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# **BRAND IDENTITY** CUIDELINES

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# **INTRODUCTION**

### Hello. Welcome to our brand book.

We hope it will make the Dynamic Media Institute brand more transparent to you. It is not intended to be a manual but rather to encourage our community to give Dynamic Media Institute a bold, unique and cohesive design.

You will receive the tools you need from this guide to help us in our quest to share the depth, breadth, and strength of what Dynamic Media Institute offers to education and society. We describe the motivation behind the components of our visual identity in this guide.

Utilizing the system outlined here, you will be able to develop your creative abilities while reinforcing the Dynamic Media Institute brand.



# Purpose of this Manual

The ideas and recommendations in this manual are intended to help Dynamic Media Institute develop a flexible yet cohesive brand identity system – one that supports our school's brand positioning and visual identity and creates a unified experience across all of our communications.

Our goal is to establish and uphold a distinctive character that shines out in the higher education landscape. These rules apply to all situations and communication channels where the Dynamic media Institute brand is used.

Please keep in mind that standards like these are constantly under development and cannot foresee all potential needs.



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# **Dynamic Media Institute**

DMI is ever-evolving, always leading communication to new frontiers. DMI is known for its community, innovation, experimentation, and versatility. Based on this, we have developed a system that will evolve and expand as the institution introduces new initiatives and perspectives.

We welcome the opportunity to build and develop our powerful brand with you, collaborating and experimenting together as we take DMI into the future.

# LOGOS AND LOCKUPS

#### **Overview**

The logo is the most important component of the Dynamic Media Institute brand. Consistent application of the logo system is critical to the effectiveness of all department communication.

The DMI logo is versatile and it allows maximum creative expression while conforming to the principles of the design.

Use the files provided. Do not re-create the logo or alter the logo colors.

The alternate logo 1 sets the "Program Name" The logo exists in three versions – a primary and type below the primary logo. This version of the two alternates. logo was developed to allow the brand name to be readable in spaces where the primary logo The primary logo is derived from Alfarn Regular. This is our preferred orientation and should always would be less recognizable. be used when no spatial constraints are present.





PRIMARY LOGO

The alternate logo 2 sets the "Program name" in three lines at the right based on the requirement.

ALTERNATE LOGO - 1 & 2

#### Scale

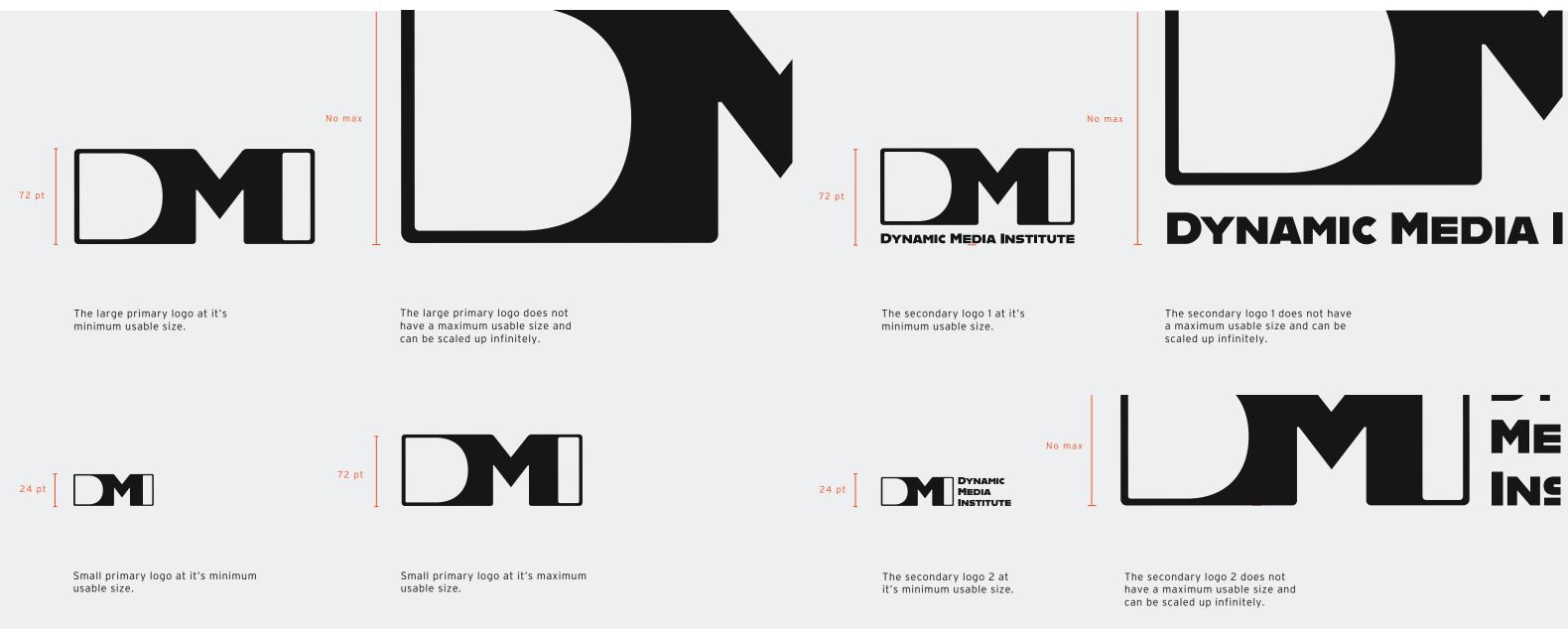
Users of the DMI logos should follow the guidelines below to ensure that the logos are legible, noticeable, and properly set.

