# LIFEFILES BRAND GUIDELINES

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# BRAND VISION

LifeFiles is a platform committed to help people control and share their **documents** through a **distributed ledger**, facilitating access to social and health services especially those vital to ending homelessness, such as housing, benefits, and access to medical care.



LifeFiles is a web-based application that encrypts and stores documents.



These documents can be digitally notarized and carry a legal certification within the platform, allowing digital distribution of its original and certified (digital) copy.

# What type of documents?

Almost anything. Birth certificates, IDs, proof of income, medical records, voter's registration card are but a few examples that are both appropriate and relevant.

# Why?

People lack a dedicated platform for encrypting and securing their documents.

LifeFiles makes digital storage, distribution and notarization possible.



2017

The concept behind LifeFiles was first inspired by insights gathered by the I-Team during their human-centered research on living the experience of homelessness in Austin, TX. Since then Austin Innovation Office has pursued its execution, testing the extent of its potential and feasability.



2018

The project reached a pivotal point through the exploration of blockchain technology and Innovation Office hosted a mayor's blockchain challenge, diving further into blockchain's potential benefit to the project.



With the help of a grant funded by Robert Wood Johnson's Foundation, LifeFiles has continued to pursue a document storage solution that facilitates access to services, enables self-determination and extends its use case.

The following Brand attributes express the ethos and personality of the LifeFiles brand. They highlight brand characteristics and suggest an approach to communication both visual and verbal. No communication is expected to reflect all brand attributes, but at the least they should contradict none.

# Attributes

<u>LifeFiles IS.</u>



Reliable

We offer a tool that is consistent and dependable so that the people that use LifeFiles know that it's always there to help them.



**Trustworthy** 

LifeFiles puts its users first, giving them full agency, privacy and control over all their documents

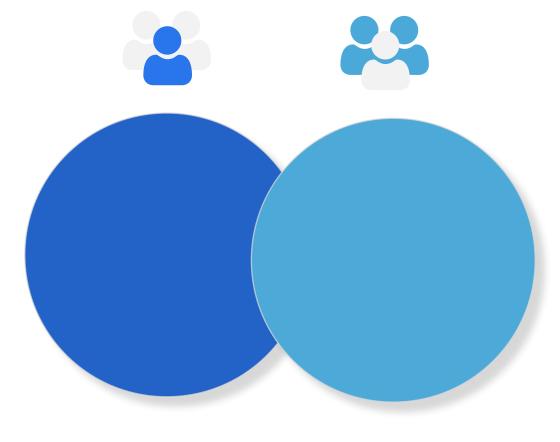


**Innovative** 

Envisioned and developed by City of Austin Innovation Office, LifeFiles upholds an emphasis on designing for the individual, stirring innovation through the user's lived experience.

This mariner blue brings a composed and disciplined aesthetic to the LifeFiles owner interface.

It was chosen as a color to evoke a feeling of reliability and trustworthiness.



Inspired on EMS, this sea-foam blue is made to resemble the scrubs worn by care providers.

Its cool and soothing tint evokes a feeling of responsibility, nurture and care.

# **OWNER**

# **HELPERS**

HEX #2362C7 HEX #4CA9D8
RGB 35, 98,199 RGB 76, 169, 216
CMYK 82%, 51%, 0%, 22% CMYK 65%, 22%, 0%, 15%

# **7** COLOR PALETTE





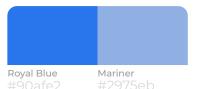
# **OWNER**



Royal Blue #2362c7

Neutral White

#### Primary



# **HELPER**



Neutral White



#### Secondary





#### Grayscale



#### 8 TYPOGRAPHY

Typography is a key element used to communicate a unified personality for LifeFiles. We have selected font type families that gives LifeFiles a unique typographic voice: Montserrat and Brix Slab. These are our two main typefaces and should be used in all communications materials and within the app itself.

Montserrat is a modern sans serif font that excels in a broad range of use in applications from signage to text. The typeface is narrow enough to work in interface design, yet energetic and modern to encourage extended reading (for things like onboarding and file information).

Though this typeface is available in six weights, its use has been limited to medium, semibold, bold and regular, allowing for greater consistency and simplicity of implementation.

Brix Slab is primarily used as part of our logo design, but it can also be used for page/slide breaking, headings and rarely in interactive elements (such as buttons and tabs).

