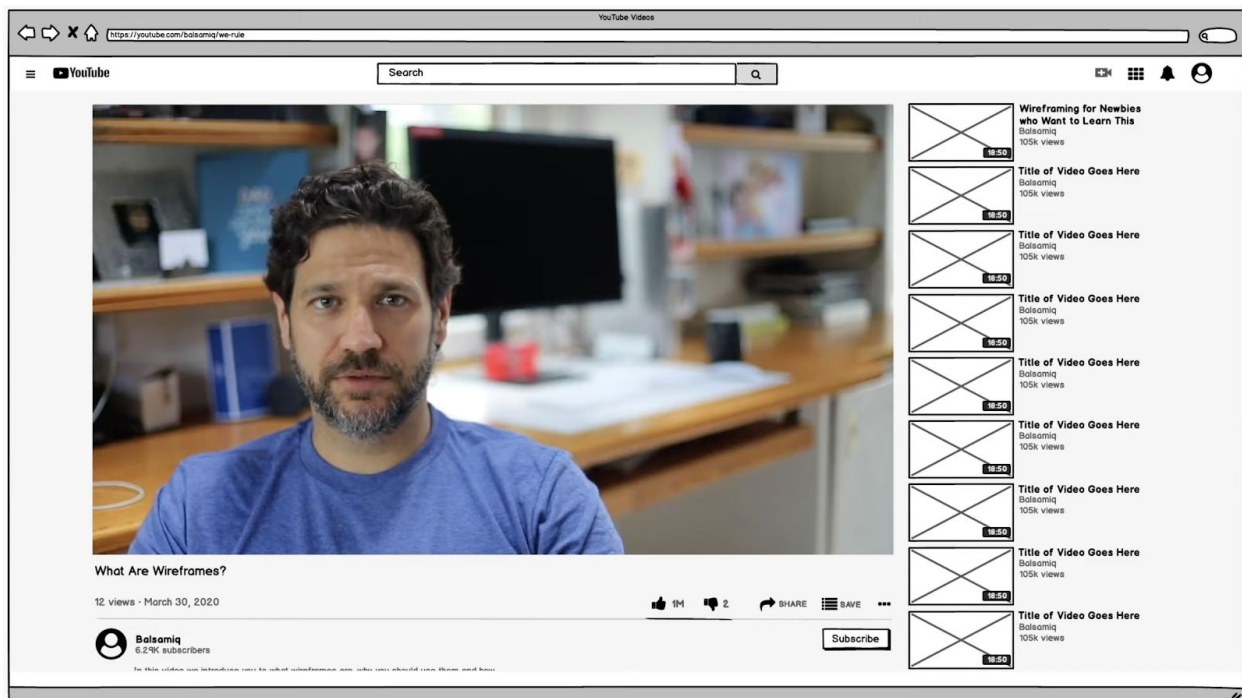


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PRODUCT INTRODUCTION

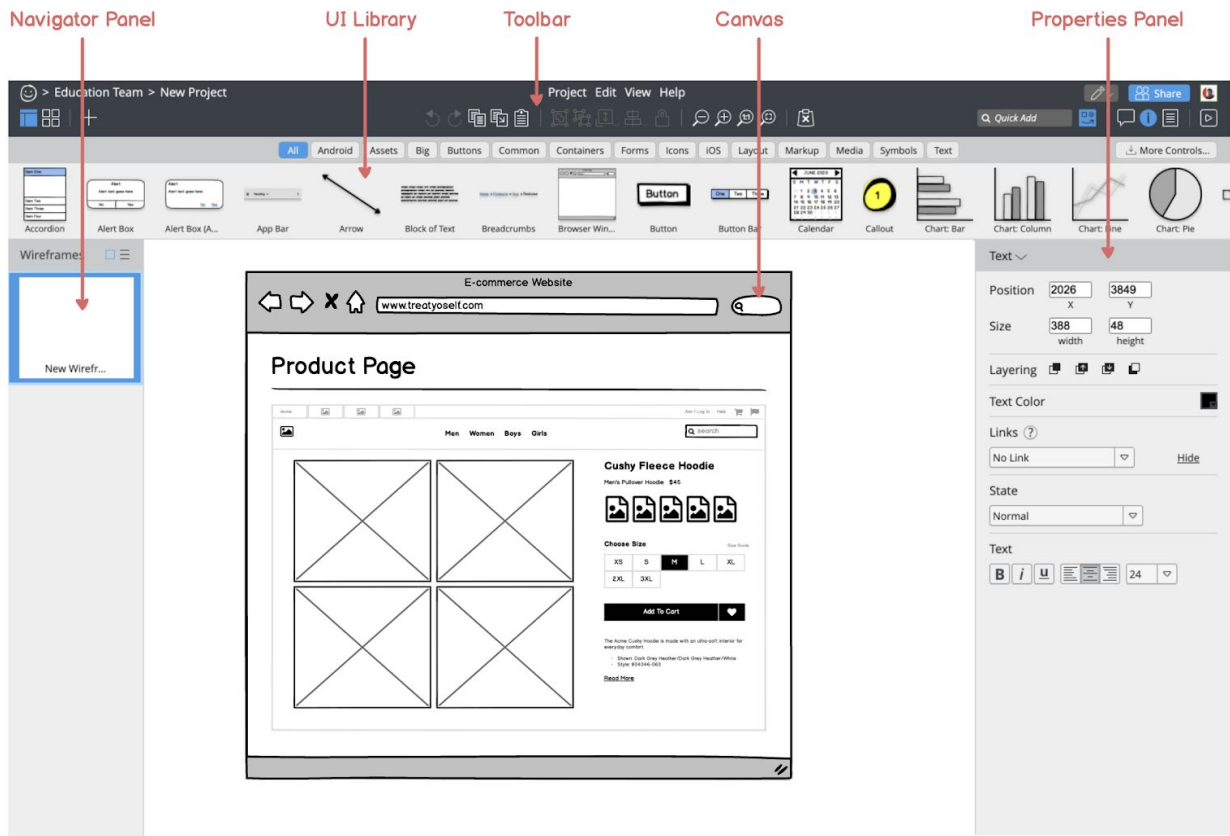
We've created this guide to help you introduce our tool and walk students through creating their first wireframe. We've provided screenshots for most steps, feel free to use them just for yourself, or to share with your class. You can download the images used in this guide [here](#).

