

# Ionic Sketch Template

## What's new

- 25 August 2017: Added fabs and icons. Bug fixing.
- 9 August 2017: Video demo included.
- 25 July 2017: Tutorial, demo screen.

## What's in the package

Unpack the downloaded zip to the working directory.

- **ionic-sketch.sketch** – ionic.sketch template itself.
- **Runner.sketchplugin** – a very handy Spotlight-like Sketch plugin. See section below.
- **San Francisco Pro.pkg** – native Apple San Francisco Pro installer downloaded from the official <https://developer.apple.com/fonts/> page.
- **SF Pro Font License.rtf** – please read the license carefully. In short, Apple is fine with the developers using the font for the development purposes only.
- **Readme.pdf** – the text file you're reading now.
- **ionicons.zip** (optional) – Ionicons [icons fonts](#).

# Getting started

## I. Sort out the fonts

Install San Francisco Pro fonts set. To do so, please, double-click **San Francisco Pro.pkg** and follow the instructions. You may wish to read Apple's license before the installation.

## II. Install Runner

Install free Runner plugin. Visit [sketchrunner.com](https://sketchrunner.com) to get the latest version. Use You can open Runner with **⌘ + ⌘**. Use insert to find the components. It's like using Apple's Spotlight (or Alfred, or Lacona) really.

## III. Set custom font (Optional)

1. Set custom font typeface for your application in **Text Styles** artboard.
2. Click **Refresh** icon to update the styling globally.
3. Please note, you'd need to refresh all Text Styles in order to keep them consistent across the template.

## IV. Set default colour scheme (Optional)

1. Feel free to change any of the default colours in **Colours** artboard.
2. Click **Refresh** icon to update the global styling.

Scan through the components quickly and make sure the colours are working well together. These are used throughout the template and Ionic components in general.

## V. Check out the demo screen

Have a look at **iPhone 7 Demo Screen**. Select the card in the the middle and read through the **Overrides** in the properties panel on the right hand side.

**With the smart Ionic Sketch symbols based entirely on the native Ionic components, it takes less than 5 minutes to combine such interface and about same time to code it.**

**Start designing!**

## Design process

The usual design process would may look like this.

1. Find ionic component using Runner (e.g press `⌘ + '` and type **insert toolbar segment**).
2. Drop it on the artboard.
3. Adjust to the artboard sizing.  
Note: All Ionic Sketch symbols are using native Sketch resizing. They behave similarly to the Auto Layout in Xcode (<https://developer.apple.com/library/content/documentation/UserExperience/Conceptual/Auto-layoutPG/index.html>)
4. Use **Overrides** panel on the right hand side to set custom captions, icons or images.
5. Repeat.

The developer doesn't need to measure the spacing, font sizing, gaps, margins and paddings. All she needs to do is to read names of the symbols used on the screens (artboards) and pick the same components from Ionic documentation:

- Symbol name from the example above: **Toolbar / Segment**
- Find **Toolbar / Segment** in **Toolbars** on this page <https://ionicframework.com/docs/components/#toolbar-segment>
- Copy and paste Ionic code.

# Ionic Components

Ionic Sketch is heavily based on the native Ionic framework components.

As you may know, Ionic apps are made of high-level building blocks called components. Components allow you to quickly construct an interface for your app. Ionic comes with a number of components, including modals, popups, and cards.

Check out the examples here to see what each component looks like and to learn how to use each one: <http://ionicframework.com/docs/components/> **Use them as a reference.**

Designing with Ionic components will significantly speed the development process up. When designs are following Ionic.sketch structure, in our experience, the dev team delivers 85%-90% faster than usual.

## Fonts

We love San Francisco, the city and the typeface family. To make sure you got it all set up correctly, please, install San Francisco Pro fonts set. Simply double-click **San Francisco Pro.pkg** and follow the instructions. You may also wish to read Apple's license before the installation.

Below are the main typography recommendation made by Apple team.

1. **Emphasise important information.**  
Use font weight, size, and colour to highlight the most important information in your app.
2. **If possible, use a single typeface.**  
Mixing several different typefaces can make your app seem fragmented and sloppy. Consider using one typeface and just a few font variants and sizes.
3. **Use built-in text styles whenever possible.**  
The built-in text styles let you express content in ways that are visually distinct, while retaining optimal legibility. These styles are based on the system fonts and allow you to take advantage of key typographic fea-

tures, such as Dynamic Type, which automatically adjusts tracking and leading for every font size. iOS includes the following text styles:

Scan further through Apple's Guidelines on Typography (Beta) in here <https://developer.apple.com/iOS/human-interface-guidelines/visual-design/typography/>

## Sketch Runner Plugin (Optional)

You don't have to use this third-party tool in order to make your Ionic Sketch work. But while working on it, we found the plugin very convenient to use. It helps immensely when you're got familiar with the symbols naming and structure.

Runner helps you to get around Sketch quicker by giving you an intuitive interface to supercharge your daily workflow. Stop searching through your menu & start running commands directly from your keyboard.

1. You can open Runner with `⌘ + ' -` On a QWERTZ keyboard that would be `⌘ + ↑ + #`
2. Cycle through categories with your `→` (tab) key and select search results with your up and down arrow keys. Hit `↵` to fire a command.
3. If you need a quick tutorial check this video made by [@robinrendle](#) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=obpFuPAIcTw>

Feel free to scan through [FAQ](#) if you have any issues with Runner.

## Ionic Icons

Ionic-proof, recommended cross-platform set of icons:

- <https://ionicframework.com/docs/ionicons/>

We also recommend:

- <https://feathericons.com/>
- <https://fontawesome.com/>

## Feedback

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