

SETUP + WHERE DOES UX/UI DESIGN STAND?

Claude Code to Figma MCP

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Part 1



Agenda



Hello!

What is Figma MCP?

What is Claude Code?

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Figma MCP

How powerful is Claude Code?

Example flow

Is it over for designers?

Hello!

Fine artist → Graphic Design → UX
Design

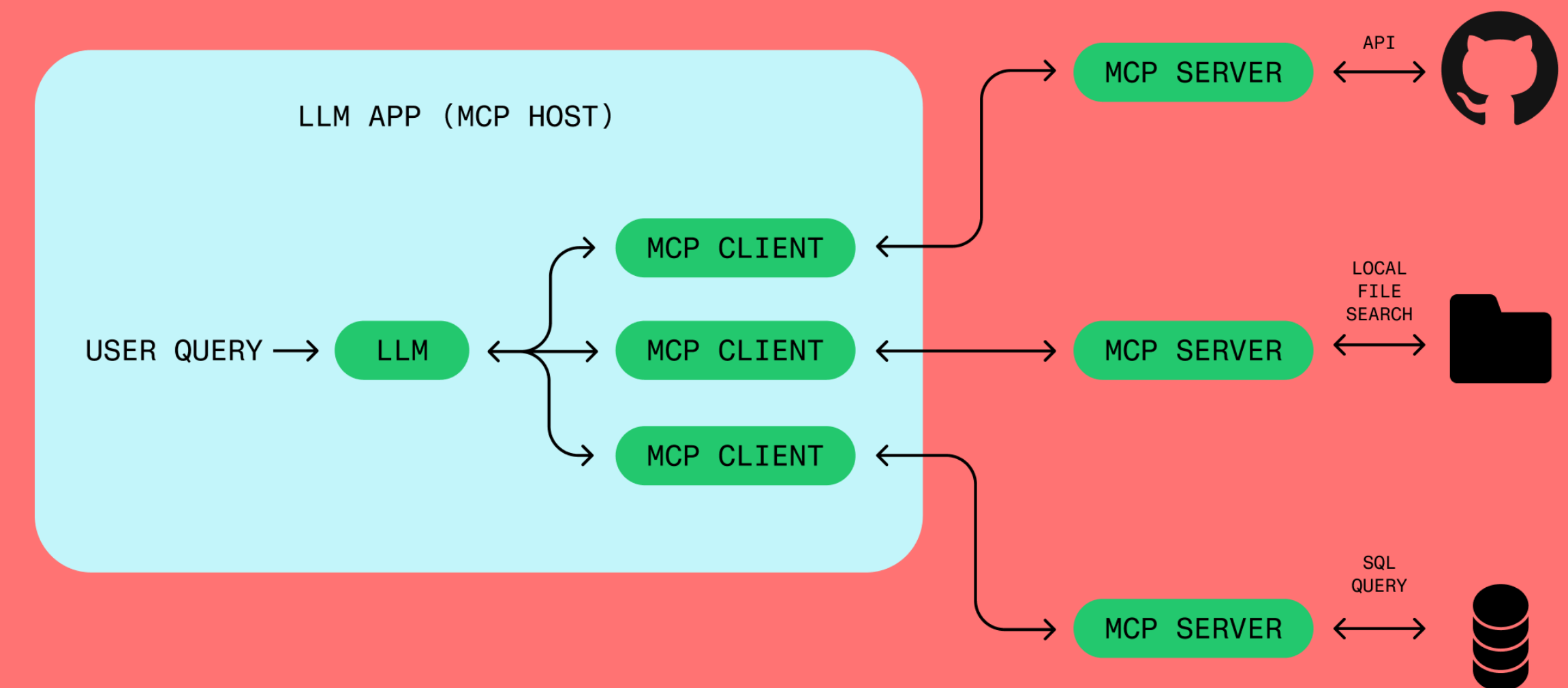
Now teaching myself how to develop
my own designs.

**I started with basically
zero knowledge of coding
or development, and can
now confidently call
myself a “vibe coder.”**

What is Figma MCP?

