

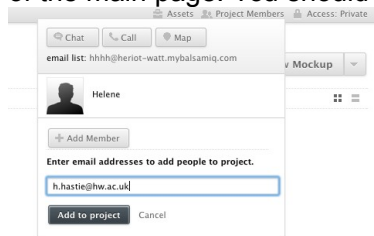
Web Design and Databases (F27WD) Week 2 Lab

Today you will be developing the design of your Lab website and creating a mock-up collaboratively using Balsamiq. Work in your coursework group.

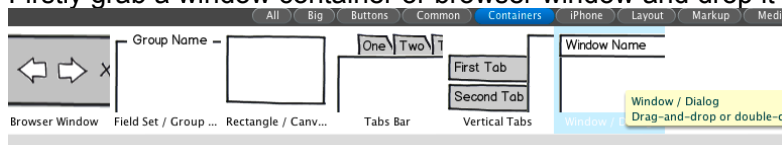
1. Recap on your information architecture and theme from last time for the game store website.
2. On paper design the front page of your website. Think about the layout.
 - a. Think about the golden ratio and grids and website balance.
 - b. Think about what visual elements you need- see slides on Interface Elements
 - c. Think about how the visual elements link into the theme.
3. When you have a good idea of what you're going to do on paper, mock it up in Balsamiq.

Balsamiq

1. You should have received an email from Balsamiq activating your account. Go and find Helen if that is not the case. If you did- follow the link in the email and sign up for an account.
2. Go to <http://www.balsamiq.com/> and watch the introduction video if you haven't already done so.
3. Now go to <https://heriot-watt.mybalsamiq.com>.
4. One person in the group should log in and create a new project. Name it with the name of your group.
5. In the dialogue box click on "Invite your collaborators" or click on "Project Members" on the top right of the main page. You should see a box like this:



6. Add members of your group and me m.gabbay@hw.ac.uk.
7. Now you're ready to get started creating a mock-up. A project can have a number of mock-ups, e.g. for different versions of the same page or one mock-up per page of a website.
8. Divide the group into two with each pair at a computer. Each pair will create a mock-up inside the project for the front page of the game store website.
9. Click "+New Mockup" on the top right hand side.
10. Firstly grab a window container or browser window and drop it in the main window.



11. A window dialogue box appears and lets you add a scroll or resize and adjust other features.
12. Play around with the different elements. For example:
 - o Add a side bar with the Accordion element,
 - o Add a navigation bar using the Button Bar/Tab Bar,
 - o Add text boxes and other elements,
 - o Add photos and logos: all the photos for the lab are available through the "Site Assets" button,
 - o Add colour using the rectangle container.