The size of the logo is measured by the height of the logo as a whole, not the width.

Use the files provided. Do not re-create the logo or alter the logo colors.

There are three versions of the DMI logos, designed The secondary lockup 1 has a minimum usable size of 72 points (1 inch) and can be scaled up for large and small applications. infinitely. The secondary lockup 2 has a mini-These three versions differ slightly, to maximize mum usable size of 24 points (0.333 inch) and readability at their respective sizes. can be scaled up infinitely.

The large primary lockups have a minimum usable size of 72 points (1 inch) and can be scaled up infinitely. The small lockups have a minimum usable size of 24 points (0.333 inch) and can be scaled up to 72 points (1 inch).



All lockups should be scaled as a whole; do not scale the typography disproportionately. In addition, never separate the typograph from the logo.

# Colorways

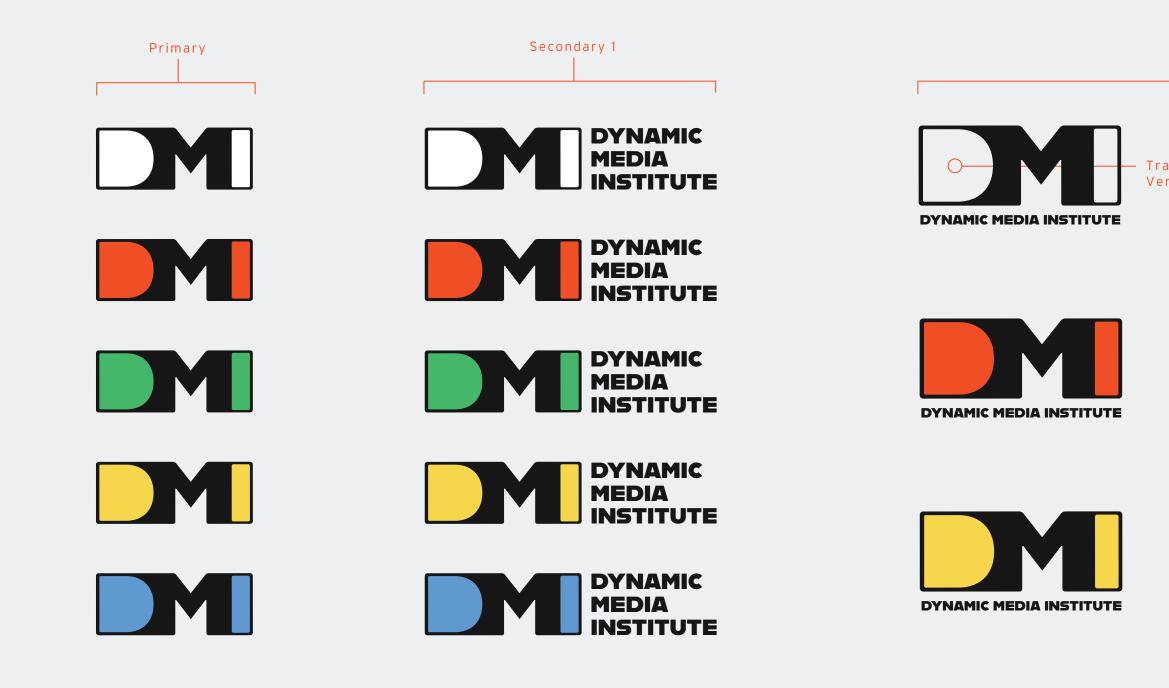
The DMI logo is available in six acceptable brand colorways: Black (#OFOFOF), White (FFFFFF), Orange (F04F24), Green (4AB76B), Yellow (F7D64B) and Blue(6099D1).

