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Introduction

ATLAS’ new visual identity system (VIS) is a living system designed to represent and communicate the interdisciplinary nature of the ATLAS Institute and its overarching goal of producing cutting edge innovative research, creative work, and education. The VIS provides a framework to connect and bind the notions of research and education and their potential to inspire “radical creativity and invention.”

The system works to represent a broad range of ATLAS-rooted concepts. The concept of a dynamic faculty and student body in collaboration, accessing an ever-changing array of contemporary institutional resources and curricular programs is conveyed through the system. The new VIS serves ATLAS’ extended community of “unconventional people, daring to bring forth dangerous ideas” while evoking a transcendence of both discipline and definition.

In summary, the new ATLAS VIS brings order and clarity to ATLAS’ “messy collection of people, curricular programs and resources” and looks to the Institute’s future.
The ATLAS Wordmark

The ATLAS wordmark is the center of Atlas’ visual identity system. Through consistent, repetitive use the wordmark becomes visual shorthand for the Institute, symbolizing and embodying its activities, achievements, and ambitions. The 36 different “A”s utilized in the wordmark are bespoke, designed atop an isosceles triangle, representing the people and activities informing the Institute and its trajectory. The letters T-L-S are set in Neue Haas Grotesk connoting a stable, unified, and modern way of thinking.

The ATLAS wordmark currently comes in 665 variations. These variations should not be altered or distorted in any way with the sole exception of occasionally being colored per the guidelines that follow.
The "A"s in the ATLAS wordmark are bespoke, designed atop an isosceles triangle, they represent the people and activities informing the Institute and its trajectory. The letters T-L-S are set in Neue Haas Grotesk connoting a stable, unified, and modern way of thinking.

The isosceles triangles displayed are used as Placeholders to be replaced with ATLAS' bespoke "A"s.
Wordmark Letter Spacing

The A-T-L-A-S letterforms comprising the ATLAS wordmark spaced for legibility and readability per the letter kerning diagram below. "A"'s are interchanged to fit into the wordmark accordingly.
Thirty-six bespoke “A”s form the foundation of the ATLAS VIS. These “A”s are used interchangeably within the ATLAS wordmark and across ATLAS Labs identities per the standards outlined in this manual.
The ATLAS Isosceles

The thirty-six bespoke ATLAS "A"s are all designed atop the ATLAS Isosceles triangle within the framework displayed below. All thirty-six "A"s are the same width and one of three predesignated heights.
3 Types of “A”s

There are three types of ATLAS “A”s. All three types of “A”s are the same width to maintain a consistent horizontal fit within the ATLAS wordmark. Types vary in height per one of three design styles to maintain optimal vertical visual consistency within the ATLAS wordmark.

Type 1 employs a “flat top x flat bottom.” Type 2 employs a “round top x flat bottom.” Type 3 employs a “round top x round bottom.”

Type 1

flat top x flat bottom

Type 2

round top x flat bottom

Type 3

round top x round bottom
3 Heights

Variation in the height of ATLAS "A"s detailed below. Type 1 "A"s employing a "flat top x flat bottom" design are the least tall. Type 2 "A"s employing a "round top x flat bottom" design are slightly taller than Type 1 "A"s as a function of their round top. Type 3 "A"s employing a "round top x round bottom" are the tallest "A"s as a function of their round tops and bottoms.
There are currently 665 ATLAS wordmark variations. All thirty-six bespoke "A"s fit in front of the ATLAS "T," or in "A position one." However, only nineteen "A"s fit after the ATLAS "L" in "A position two." Less "A"s fit in position two than in position one due to the form of the ATLAS "S."
Primary Color

The ATLAS wordmark should be displayed in black when atop a white or a light value background. The wordmark should be displayed in white when atop a black or very dark value background.

Black
RGB 0/0/0
CMYK 0/0/0/100
HEX #000

White
RGB 255/255/255
CMYK 0/0/0/0
HEX #FFF
All thirty-six bespoke ATLAS ‘A’s fit in position one of the wordmark.
ATLAS “A” (Position Two)

Nineteen of the thirty-six ATLAS “A”s fit in position two of the wordmark. The “A”s designated in green fit in position two. The “A”s designated in gray do not.
The ATLAS wordmark should have a minimum clear space in all usages equal to or greater than 50% of its height.
Incorrect “A” Usage

Duplicate ATLAS ‘A’s are not set in both position one and position two of the wordmark. Only those ‘A’s designated as occupying position two are set in position two.

Use of duplicate “A”s

Use of incorrect “A” in position two
The following ATLAS x CU lockups and CU x ATLAS lockups are the only co-branded University lockups to be used. Alternative lockups may be implemented in circumstances where space is constrained or co-branding with the University inappropriate or inapplicable.
CU Boulder x ATLAS
Construction
ATLAS x CU Engineering
ATLAS x CU Engineering
Construction
ATLAS x CU Engineering & Applied Science Construction
ATLAS x CU College of Engineering & Applied Science Construction
CU College of Engineering & Applied Science x ATLAS Construction
The ATLAS Labs identity system comes from ATLAS's collection of 36 bespoke “A”s. “A”s are selected by Laboratory staff as the symbol of a respective Lab. Once selected the Labs' text-based title accompanies each “A” to form a “Master Labs ID.”

When an “A” is selected by a specific ATLAS Lab, it is no longer available for use by another Lab.
Unstable Design Lab
ATLAS Labs Identity System (Master Labs ID) Construction

The "Master Labs ID" assembly and spacing comprised of one ATLAS "A" and each Labs' text-based title, typeset across three lines as displayed below.
ATLAS x Labs Lockups
(Variant One) Construction
ATLAS x Labs Lockups
(Variant Two)
ATLAS x Labs Lockups
(Variant Two) Construction
ATLAS x Labs Lockups
(Variant Three)
Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetuer adipiscing elit, sed diam
nonummy nibh euismod tincidunt ut laoreet dolore magna aliquam erat
voluptat. Ut wisi enim ad minim veniam, quis nostrud exerci tation ullam
ATLAS x Labs Lockups
(Variant Four)
ATLAS x Labs Lockups
Variant Four Construction