6	1368 × 912
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Renaming artboards

You can rename an artboard by double clicking on its title, just above the top left border. You can also do it from the layers panel.

Selecting and changing artboards properties

- You can select your artboards in 4 different ways:
- by clicking on the artboard title
- by using the Select Tool and double clicking on the artboard background
- by using the Select tool and marquee-select one or more artboards (make sure to draw the selection area all over the entire artboard perimeter, or it won't get selected)
- by selecting it via the layers panel

Homework

Moving and aligning artboards

Working with property inspector

Renaming and creating different size artboards