To start, play the [What are Wireframes?](#) video to introduce the students to wireframes and why we create them.



Balsamiq Wireframes key components

Below is a list of the key components of our tool. We suggest highlighting them as you demonstrate the tool.



Navigator Panel

The navigator panel on the left shows the list of wireframes, assets or Symbols in your project. The currently selected object is highlighted.

UI Library

A row of UI Controls that can be dragged onto the Canvas.

Toolbar

The toolbar contains a series of icons for performing actions on other areas of the user interface.

Canvas

The area where UI Controls are placed.

Properties Panel

A configuration panel that contains common actions (e.g. alignment, layering) and properties that are specific to each UI Control.

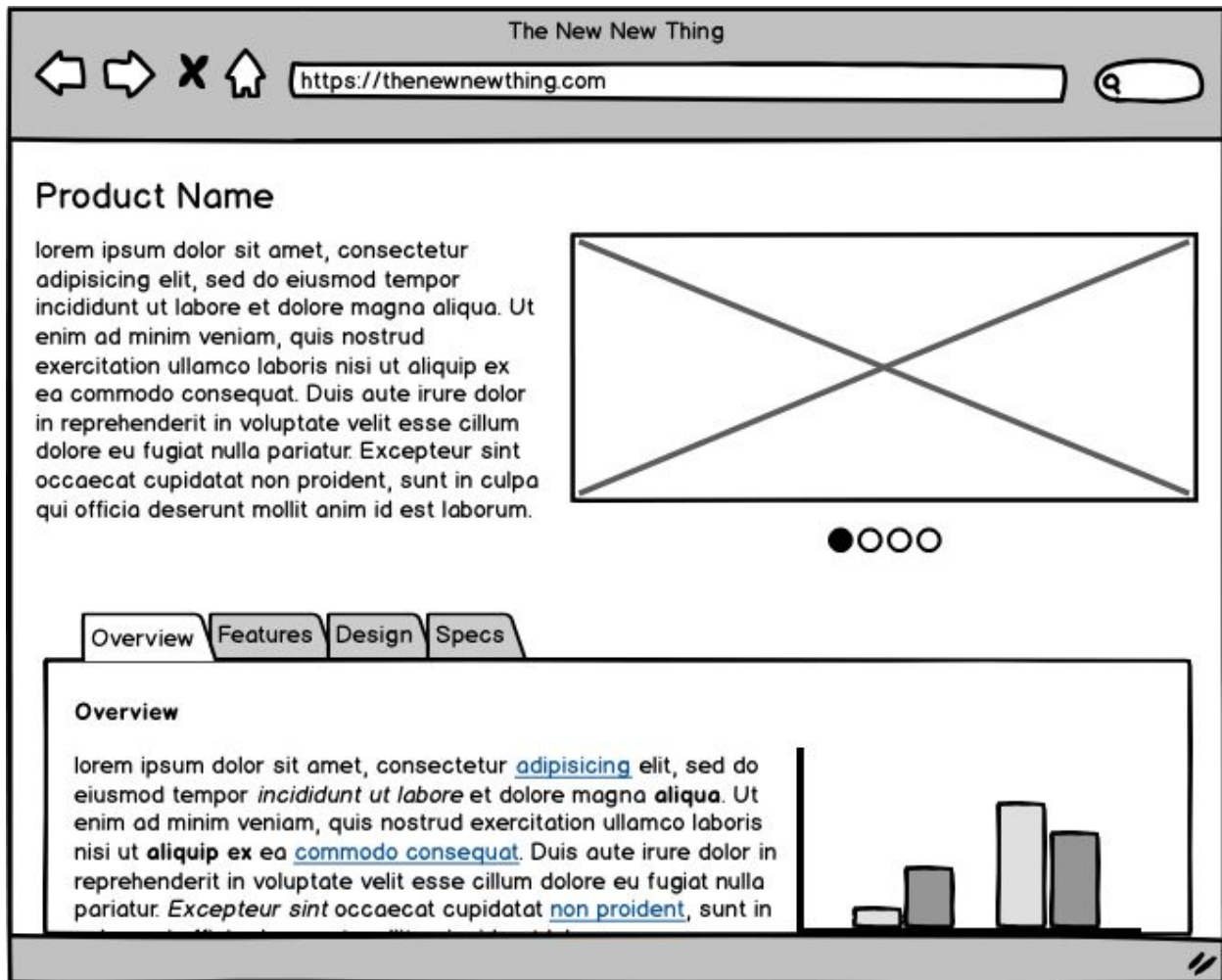
More detailed walkthrough of the application can be found here:

<https://balsamiq.com/wireframes/cloud/docs/overview/>

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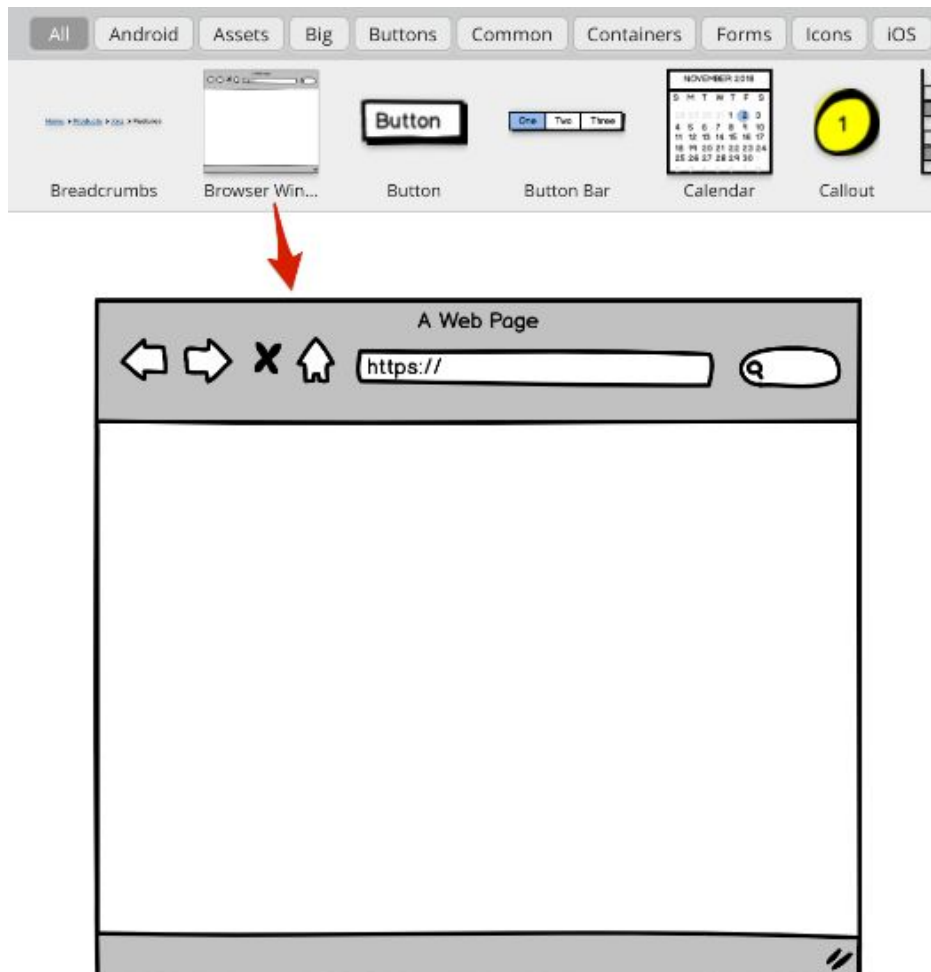
Have the students open Balsamiq and follow along as you create this wireframe.

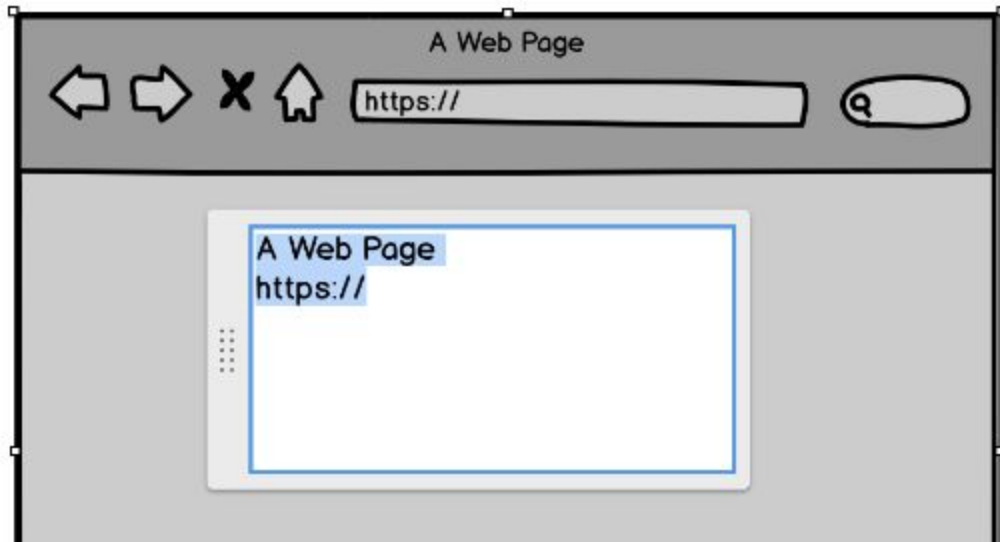


Let's start building our wireframe:

1. Add the first few controls

To create the wireframe shown above, let's begin by dragging the **Browser Window** UI Control onto the **Canvas**.



