



THE COMPLETE GUIDE

# Brand Guidelines

# WELCOME

Welcome to the GDC IT Solutions Brand Guide, your essential resource for understanding and maintaining the integrity of our brand. This guide is designed to ensure that our branding remains consistent and effective across all platforms and communications.

At GDC IT Solutions, our brand is more than just a logo or color palette; it's the embodiment of our values, mission, and vision. This guide serves as a comprehensive reference to help communicate our brand consistently and authentically. Every element, from our visual identity to our messaging, is carefully crafted to reflect the professionalism, innovation, and reliability that define GDC IT Solutions

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## BRAND INTRO

Consistency is key to building a strong brand presence. When our branding elements—such as our logo, typography, and color scheme—are used correctly and uniformly, they help reinforce our identity and foster trust with our audience. This guide will walk you through the necessary standards and practices for maintaining brand coherence, ensuring that every piece of communication aligns with our core values.

Our commitment to brand coherence extends to every touchpoint, from digital media and printed materials to internal communications and client interactions. By adhering to the guidelines outlined in this document, you help us uphold the strength of the GDC IT Solutions brand and contribute to our continued success.

Thank you for your dedication to representing our brand with integrity and consistency. We look forward to your contributions in showcasing the best of GDC IT Solutions.

Welcome aboard, and let's work together to elevate our brand to new heights!

# WE ARE GDC IT SOLUTIONS

## A Premiere Technology Service Provider Since 1995

Our Guarantee: We Do IT Right By Every Customer

We're not just a premier IT service provider established in 1995; we're a team of passionate professionals dedicated to helping businesses like yours thrive in the digital age. We don't just solve your immediate IT problems; we help businesses of all sizes achieve their full potential by providing comprehensive IT solutions and exceptional customer service. Here's how we ensure your success:

- **Architect.** We listen to our client's business needs to create the technical vision to solve their unique technology challenges.
- **Implement.** We will align ourselves with the strategic objectives of our clients to implement solutions that increase the efficiency of their operations.
- **Maintain.** GDC provides every business with the solutions they need to predict and prevent IT issues before they occur to prevent costly downtime or unexpected equipment failure.



**01**

# LOGO & BRANDING

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# LOGO AND BRANDING INTRODUCTION

## The Logo: Our Symbol of Excellence

Our primary logo is a powerful symbol of our commitment to innovation, reliability, and excellence in IT solutions. The design is meticulously crafted to reflect the essence of GDC IT Solutions, combining modern aesthetics with a professional edge to convey our role as a leader in the industry.

## The Submark: A Versatile Extension

Alongside our primary logo, we have a carefully designed submark that serves as a versatile extension of our brand identity. The submark is a simplified version of our logo, optimized for use in various applications where space or visibility may be limited. It maintains the integrity of our brand while offering flexibility in its usage across different media.

**The main company logo identity consists of the letters GDC using Optima Lt Std typeface with a submark to the left consisting of a globe created using a weave of blue and green.**

## LOGO SUBMARK

Globe created using a weave of blue and green. Green symbolizes small-medium business and blue is Mid-Market Enterprise.

## LOGO TITLE

GDC letters are an acronym for Global Data Consultants and historically a nod toward our founder's initials G.D.C.



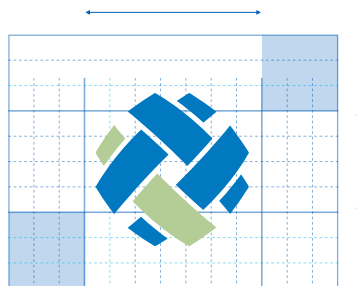
# SPACING GUIDELINE STANDARD LOGO



Proper application of the primary elements ensure our brand remains distinct and recognizable.



Whitespace or margins are a critical aesthetic of GDC branding allowing the logo to breathe and maintain a safe space.



## LOGO TITLE

Acronym of Global Data Consultants

## LOGO SUBMARK

Globe Weave of Blue and Green





## SPACING GUIDELINE & LOGO WITH TAGLINE



Proper application of the primary elements ensure our brand remains distinct and recognizable.



Tagline typeface, spacing and sizing are an extension of our brand. As new taglines are created and others expire, please use current tagline, "Technology You Can Trust."

## SPACING GUIDELINE & VERTICALLY STACKED LOGO



Proper application of the primary elements ensure our brand remains distinct and recognizable.