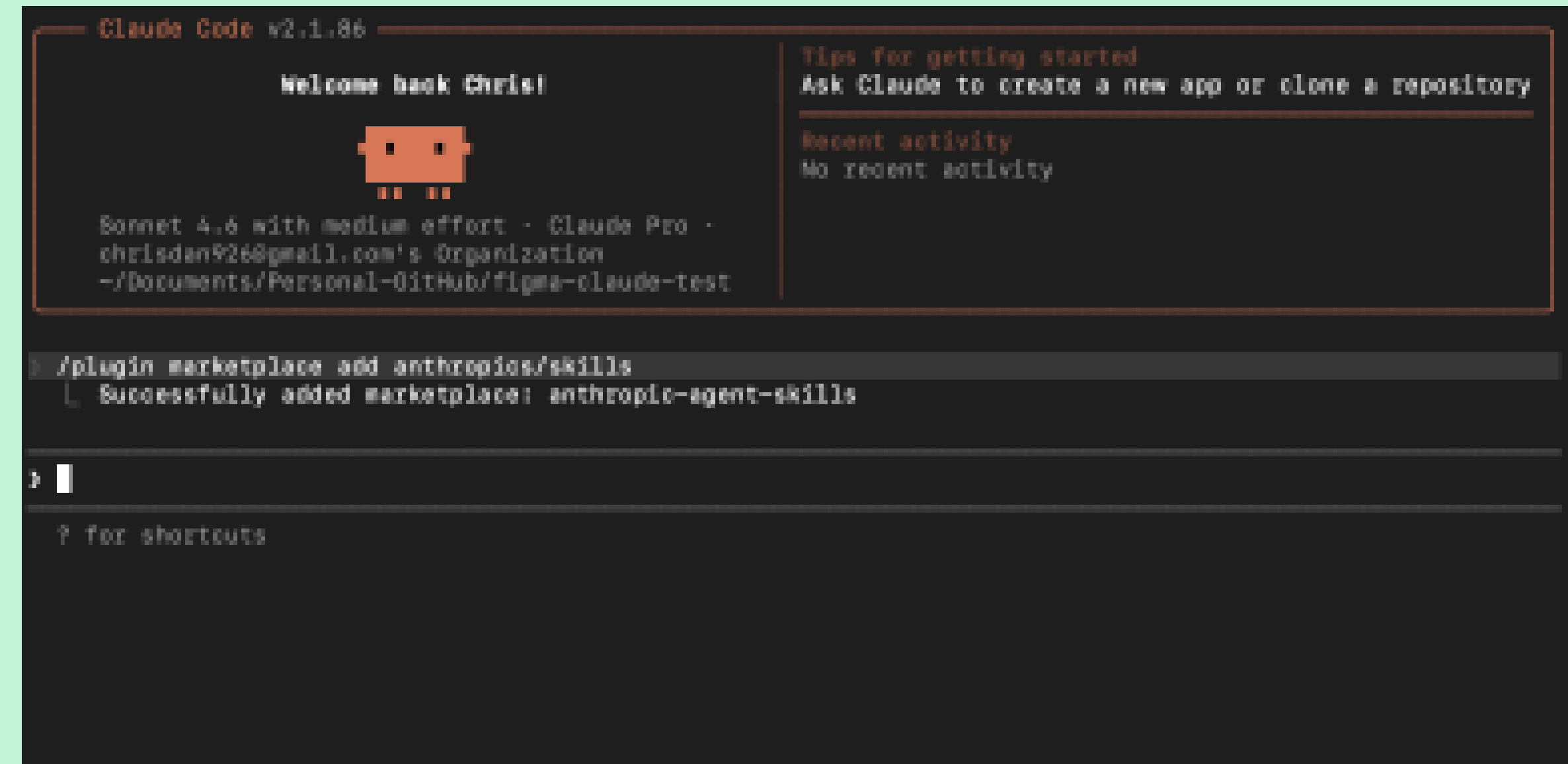
Model Context Protocol server is just a way for an LLM to communicate with another program or data source. It's basically just a path for information to flow between your AI coding platform (Claude Code, Cursor, etc), and Figma.


- Use your agentic tools to create and modify native Figma content directly in Figma Design and FigJam
- Get design context and code from your Figma designs, FigJam, and Make files
- Capture your live UI as design layers, bringing the interfaces rendered by your code to Figma Design files
- Enhance the way you work with design components and Code Connect

