

PW N°3 : “Online Courses Platform Prototype

Step 1: Organize Your Mockup Pages

1. Open your Pencil file.
 2. Make sure each screen of your platform is on a **separate page**:
 - Home / Landing Page
 - Courses List / Categories
 - Course Detail Page
 - User Dashboard
 - Login / Signup
 3. Rename each page clearly (e.g., “Home,” “Courses,” “Course Detail”) for easier linking.
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Step 2: Identify Interactive Elements

Decide which elements should be clickable in the final prototype:

- Buttons: Enroll, Start Course, Login, Signup
- Navigation: Menu items, categories, tabs
- Links: “View Course,” “See All,” “Profile”

Tip: Pencil allows you to **draw transparent rectangles** over elements to act as clickable areas if your mockup is just static shapes.

Step 3: Add Clickable Links

1. **Select a shape** (or a transparent rectangle over a button).
2. Right-click → **Link to Page** → choose the target page.
 - Example: “Enroll” button → Course Detail Page
 - “Dashboard” menu → User Dashboard
3. Repeat for all navigable items.

This step converts your static mockup into a **click-through prototype**.

Step 4: Optional: Add Interactions

Pencil allows some simple interactions to simulate dynamic behaviors:

- Hover effects (menus, tooltips)
- Modal windows (Login popup)
- Tab switching (Course modules / tabs)

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You can do this via the **Events** panel.

Step 5: Test Your Prototype

- Click **Preview (F4)** in Pencil.
- Navigate through all pages like a real user would.
- Check:
 - Home → Courses → Course Detail → Dashboard
 - Login flow
 - Menu navigation

Make sure **all clickable areas** link correctly.

Step 6: Export Your Final Prototype

1. Go to **File** → **Export**
2. Options:
 - **HTML** → interactive prototype you can open in a browser
 - **PDF** → static presentation for stakeholders
 - **PNG / Images** → for documentation

For a **final interactive prototype**, HTML export is usually best.