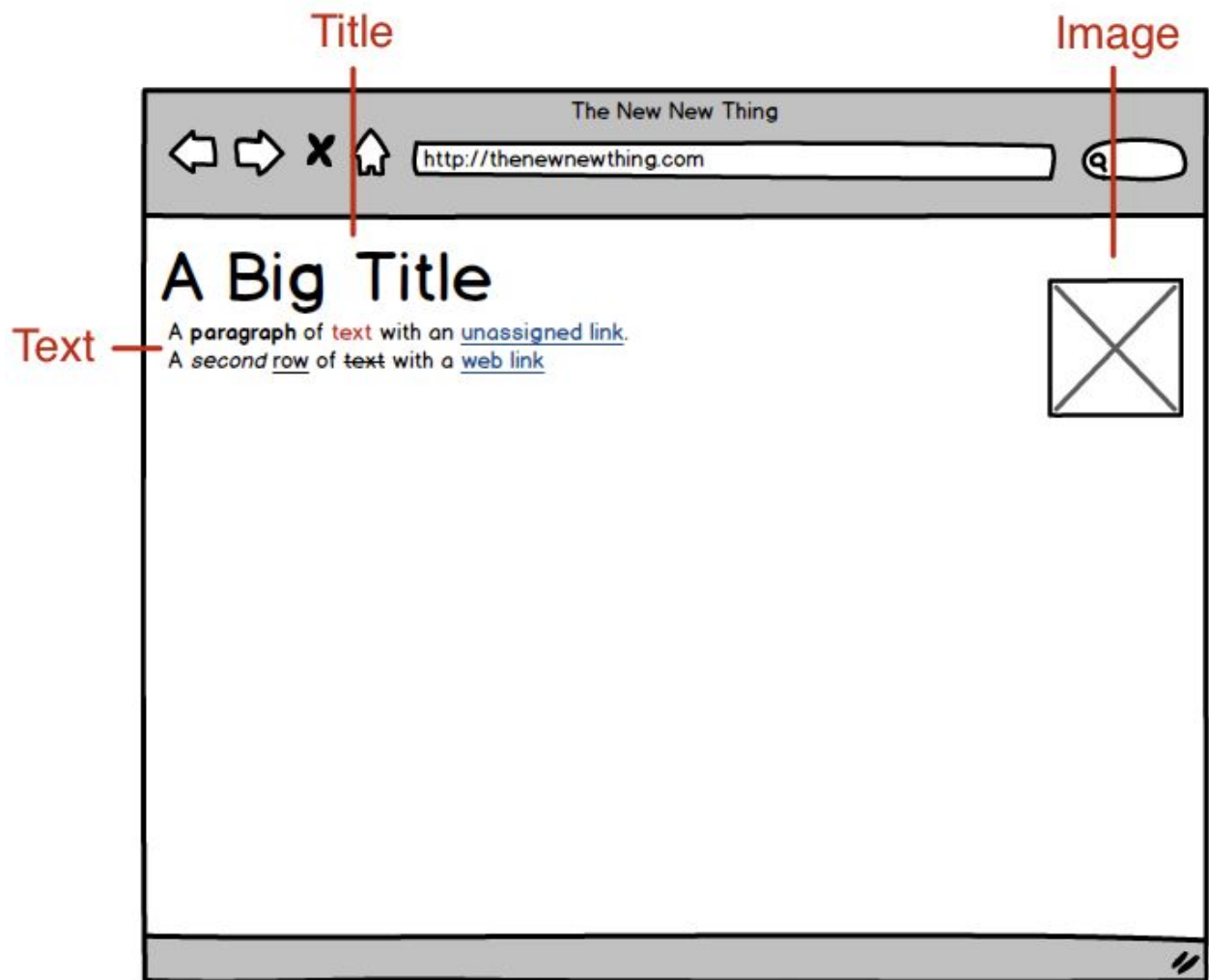


Double-click on the element to change the title and URL of the browser

Note: The content of nearly all controls in Balsamiq is defined by **simple text**. When a control is first added to the canvas, it will be shown in edit mode, often with hints about how to use it. For the Browser control, you can specify the title bar and URL text, or just use the default.

Now, click on any of the corners of the browser element and resize the window.

2. Add the **Title**, **Text**, and **Image** controls from the **UI Library** to the **Canvas**.

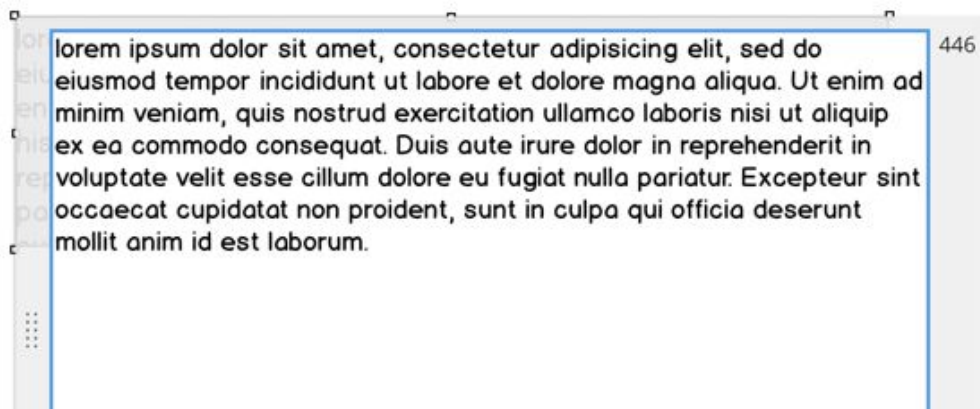
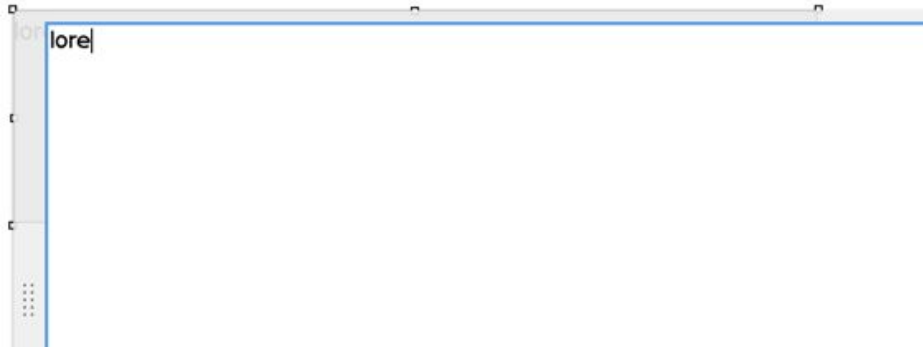


3. Change the size of the **title** text. Click on the text **A Big Title** and change the font size to 20 by using the **Property Inspector**.