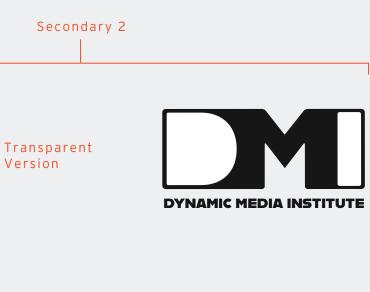
These colorways are intended to ensure the readability of the logo in a range of applications.

Colorways should be choosen carefully so that they are readable and visually appropriate. Use (www.whocanuse.com) to test color combinations. Lockup files are provided in the CMYK color mode ideal for print and digital applications alltogether.

Multiple colorways within the logo empower the DMI core values, experimentation and versatility. Each color represents values engrained in the DMI personality. For detailed analysis on color, visit the color section of this guide.

A special Transparent version also available for specific functions like working with photography.







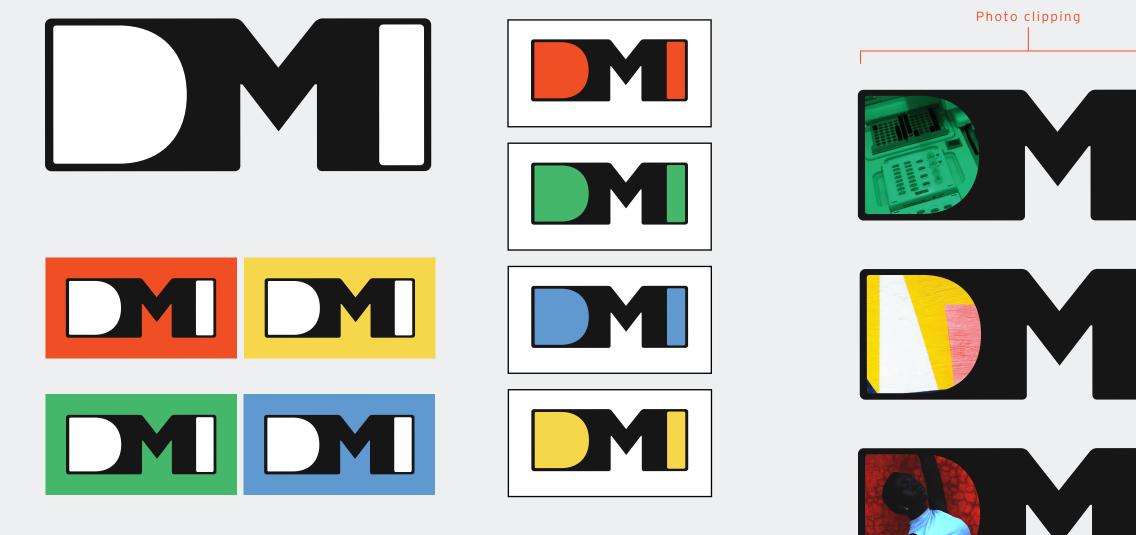


# **Color Conventions**

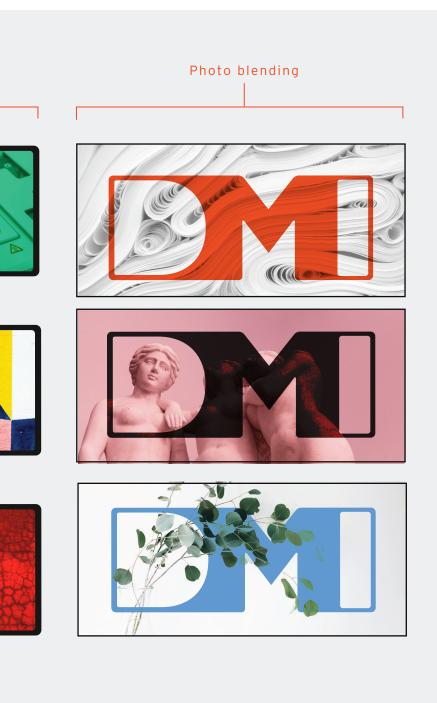
Color combinations can be tricky with several colored logo options hence a carefully curated system is listed below. Readibility and aesthetic values cannot be compromised.