When using the logo with a stacked layout and a submark centered around the “GDC” letters, ensure that the submark is proportionate to the main logo to maintain balance and visual harmony. The submark should be clear and legible, enhancing the brand’s identity without overpowering the “GDC” text. This configuration is ideal for vertical spaces where a compact, cohesive representation of the brand is required, such as social media profiles, promotional materials, or website headers. Proper spacing around the logo should be maintained to preserve its integrity and visibility.

## SPACING GUIDELINE & HORIZONTAL LOGO



Proper application of the primary elements ensure our brand remains distinct and recognizable.



When using the horizontal GDC IT Solutions logo with the tagline positioned to the right, this layout is ideal for application headers where vertical space is limited. The horizontal format allows for a streamlined, professional appearance while ensuring the tagline is prominently displayed alongside the brand name. This configuration works best in environments where the width is ample, and the tagline is integral to the brand message, such as in digital interfaces, website headers, or email signatures. Ensure there is sufficient padding around the logo and tagline to avoid visual clutter and maintain clarity.

# FLAT LIGHT BACKGROUND VARIATION

The logo variant with a light background is designed to ensure optimal contrast and visibility, adhering to accessibility guidelines to make our brand easily recognizable and inclusive for all audiences.



Colorful ————— Dark ————— Light

## COLOR VARIATION

GDC blue allows for a contrast ratio of 6.62:1 and black allows for a contrast ratio of 21:1 on a white background to pass WCAG AA Guidelines for large text. Unfortunately, the submark green fails WCAG AA Guidelines so this color is not suitable for use in copy.



# FLAT DARK BACKGROUND VARIATION

The logo variant with a dark background is designed to ensure optimal contrast and visibility, adhering to guidelines to make our brand easily recognizable and inclusive for all audiences.



Colorful ————— Dark ————— Light

## COLOR VARIATION

GDC blue contrast ratio of 3.22:1; white contrast ratio of 21:1; and green contrast of 12:1 on a black background to passes WCAG AA Guidelines.



## ALL WHITE LOGO VARIATION

The logo variant with white reversed logo on a dark background is designed to ensure maximum contrast and visibility, adhering to guidelines to make our brand easily recognizable and inclusive for all audiences.



Colorful

Dark

Light

## COLOR VARIATION

White contrast ratio of 21:1 on a black background passes WCAG AA Guidelines for large and small text.

White contrast ratio of 6.53:1 on a GDC blue background also passes WCAG AA Guidelines for large and small text.



## ALL BLACK LOGO VARIATION

The logo variant with black logo on a light background is designed to ensure maximum contrast and visibility, adhering to guidelines to make our brand easily recognizable and inclusive for all audiences.



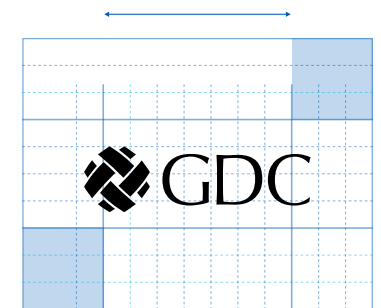
Colorful

Dark

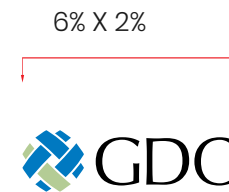
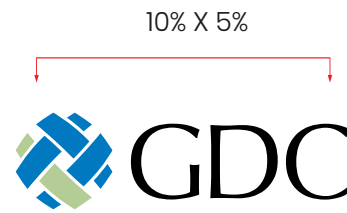
Light

## COLOR VARIATION

Black contrast ratio of 21:1 on a white background passes WCAG AA Guidelines for large and small text. Pure black logo variations are not suited or mid-to-dark backgrounds due to low contrast.



## CORRECT LOGO SIZING TO MAINTAIN PROPER RATIO



## INCORRECT RATIO USE OF LOGO



- Squished Vertical



- Squished Horizontal



- Squished Horizontal & Vertical



# OLDER VERSIONS OF LOGOS NO LONGER IN USE



Outdated tagline and poor spacing



Outdated drop-shadow design



Outdated



Outdated tagline, drop-shadow, and poor spacing



Current Logo with LAM



Pre-2011 Logo

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# **TYPOGRAPHY**

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# THE TYPOGRAPHY

## PRIMARY FONT

# ABCDE

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### POPPINS

The Poppins font features a modern, geometric design with a clean and minimalist aesthetic. Its round, symmetrical letterforms and uniform stroke widths convey a sense of simplicity and balance. The typeface combines contemporary elegance with a friendly, approachable feel, making it versatile for both headlines and body text. Its geometric roots give it a precise and organized appearance, while its open shapes enhance readability to offer a touch of sophistication.