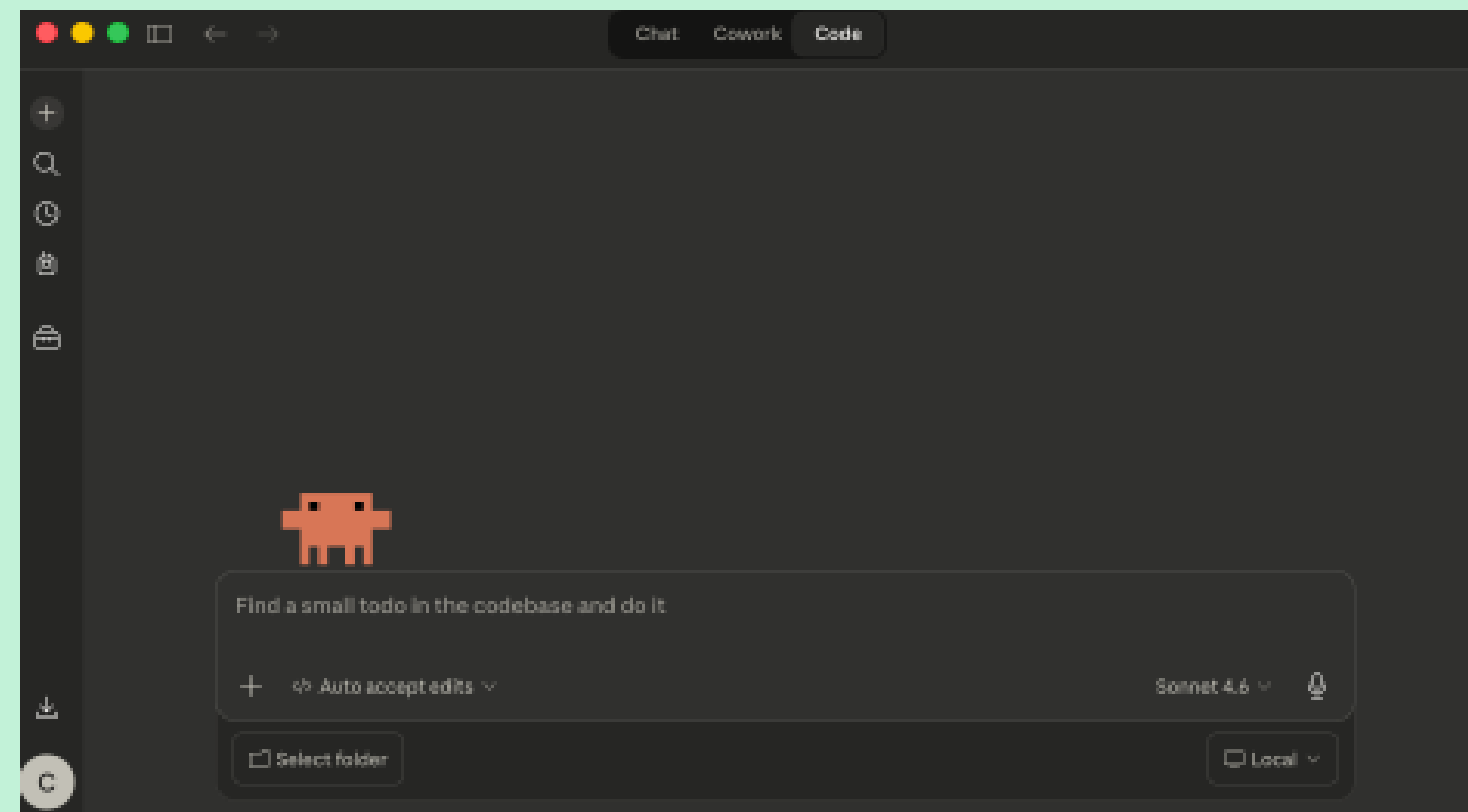


What is Claude Code?

- Agentic AI coding assistant that understands your full codebase
- Can read, edit files, and run commands across your project
- Works in terminal, IDE, desktop. **NOT** browser
- Helps build features, fix bugs, and automate dev workflows



```
Claude Code v2.1.86  
Welcome back Chris!  
  
Sonnet 4.6 with medium effort - Claude Pro -  
chrisden926@gmail.com's Organization  
~/Documents/Personal-GitHub/figma-claude-test  
  
/plugin marketplace add anthropics/skills  
  Successfully added marketplace: anthropic-agent-skills  
  
? for shortcuts
```



How powerful is Claude Code?

On right was one prompt given last night, about ~20m cook, token usage: absurd

```
> /figma:figma-generate-design
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- The **figma-generate-design** skill is loaded. I'm ready to build or update screens in Figma using your design system.

To get started, please provide:

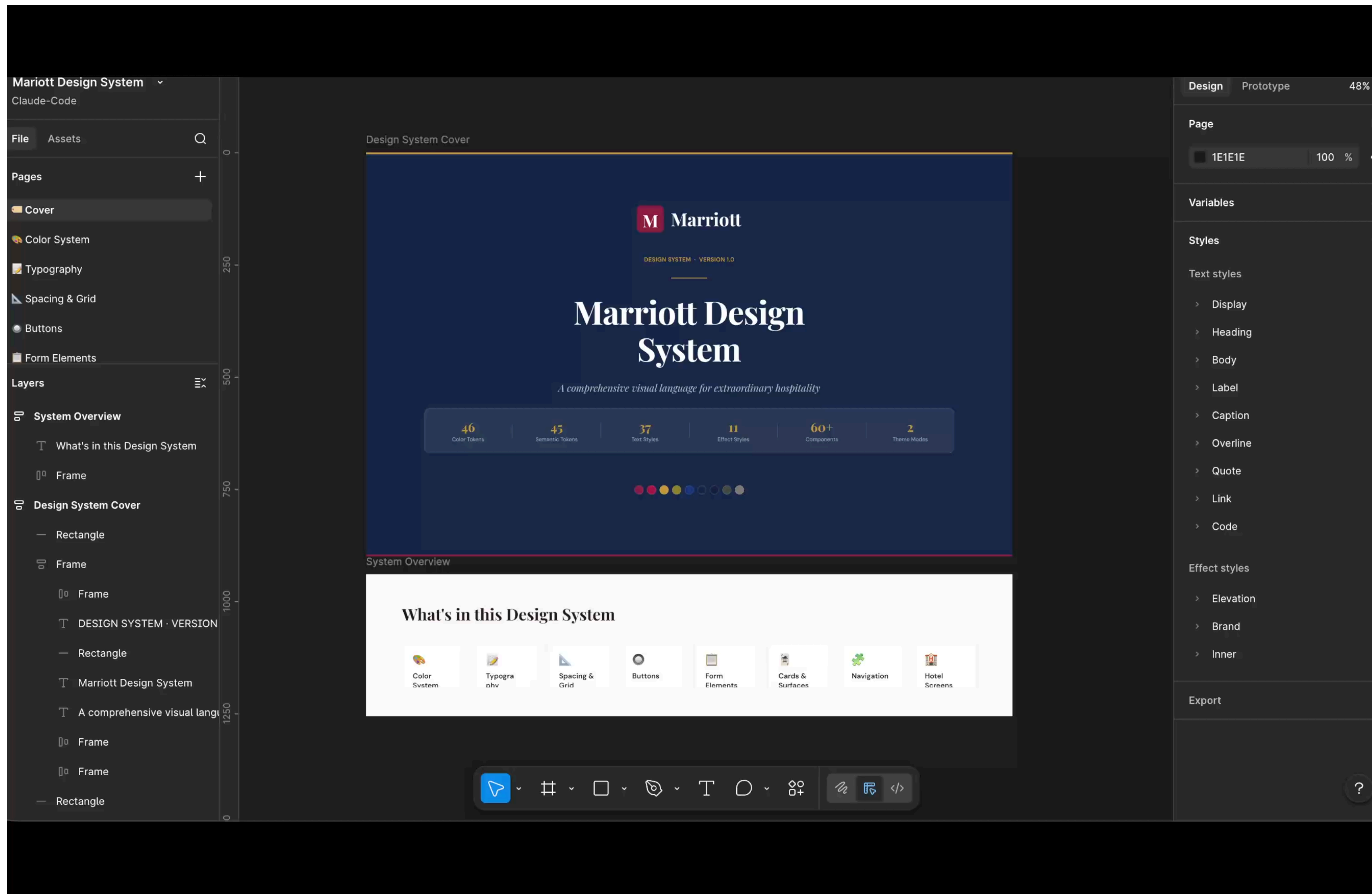
1. **Target Figma file** – a Figma URL or file key to work in
2. **What to build** – a description, a URL to your running web app, or point me to source code files

For example:

- "Build the dashboard screen from `src/pages/dashboard.tsx` in this Figma file: [URL]"
- "Push the homepage at `localhost:3000` to Figma: [URL]"
- "Update the pricing section in [Figma URL] to match the new layout"