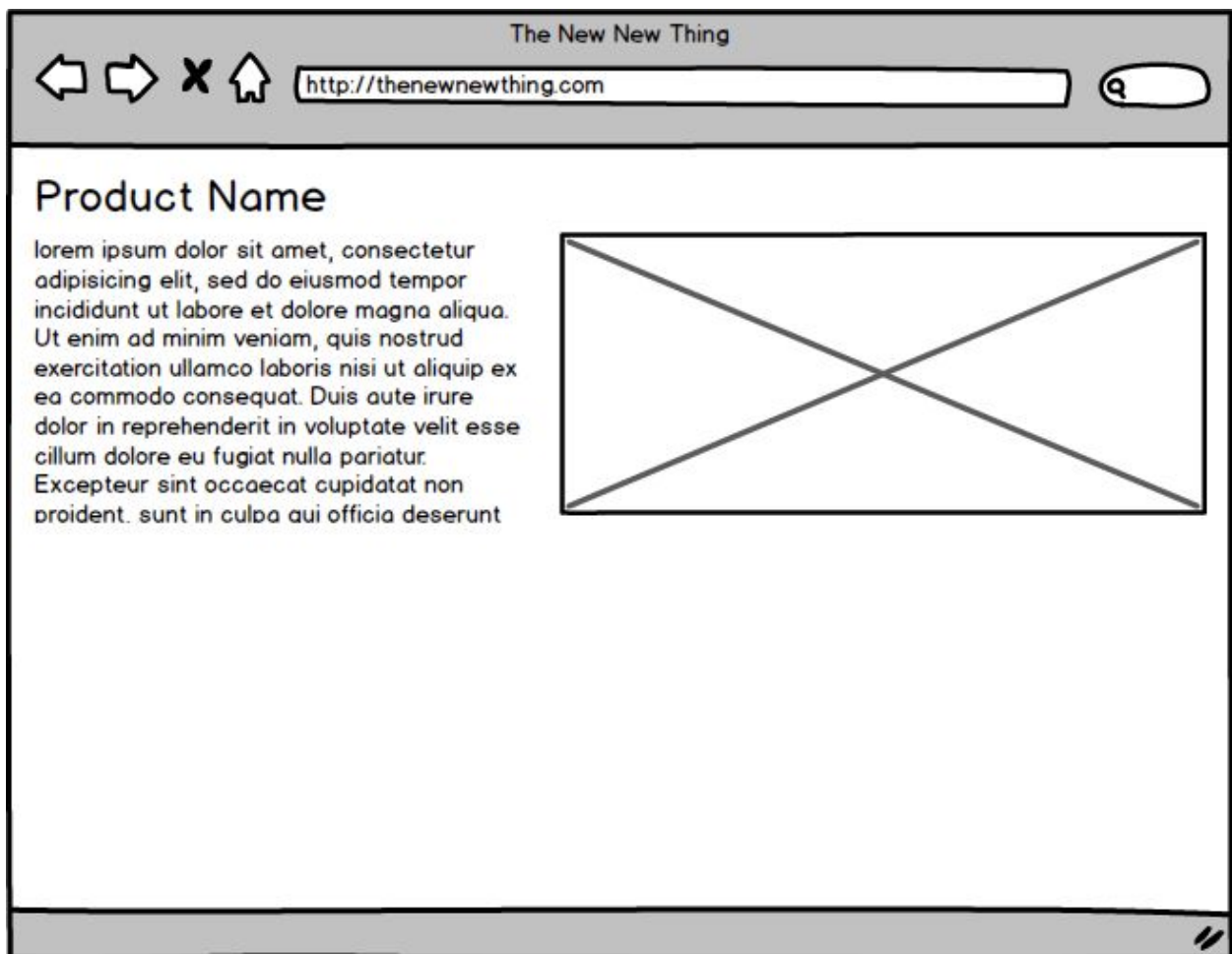


4. Double-click on the title and change the text to "**Product Name**".

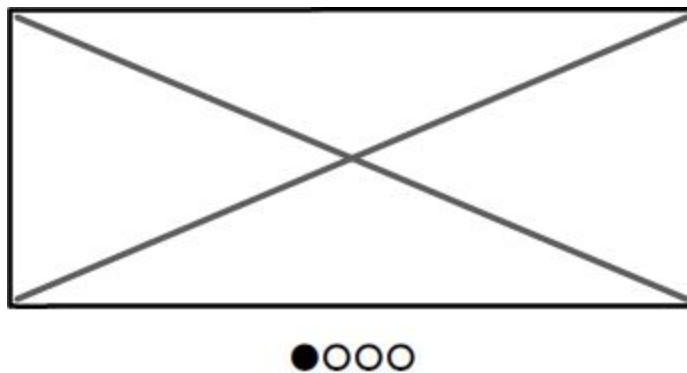
5. Change the product description placeholder text in the **Text** control by entering your own placeholder text, or begin typing "lorem" and Lorem Ipsum text **will automatically be generated**.