# **Abcdefg**

#### Heading 1

Font Size Weight Montserrat #645857 20-32px Bold

# **Abcdefg**

#### Heading 2

Weight Medium

Montserrat 16-24px

#### **ABCDEFG**

#### Heading 3

Size Weiaht

Montserrat 16-36px Bold

# Abcdefg

#### Heading 4

Brix Slab 20px Size Weight Regular

#### **Abcdefgh**

#### Body 1

Font Size Weight

Montserrat 16-24px Regular

#645857

### Abcdefgh

#### Logo

Font Brix Slab 20px Size Weight Medium

#### **9** TARGET USER

LifeFiles is a platform with two main interfaces that vary depending on the user they serve. There is an 'Owner' interface and a 'Helper' interface.

# OWNER



# WHO?

Document Owners
use this platform
as a way to backup
their documents and
facilitate their access
to services. They
are the ultimate
authority over how
their digital files are
stored, who they are
shared with and for
how long.

In the homeless community, these would be the people experiencing homelessness that are using LifeFiles as a way to backup their physical documents.

# **HELPERS**



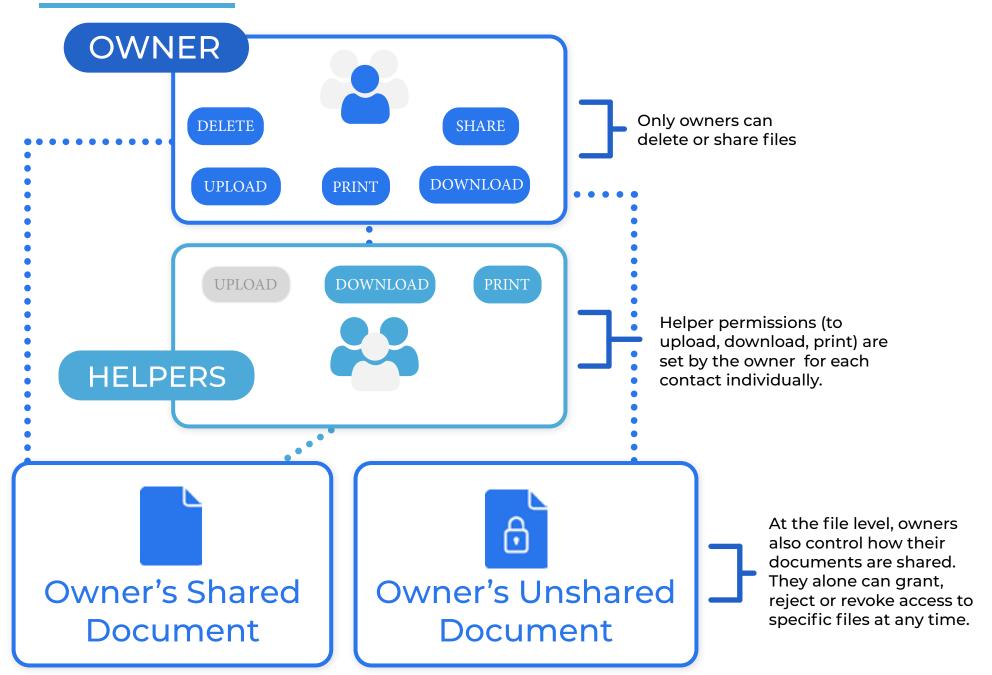
# WHO?

Document helpers use this platform to assist documents owners in storing their digital files.

Their ability to upload, download, access and print files is conditioned by the permissions the document owners bestow them.

In the homeless community, these would usually be case managers, advocates and relatives helping people experiencing homelessness.

### **USER INTERACTIONS**



#### **11** BRAND ARCHITECTURE

Brand architecture is the organizing structure that specifies the type, number, relationship, and purpose of branches within our brands.

The chart shown here illustrates how LifeFiles businesses, products, and services are organized and presented to the marketplace, and can be used as a glossary to the guidelines to follow.

While LifeFiles is launching in Austin, it is being built with extensibility in mind, allowing its adoption in other cities all over the country.

Since that extensibility is a core part of LifeFiles and its brand identity, there is always room to add a tagline to the signature that specifices where this solution has been implemented.

Legal Name

LifeFiles

Use the legal name of our company on all documents that legally require its presence (e.g., contracts, agreements, invoices and copyright notices).

#### Masterbrand Signature





Use the LifeFiles masterbrand signature as the primary brand expression to service providers, owners, advocates, clients and the community at large.

#### Outlined





This is how the signature looks when it is outlined. This format is appropriate for press releases or print formats that are minimalist an alternative and minimalist look.