```
> Build a complex design system for a the hotel chain Marriott, using their brand colors, type, and design tokens/variables in this Figma File: https://www.figma.com/design/piRHPrvtA163Ev2zsmZ0ay/Untitled?node-id=0-1&t=FhGRgbiMHVVz3Pld-1
```

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* Cogitated for 19m 36s · 1 local agent still running
```



This design system

Next step was to build

I wanted to make a Unified Hotel Staff Dashboard for Marriott hotels specifically, using the design system Claude Code made.

This dashboard will reduce operational costs and improve staff efficiency by streamlining all tasks into one dashboard for hotel GMs and operations directors.

```
> Generate a Unified Staff Operations Dashboard, with the plans to pitch this to Marriott for all their hotels with smaller staff. This is for Hotel GMs and operations directors and will directly cut operational costs and improve staff coordination. Use this design system: https://www.figma.com/design/piRHPrvtA163Ev2zsmZ0ay/Mariott-Design-System?node-id=0-1&t=Iwi4uKdVfFnoX9P8-1 and generate the dashboard to this figma file: https://www.figma.com/design/hUJZiY3uQdGaChUXtFSehJ/Hotel-Dashboard?node-id=0-1&t=v4hQkH6CE3ilJGzJ-1
```

Finished summary

- The dashboard is complete and looks excellent. Let me save this project progress to memory, then give you the final summary.

★ Insight

The finished dashboard uses **3 visual layers**: semantic variables from the Marriott design system for all colors (never hardcoded), Playfair Display for authority/brand, and DM Sans for operational data readability. This means any brand refresh in the design system automatically propagates to the dashboard.

- The dashboard is complete and looking sharp. Let me save this to memory and give you the full summary.

Read 1 file, recalled 1 memory, wrote 2 memories (ctrl+o to expand)

Hotel Staff Operations Dashboard

M Marriott

Hotels Destinations Offers Loyalty

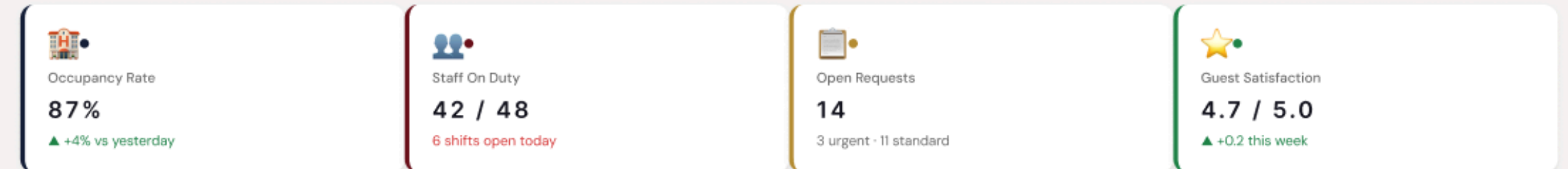
Sign In Book a Room

GOOD MORNING, GM SARAH MITCHELL

The Marriott Grand — Downtown Chicago · Tuesday, April 1, 2026 · Morning Shift

Morning Shift 6:00 AM – 2:00 PM

3 Urgent Alerts



TODAY'S STAFF SCHEDULE

James Rivera Front Desk · 6AM–2PM ON DUTY
Maria Chen Housekeeping · 7AM–3PM ON DUTY
David Okonkwo Concierge · 8AM–4PM ON DUTY
Sofia Reyes F&B · 6AM–2PM ON DUTY
Marcus Thompson Maintenance · 8AM–4PM ON DUTY
Anna Kowalski Front Desk · 2PM–10PM INCOMING
OPEN SHIFT Night Audit · 10PM–6AM UNFILLED