Colorways should be choosen carefully so that they are readable and visually appropriate. Use (www.whocanuse.com) to test color combinations. The logo should not be abused by incorporating too many attributes like color, photography and blending modes all at once. Several blending modes in lockups can be used over pictures and visuals. Careful considerations are required before attempting something like this.

The logo and background should conform to a design which is minimal, clear and concise.



Black and White logo can be universally used over almost any background. It is preferred to stay with the DMI color palette. Use colored logo options over a white background only. The essense of the brand should remain intact.



## Flexibility & Range

The DMI logo is flexible and diverse. It can be stretched to predefined lengths on both right and left sides but there are certain rules to it.

Both versions can be experimental with color. Version 2 stretches towards the right end extending Color options outside the color palette cannot "I" that can be populated with text or visuals. be used. Similarly, version 1 stretches towards the left end

extending "D" that can be populated with text or These mockups are the celebration of the DMI community that has shaped the creative field of visuals. communication design.

Only use the provided size conventions and do not extend the outer boundaries more than the provided limit.

Version 1 at it's minimum

usable size is 72pt.

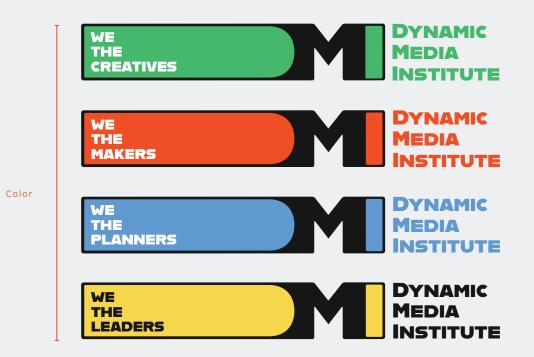


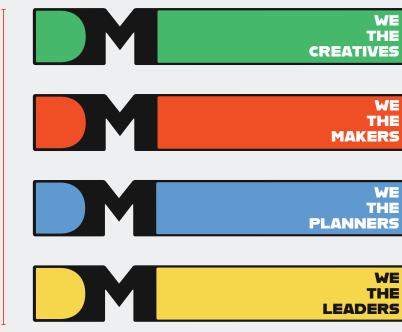
72 pt

Color



Version 2 at it's minimum usable size is 72pt.