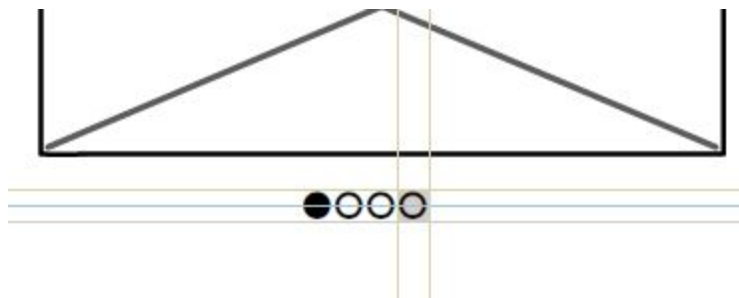
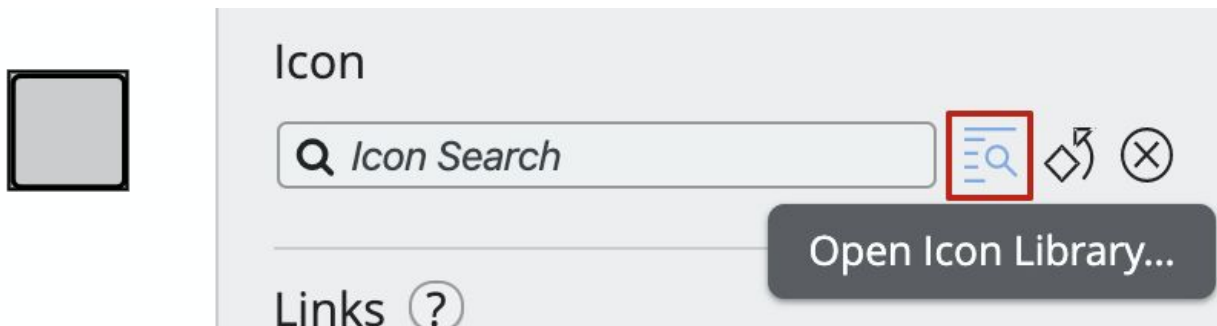
6. Resize the placeholder image. Your wireframe should look like this:



7. Create the image pager controls:

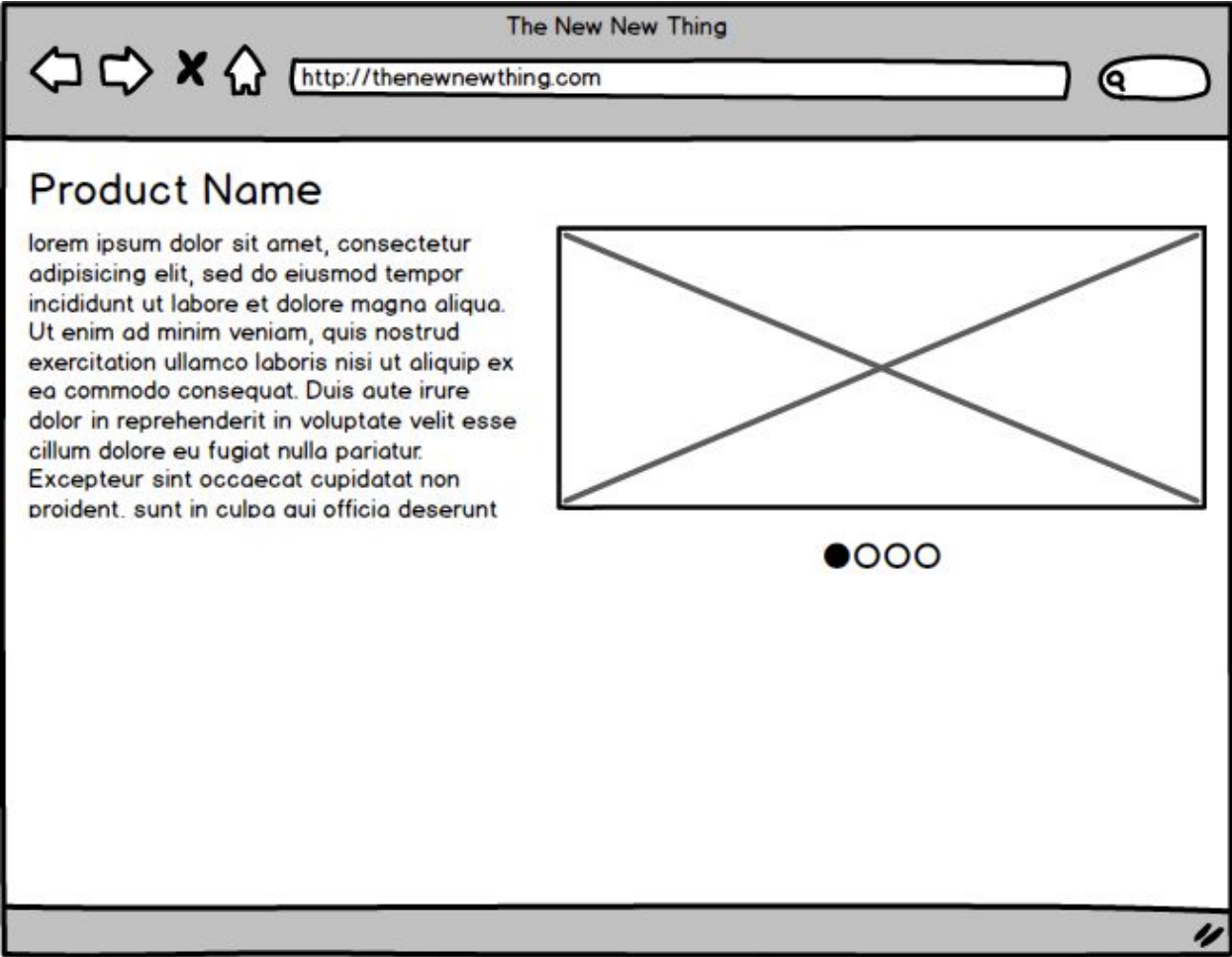


Start by adding an **Icon** from the **UI Library**. Double-click on the icon and choose the "circle". You can either look for it in the large list of icons, or use the search feature.