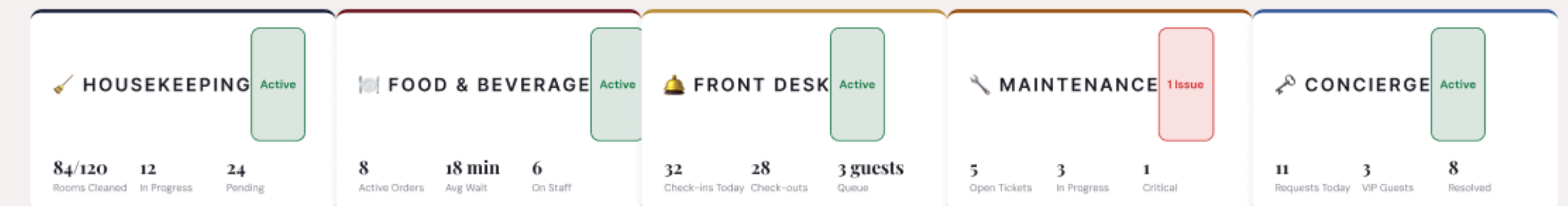
ACTIVE OPERATIONS TASKS

Room 412 – Deep clean requested Housekeeping · Maria C. URGENT
VIP Arrival – Suite 801 prep Concierge + HK · 2PM check-in HIGH
Elevator B – maintenance inspection Maintenance · Marcus T. HIGH
Breakfast restock – Ballroom A F&B · Sofia R. STANDARD
Lost & Found – Room 307 inquiry Front Desk · James R. STANDARD
Pool chemical balance check Maintenance LOW
Birthday setup – Room 220 Housekeeping · Concierge STANDARD

LIVE GUEST REQUESTS

Extra towels – Room 318 2 min ago NEW
Wake-up call – Room 505 5 min ago NEW
Late checkout – Room 719 12 min ago PENDING
Dinner reservation – 4 pax 18 min ago PENDING
Noise complaint – Floor 6 23 min ago IN PROG
Iron & board – Room 210 31 min ago IN PROG
Airport transfer – 6PM 45 min ago DONE

DEPARTMENT STATUS OVERVIEW



QUICK ACTIONS

Broadcast Alert | Reassign Shift | Generate Report | Dispatch Housekeeping | Message All Staff | Submit Maintenance Req

Adding another page (same chat)

Add a page for when one clicks on 'Active Operations Tasks'.

■ The detail page looks excellent. Everything is rendering correctly – let me give you the full picture.

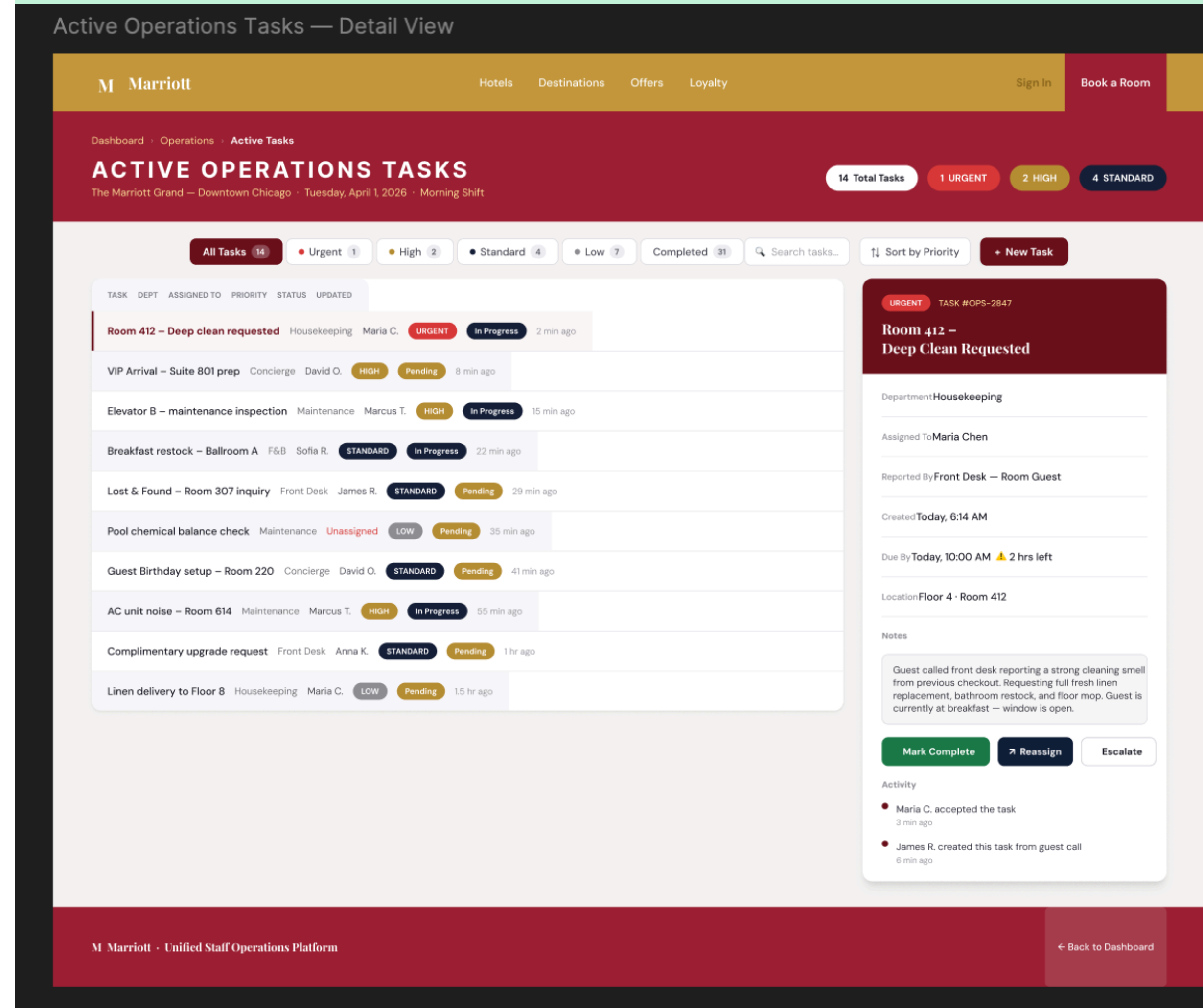
The Active Operations Tasks detail view is live in Figma. Here's what it contains:

Page structure:

Zone	Detail
Breadcrumb header	Dashboard > Operations > Active Tasks - burgundy brand bar with 4 summary pills (14 total, 1 URGENT, 2 HIGH, 4 STANDARD)
Filter toolbar	6 tabs with live counts - Search bar - Sort by Priority - "+ New Task" CTA
Task list (left)	10 rows - Task - Dept - Assigned To - Priority badge - Status - Updated. First row selected (burgundy left border highlights active task)
Detail panel (right)	Selected task deep-dive: Dept, Assignee, Reporter, Created, Due By, Location, Notes, 3 action buttons, activity feed
Footer	Branded navy strip with "+ Back to Dashboard"

Pitch-worthy details that demonstrate UX depth:

- "Unassigned" shows in red - immediate visual flag for the GM
- Due By shows "⚠️ 2 hrs left" - time-pressure signaling built in
- Activity feed on the panel shows who did what and when - full audit trail
- Filter tabs include "Completed 31" - shows history is preserved, not just live tasks
- "+ New Task" button keeps GMs in the tool rather than switching to email/radio



Finally HTML, CSS, and JS files

```
Make HTML, CSS, and JS files for https://www.figma.com/design/hUJZiY3uQdGaChUXtFSehJ/Hotel-Dashboard?node-id=0-1&t=v4hQkH6CE3ilJGzJ-1
```

All four files are written. Here's what was built:

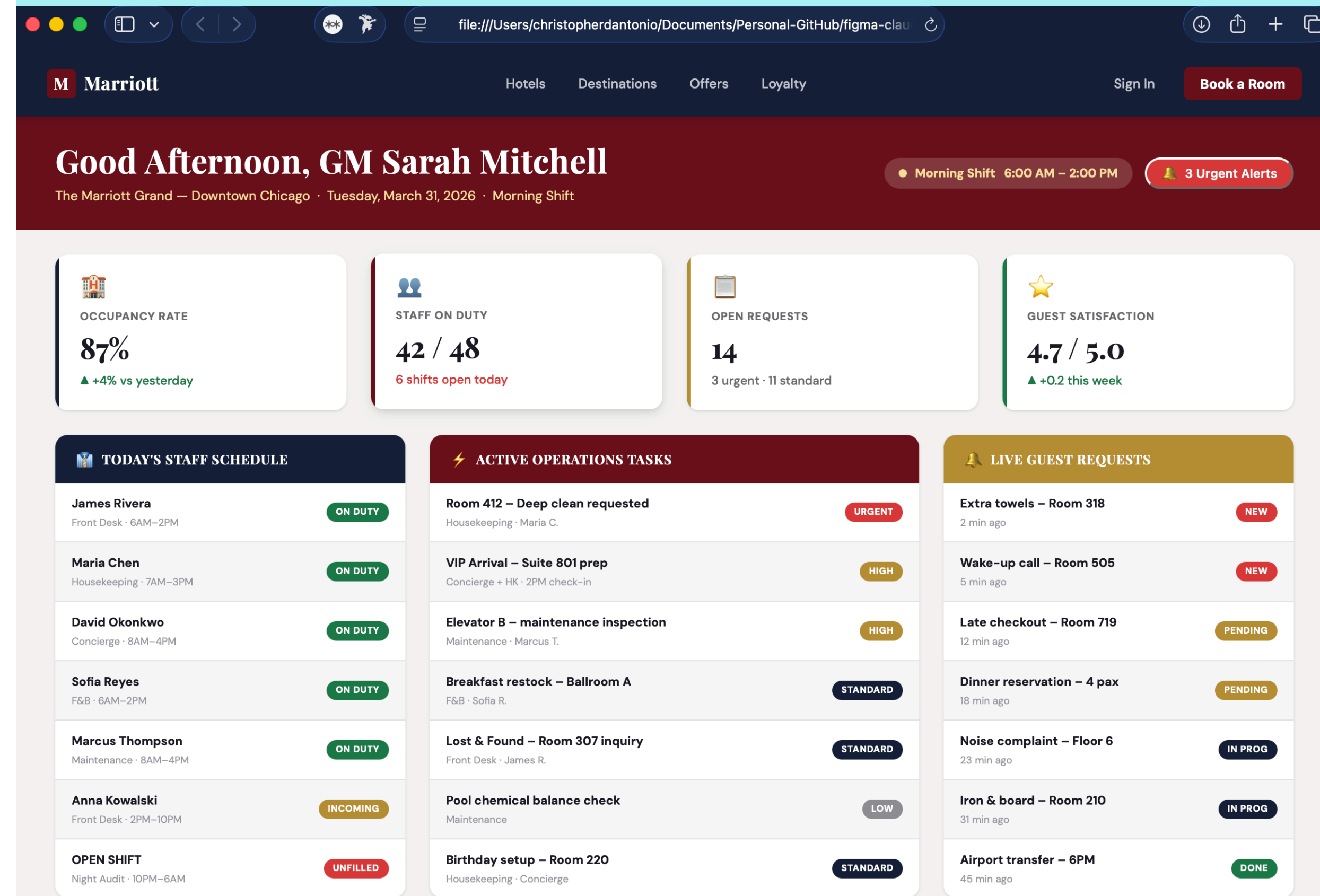
Files created:

File	Size	What it does
styles.css	26KB	All design tokens as CSS variables, shared component styles, typography, layout
index.html	17KB	Main dashboard - nav, KPI strip, 3-column ops grid, dept status, quick actions
tasks.html	9KB	Active Operations Tasks detail view - filter tabs, task table, detail panel
app.js	17KB	Live clock, all 18 task records, filter/search/sort, detail panel rendering, toast notifications

What's interactive:

- Clicking any row in the Active Operations Tasks column on the dashboard navigates to tasks.html
- Filter tabs (All / Urgent / High / Standard / Low / Completed) filter the task list live
- Search bar filters by task name, department, or assignee
- Clicking a task row loads full details in the right panel
- Mark Complete updates the task status and logs it to the activity feed
- Escalate promotes the task priority one level
- Quick action buttons on the dashboard fire toast notifications
- Live date updates every minute and the greeting adjusts by time of day

Design token approach: All Marriott brand colors (Burgundy #688F1C, Navy #15203B, Gold #889C38) live as CSS custom properties in root - matching exactly how variables are structured in the Figma design system.



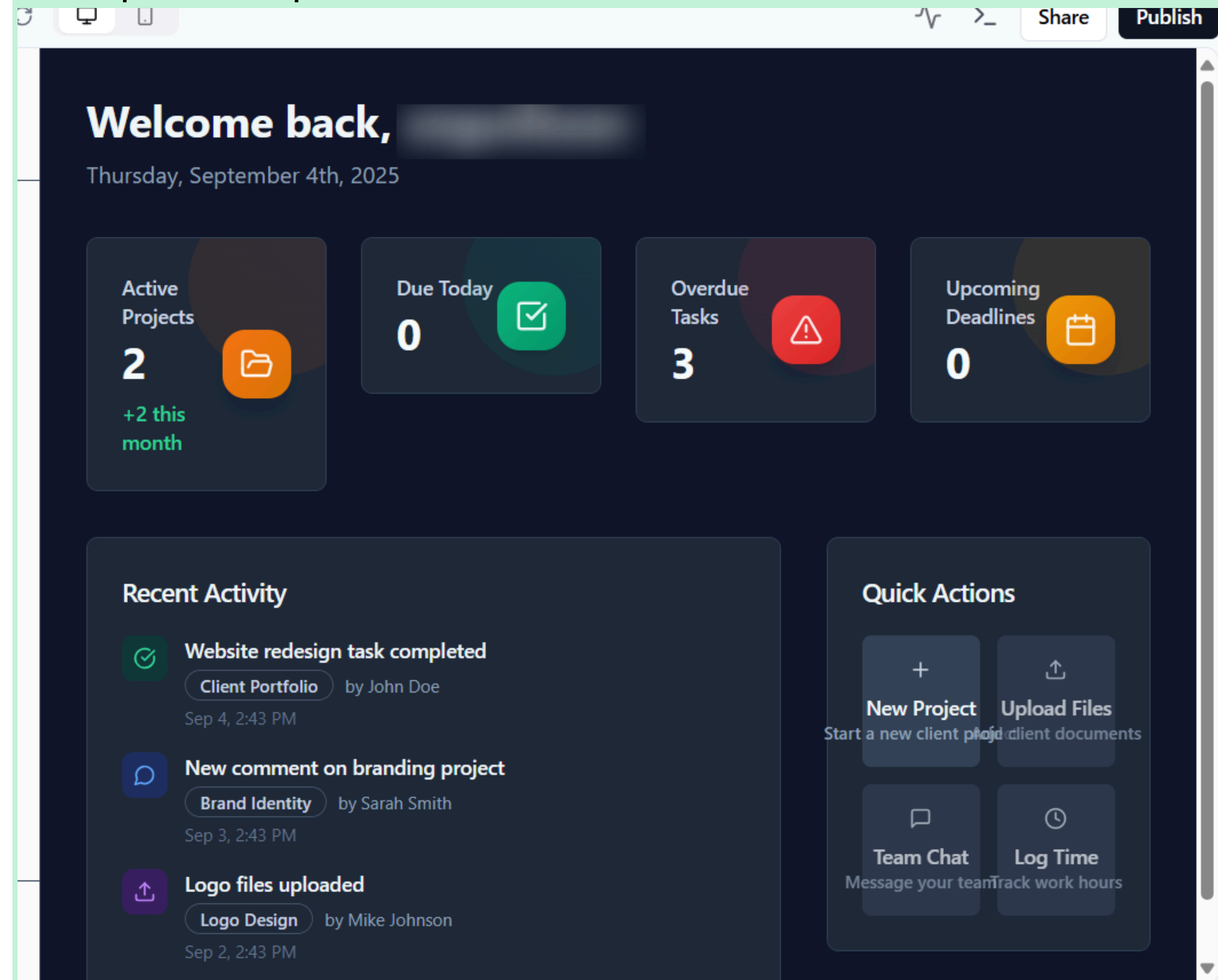
Is it over for designers?