Regular (body font)  
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz  
234567890?!\*+(.,)

Medium (headings)  
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz  
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
1234567890?!\*+(.,)

SemiBold (main headings)  
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz  
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
1234567890?!\*+(.,)

# THE TYPOGRAPHY

## SECONDARY FONT

# ABCDE

## SECONDARY FONT

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### OPEN SANS

Open Sans is characterized by its humanist design, blending modernity with warmth and approachability. Its open, neutral letterforms and balanced proportions create a highly legible and versatile typeface suitable for a wide range of applications. The font's clean lines and gentle curves provide a contemporary, yet friendly appearance, making it both professional and inviting. Open Sans's unobtrusive style ensures clarity and readability, while its subtle variations in stroke width add a touch of personality and dynamism.

#### Regular (body font)

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxy  
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
1234567890?!\*+(.,)

#### Medium (headings)

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxy  
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
1234567890?!\*+(.,)

#### SemiBold (main headings)

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxy  
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
1234567890?!\*+(.,)

# TYPOGRAPHY LAYOUT SAMPLE

## H1 Introduction

## H2 Company Overview

## H3 About GDC IT Solutions

Body Global Data Consultants, LLC (GDC) is a veteran-owned Pennsylvania-based business that commenced operations in 1995 with a focus on application development.

Recognizing that IT is an industry that is competitive and constantly changing, GDC realized that the key to growing was to understand the IT Services Industry and stick to these fundamental business principles — employ the best talent, excel in the delivery of technical services, and focus on customer satisfaction.

By deploying these principles, we started expanding services to a growing customer base in the Cumberland Valley Area. In the early part of 2002, GDC focused on its marketing and business development plan to make GDC Cumberland Valley's Premier Information Technology Company.

- Company Headquarters:  
1144 Kennebec Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201
- Lena Building:  
4530 Lena Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- Midwest Headquarters:  
3051 Progress Way, Ste 211, Kaukauna, WI 54130



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# BRAND COLORS

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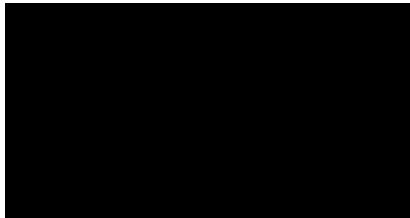
# PRIMARY BRAND COLOR & CODES

**BLUE**





CMYK : C-100%, M-49%, Y-0%, K-28%  
RGB : R-0%, G-94%, B-184%  
CODE : 005EB8

**BLACK**



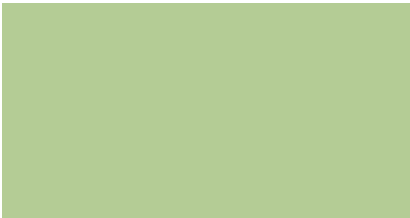
CMYK : C-0%, M-0%, Y-0%, K-100%  
RGB : R-0%, G-0%, B-0%  
CODE : 000000

**GREEN**



CMYK : C-70%, M-0%, Y-70%, K-33%  
RGB : R-51%, G-170%, B-51%  
CODE : 33AA33

**GREEN**



Reserved **only**  
for Logo Globe

CMYK : C-12%, M-0%, Y-27%, K-20%  
RGB : R-180%, G-204%, B-149%  
CODE : B4CC95



## SECONDARY BRAND COLOR & CODES

PURPLE



CMYK : C-33%, M-81%, Y-0%, K-49%

RGB : R-84%, G-24%, B-129%

CODE : 561881

ORANGE



CMYK : C-0%, M-44%, Y-100%, K-7%

RGB : R-237%, G-132%, B-0%

CODE : ED8400

DARK BLUE



CMYK : C-99%, M-67%, Y-0%, K-62%

RGB : R-1%, G-32%, B-96%

CODE : 012060

RED

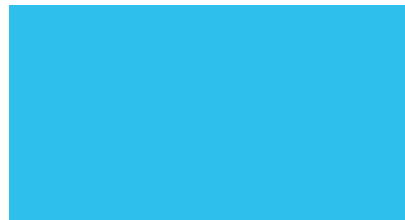


CMYK : C-0%, M-82%, Y-79%, K-31%

RGB : R-175%, G-31%, B-36%

CODE : AF1F24

LIGHT BLUE



CMYK : C-81%, M-19%, Y-0%, K-7%

RGB : R-46%, G-191%, B-237%

CODE : 2EBFED

CHARCOAL



CMYK : C-0%, M-0%, Y-0%, K-74%

RGB : R-66%, G-66%, B-66%

CODE : 424242





# TERTIARY BRAND GRADIENTS & CODES (for hex badges *only*)



Lightest : 96F3E4    Darkest : 006A5C



Lightest : DCBFFF    Darkest : 620094



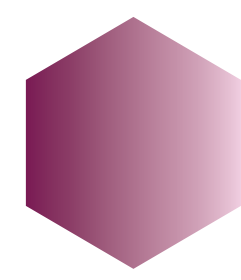
Lightest : 009408    Darkest : AAFEE1



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Lightest : 1B1954    Darkest : 00D6FB