Look for both the **filled in circle** and the **outline**. Include four icons to use for the pager then arrange and center them under the image like this.

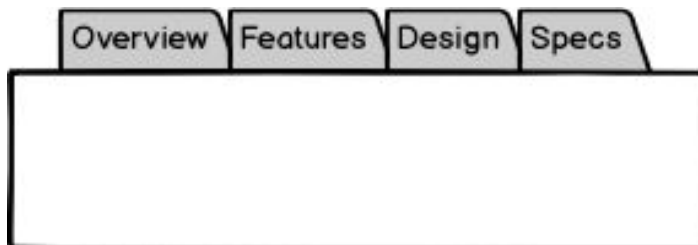
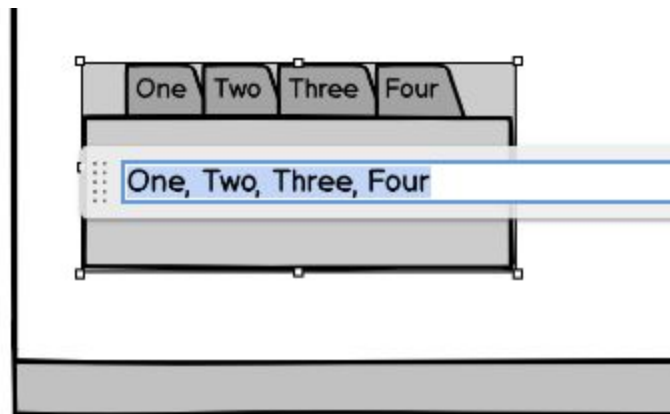
This is how your wireframe should look now:



8. Add a **Tab Bar** to the canvas and place it below the other content. Enter the text for the tabs so it reads:

Overview, Features, Design, Specs

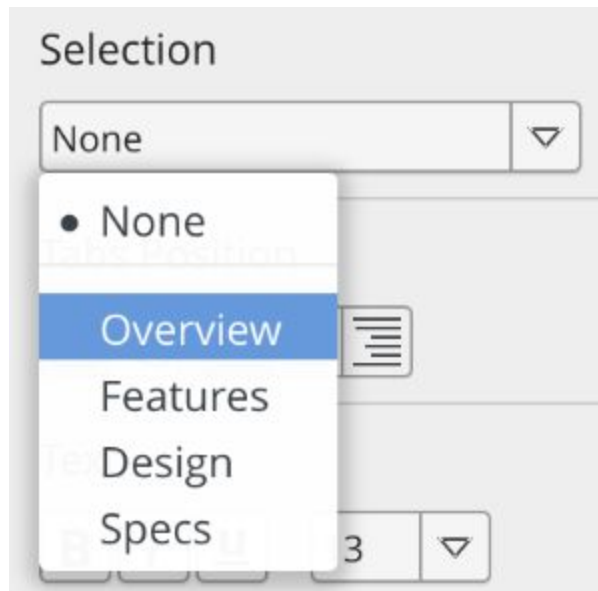
Note: *Commas are used to create tabs in this control, so you can create as many tabs as you like simply by entering additional text separated by a comma.*



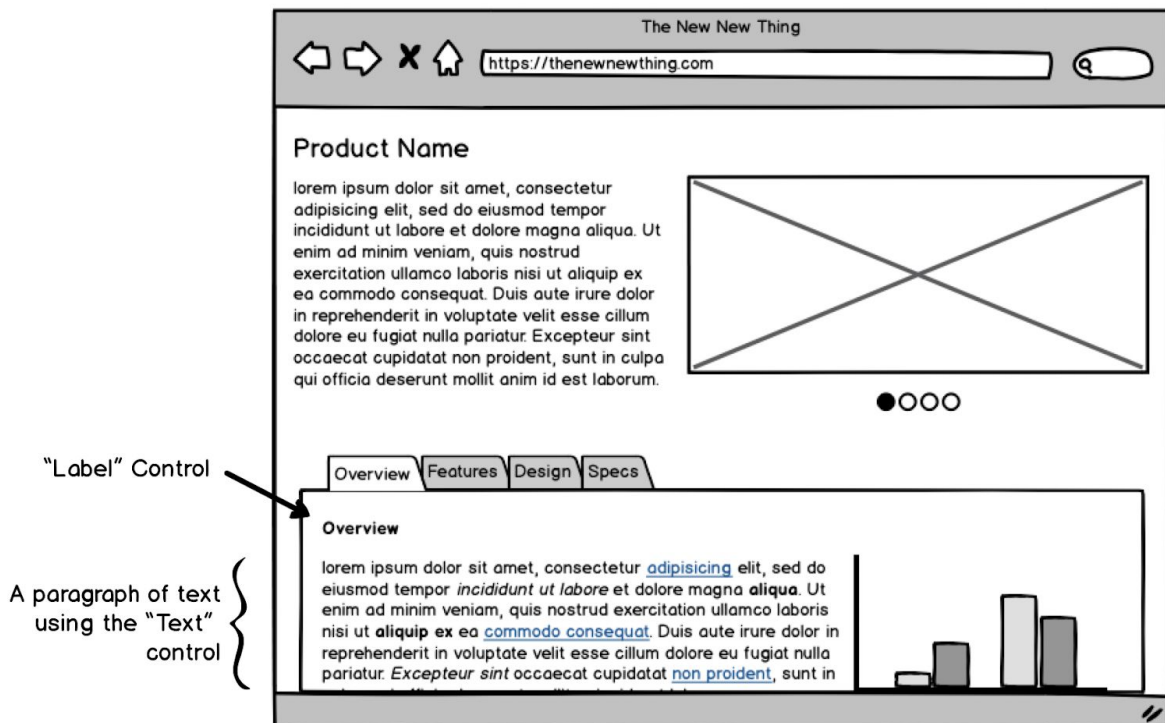
The tabs should look like this after entering the text.