Absolutely not, however, the role of the designer or developer is changing.

Although powerful, there are still very obvious limitations, like how every AI generated SaaS site looks the same, and unless you have a premium plan, it will cost you an arm and a leg to make that site, but this is only the beginning of larger things. These AI tools will just enable teams to be more productive, and work larger and faster.

As AI becomes better and even easier to use, designers will be required to be **more creative** and **design for the users** in mind, every step of the way.

Example of Slop Dashboard



Setup

Go to “claude.com”, Claude Code Docs and install Claude Code in your terminal.

For Windows users, you will be required to install Git, Claude provides a link to install in their documentation.

To install Claude Code, use one of the following methods:

Native Install (Recommended)

Homebrew

WinGet

macOS, Linux, WSL:

```
curl -fsSL https://claude.ai/install.sh | bash
```

Windows PowerShell:

```
irm https://claude.ai/install.ps1 | iex
```

Windows CMD:

```
curl -fsSL https://claude.ai/install.cmd -o install
```

Windows requires Git for Windows. Install it first if you don't have it.

Figma MCP

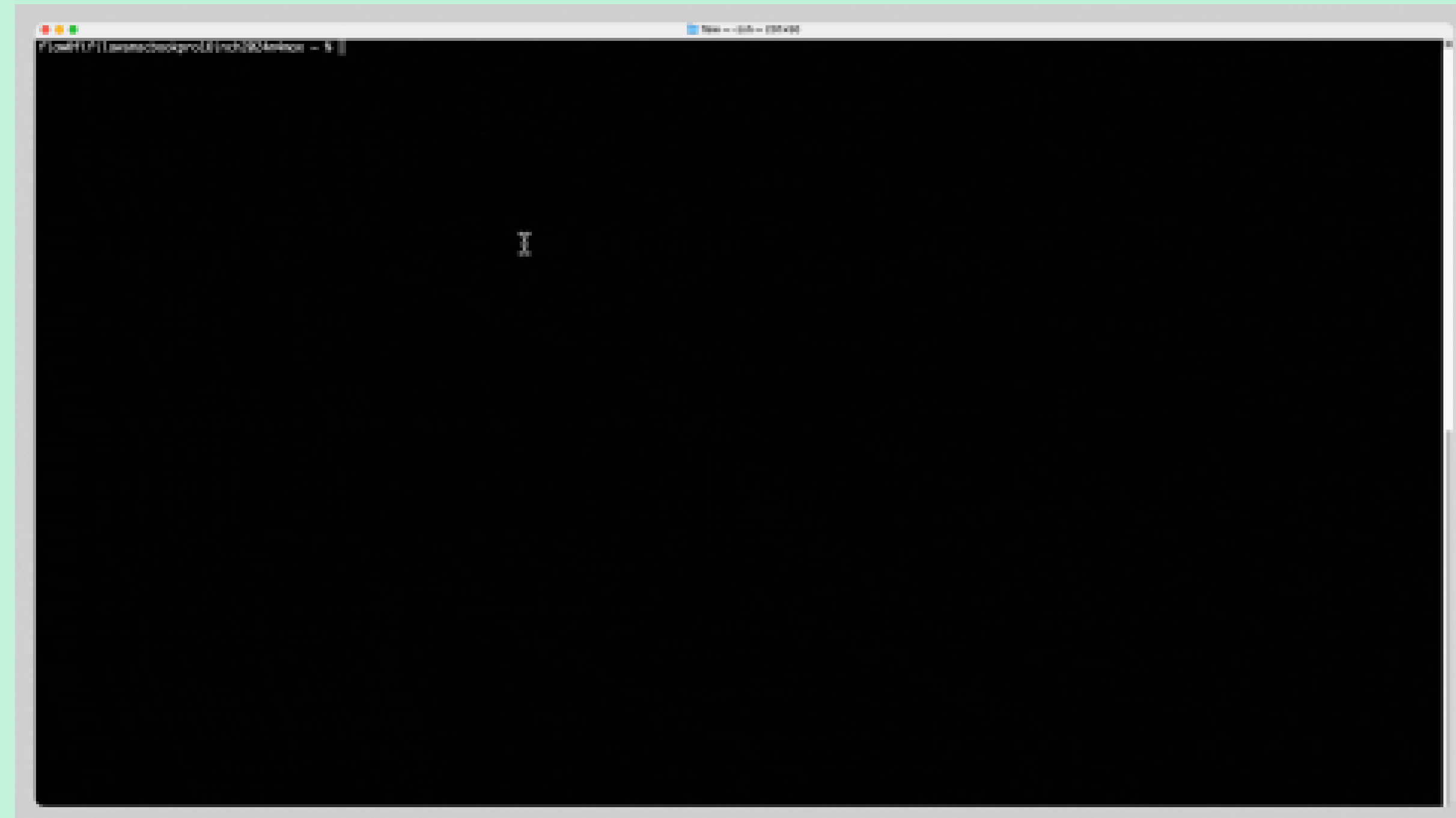
To set up Figma MCP server in Claude Code, run this command in your terminal:

```
claude plugin install figma@claude-plugins-official
```

Restart Claude Code if previously running.

Type `/plugin` and use arrow keys to navigate to Installed tab, and authenticate Figma MCP server.

Click **Allow access** to give Claude Code access to your Figma account



Live demo time!