#### With Tagline

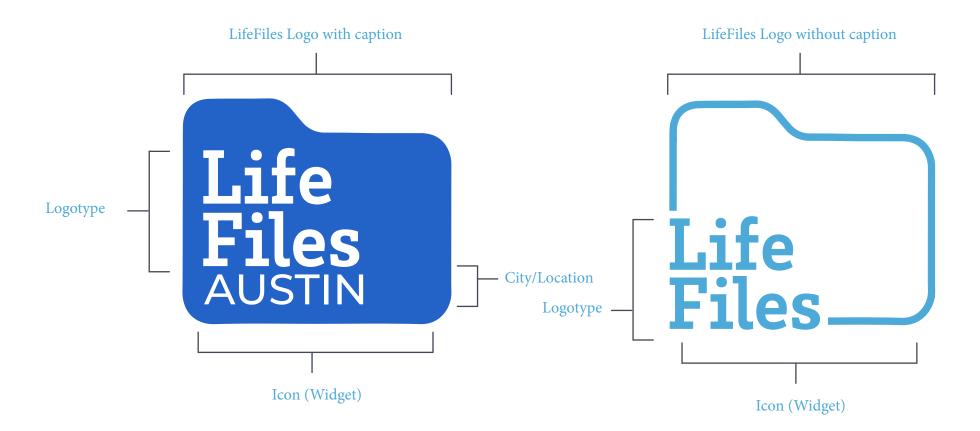




The Tagline shows where LifeFiles is being distributed and used, speaking to its potential for extensibility.

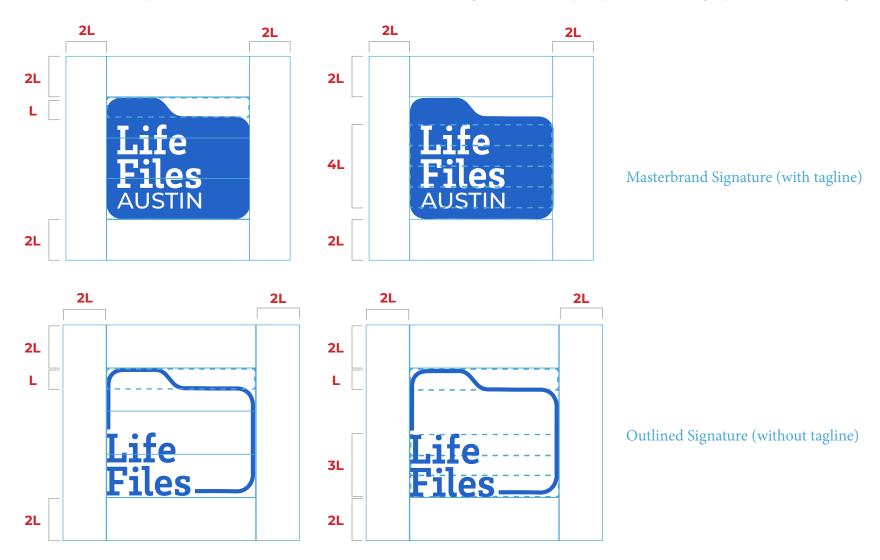
#### **12** SIGNATURE: OVERVIEW

Our masterbrand signature is the simplest, most immediate and most recognizable representation of our brand. It builds a reputation, while communicating a confident, modern and renewed energy that represents our future. The all-blue folder icon and Slab Serif logotype speak with evoke a sense of transparency, security and reliability.



### **13** SIGNATURE: CLEARSPACE

To properly size the logo and the clearspace that surrounds it, you may easily calculate this by taking the measurement of the folder tip and doubling its height in size. This becomes the length by which the logo is then divided into three parts. The measure of each one of those three parts also determines the text size and the amount of clearspace that should be left all around the logo to ensure proper breathing space of its design.



#### **14** SIGNATURE: VARIATIONS

The following are acceptable logo variations that can be used both in interface design and in communication/marketing materials. Consistent use of the LifeFiles signature will help build visibility and recognition for the platform.

The integrity of the signature must be respected at all times. Don't stretch, condense or otherwise abstract it. Any modification of the signature confuses its meaning and diminishes its impact.

The masterbrand universal signature encapsulates the most vital elements of the brand. Both the condensed and uncondensed versions are interchangeable and can be switched out to suit a variety of formats and contexts.

Print signature is more appropriate for publishing because its outlined format is not only more formal, but easier to read in a newspaper or magazine column format.

Mobile signature is good for small screens that visually compensate for space (phones, tablets, etc.).

#### Universal Signature





**Print Signature** 





Mobile-friendly signature



DO use the WHITE version of the logo over photos, make sure the photo is not too light.



DON'T use any color version of the logo over photos



DO use the black and white version for faxes and photocopy-prone documents.





DON'T distort, stretch or crop parts of the logo!





appropriate contexts...

DO use the logo and its variations in





Mobile



Universal (taglined)



DON'T use drop shadows with more than 16% opacity (on universal logo)





DON'T use any unapproved colors on the logo









# Fin.