Resize the tab area to fit the width of the browser, while leaving some room at the margins.

9. Highlight the Overview tab by using the Selection property show here:



10. Add **Label** and **Text** controls to create something like this:



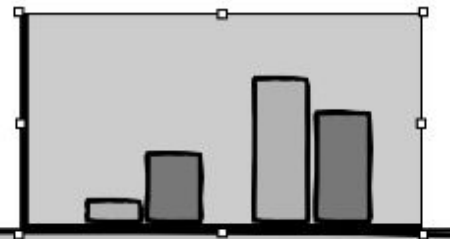
Tip: You can format text as bold, italic, or hyperlinked by using *Text* for **Bold**, *_text_* for *Italics*, or [Text] for [Hyperlinks](#).

Feel free to use these text styles to update the copy.

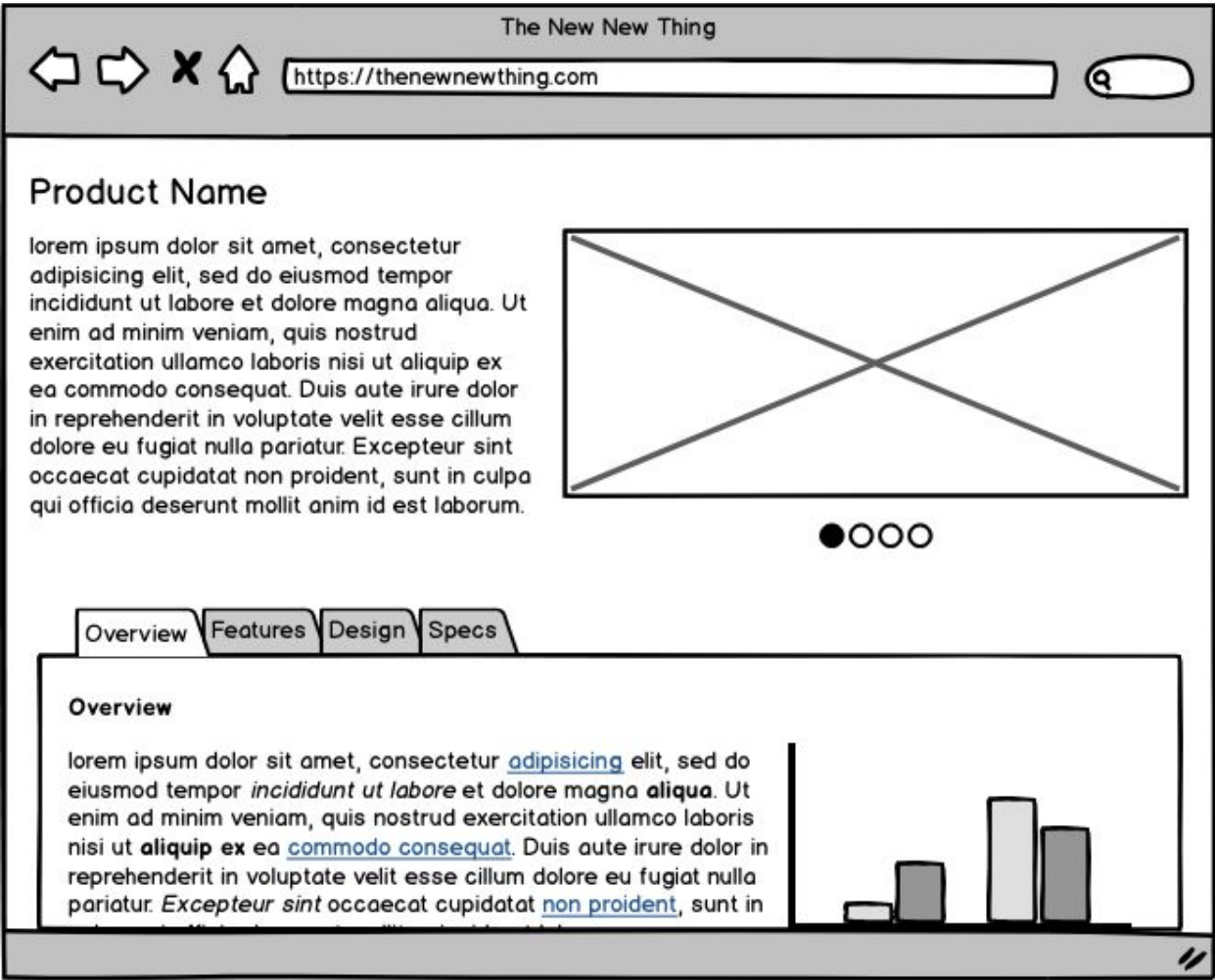
11. Finally, drag a **Chart: Column** control into the empty area inside the Tabs Bar as a finishing touch to complete the wireframe.

Overview

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And that is it! When you're done, it should look something like this:



If you'd like to export your new design as an image, go to **Project > Export > Current Wireframe to PNG**.