72 pt

# WE THE DESIGNERS

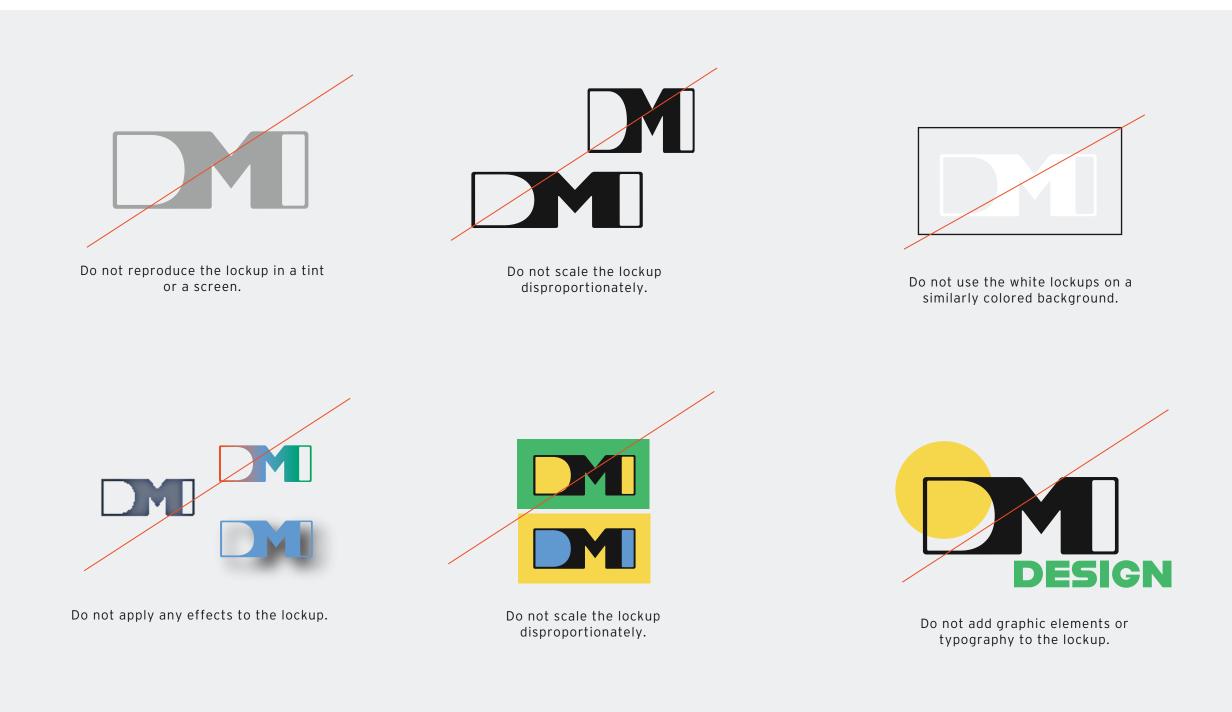






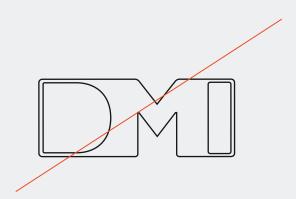
# Violations

Do not alter the DMI logo files in any way. Below are examples of incorrect usage that are violations of the DMI brand.





Do not use the black lockup on a similarly colored background.



Do not outline the lockup.

# COLOR

#### Overview

Any identity system needs color, but it's especially important in the context of higher education. Colors are more than just brand components for an institution. They play a significant part in expressing a college's or university's identity since they are made to elicit an emotional response, to act as a visual expression of "school spirit," and to serve as a touchstone for individuals with a sense of place.

Coquelicot Orange is at the core of everything we do and is omnipresent in our branding and visual communication. Our color palette has grown to include a broad selection of rich and varied swatches – including Blue Gray, Emerald green and Mustard Yellow – but they all relate to Coquelicot Orange.



## **Primary Colors**

There are three core colors in the DMI visual identity: Coquelicot Orange, Black, and White. DMI's visual identity relies heavily upon these colors, which should be used as the main colors in all printed and digital materials. Coquelicot Orange represents enthusiasm and optimism which is DMI's most important characteristic.

The color breakdowns should be used and should never be replaced with other colors. The core color palette should never be secondary to an external color or color palette.

#### White

Black

CMYK: 0.0.0.0 RGB: 0.0.0 HEX: #000000

CMYK: 0.0.0.0 RGB: 255.255.255 HEX: #FFFFFF



Coquelicot Orange

CMYK: 0. 67. 85. 6 RGB: 240. 79. 36 HEX: #F04F24 The colors shown on this page are not accurate for purposes of color matching. Please refer to the current Pantone Color Formula Guide to ensure that color reproduction is accurate. The colors shown have not been evaluated by Pantone, Inc., for accuracy (Pantone® is a registered trademark of Pantone, Inc.).

## Secondary Colors

DMI's secondary color palette contains 6 colors: Three dominant bright colors and three dull minor colors. This palette was designed specifically to support the primary palette, and was heavily influenced by the DMI's values and characteristics.

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Secondary Palette has three dominant colors that are derived from DMI's values and characteristics. Emerald green represents growth and improvement. Mustard Yellow represents happiness and hope. Blue Gray represents freedom and imagination.

Dark Slate Gray CMYK: 58. 0. 5. 69 RGB: 33. 78. 74 HEX: #214E4A

Platinum CMYK: 0. 0. 0. 12 RGB: 224. 224. 224 HEX: #EOEOEO

Davy's Gray CMYK: 1. 1. 0. 72 RGB: 71. 71. 72 HEX: #474748

Mustard Yellow CMYK: 0. 13. 70. 3 RGB: 247. 214. 75 HEX: #F7D64B Blue Gray CMYK: 54. 27. 0. 18 RGB: 96. 153. 209

Emerald Green

RGB: 74. 183. 107

HEX: **#**4AB76B

CMYK: 60. 0. 42. 28

HEX: #6099D1







# **TYPOGRAPHY**

#### Overview

DMI's typography is based off of two font choices.

Alfarn, a typeface designed by a Bauhaus family and published by Adobe in 1923, serves as the heart of DMI's typographic design. It is the basis for DMI's logo and is incorporated in major headlines and headings. It is bold, flexible and dynamic.

Secondly, Interstate is a digital sans-serif typeface designed by Tobias Frere-Jones in the period 1993-1999, and licensed by Font Bureau. It is the basis for all body type and small headings. It is clean, minimal and readable.



### Type specimen

Interstate is a sans serif typeface and the workhorse of the DMI type family. Its diverse typefaces, in varying weights and slants, are complemented by a comprehensive glyph map, enabling designers to apply it in a range of contexts.

Interstate is best used for long blocks of copy and as a support for its titling counterpart, Neue Display.

Arial and Helvetica are acceptable alternatives Alfarn is the titling counterpart to Interstate and is a core element of the DMI brand. Uppercase and in applications in which Neue Display is unavailable. Lowercase versions can be used hybridly.

Alfarn is best used for short headlines and subheads and is not recommended for long blocks of copy.

Interstate Bold

# ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 0123456789 (".,!?\$&@#")

Alfarn

# ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ 0123456789 [".,!?\$&@#"]

Interstate Light

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 0123456789 (".,!?\$&@#")

#### Usage

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Headline Alfarn Regular

Lead Copy Interstate Bold

**Body Copy** Interstate Light



Interstate light and bold.

#### Wayfinding Signage

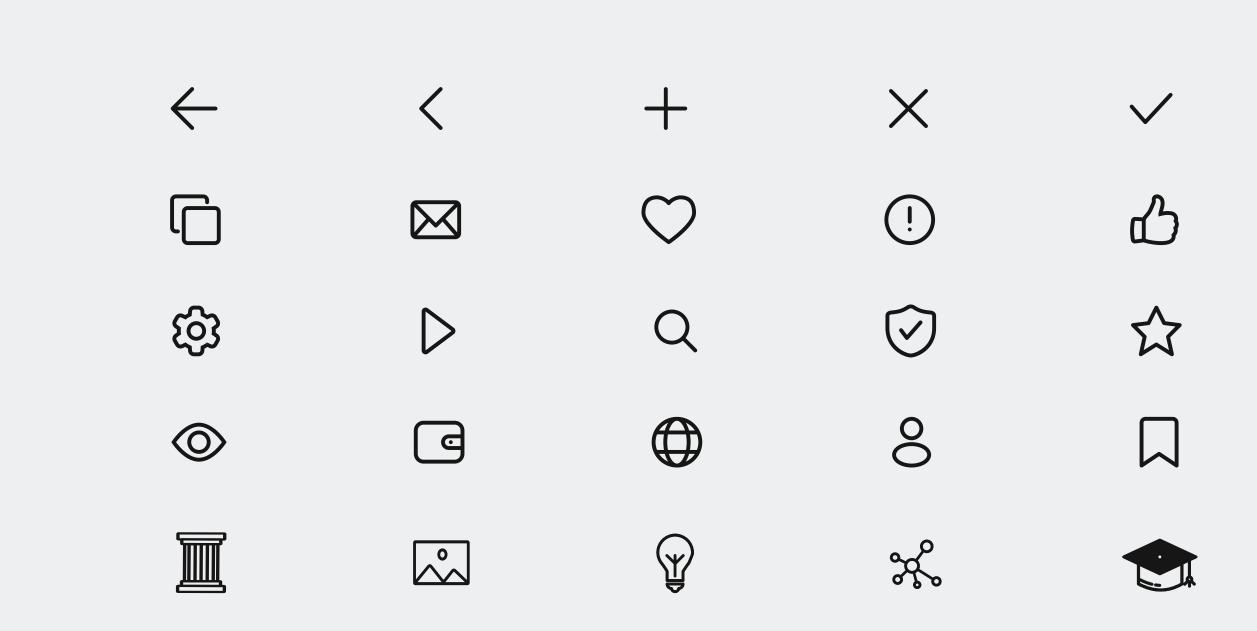
Alfarn Regular

# **GRAPHIC ELEMENTS**

#### Iconography

DMI iconography is minimal, simple and effective. These icon packs are in constant development as need arises.

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