Lightest : 7A0252    Darkest : FFCFFB



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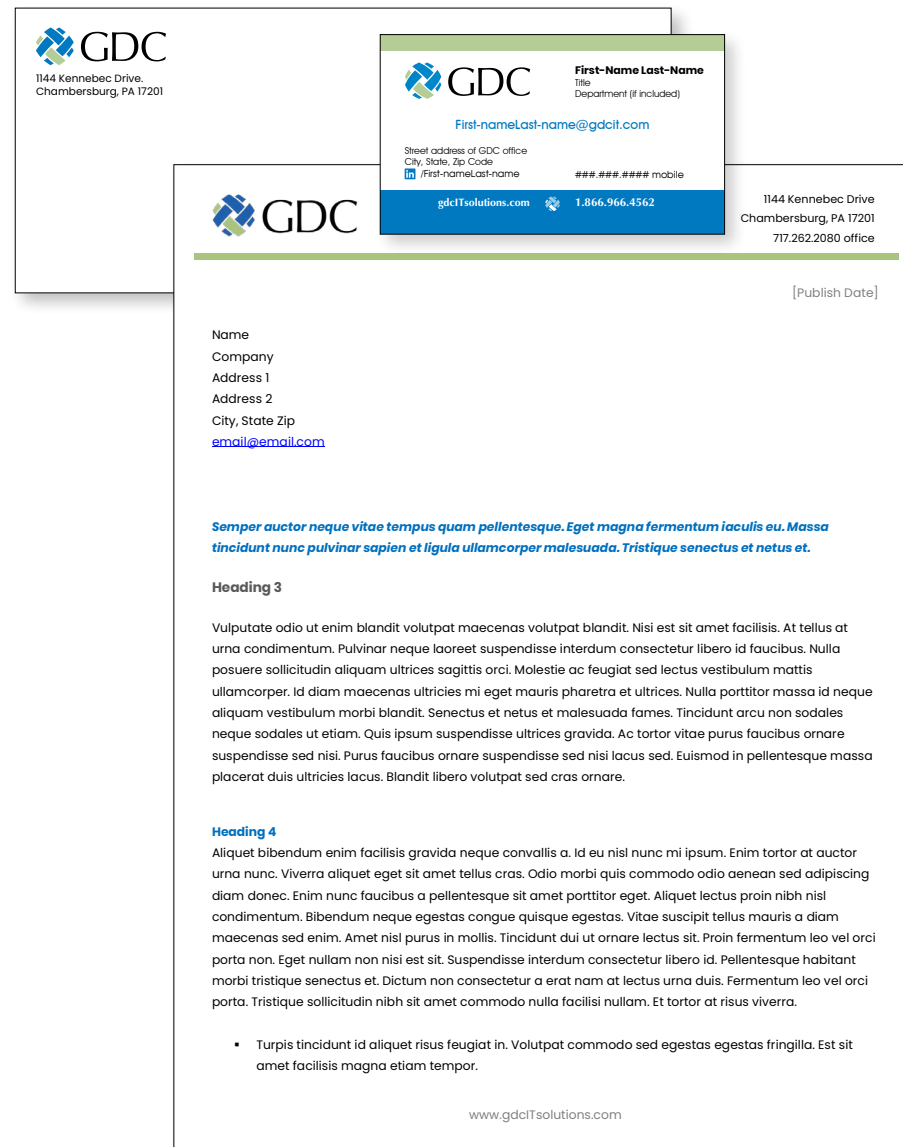
**STATIONERY**

# BRAND STATIONARY GUIDELINE

## SAMPLE STATIONARY

High-quality, well-designed stationery not only communicates attention to detail but also creates a memorable impression with clients and partners. It serves as a tangible representation of our brand, ensuring that every piece of correspondence contributes to a consistent and polished image, fostering trust and leaving a lasting impact.

- Business Card
- Letterhead
- Envelope



# COMPANY LETTERHEAD PRIMARY

## SAMPLE

Branded letterhead is essential as it reinforces a company's professional image, enhances brand recognition, and instills trust in every piece of communication.

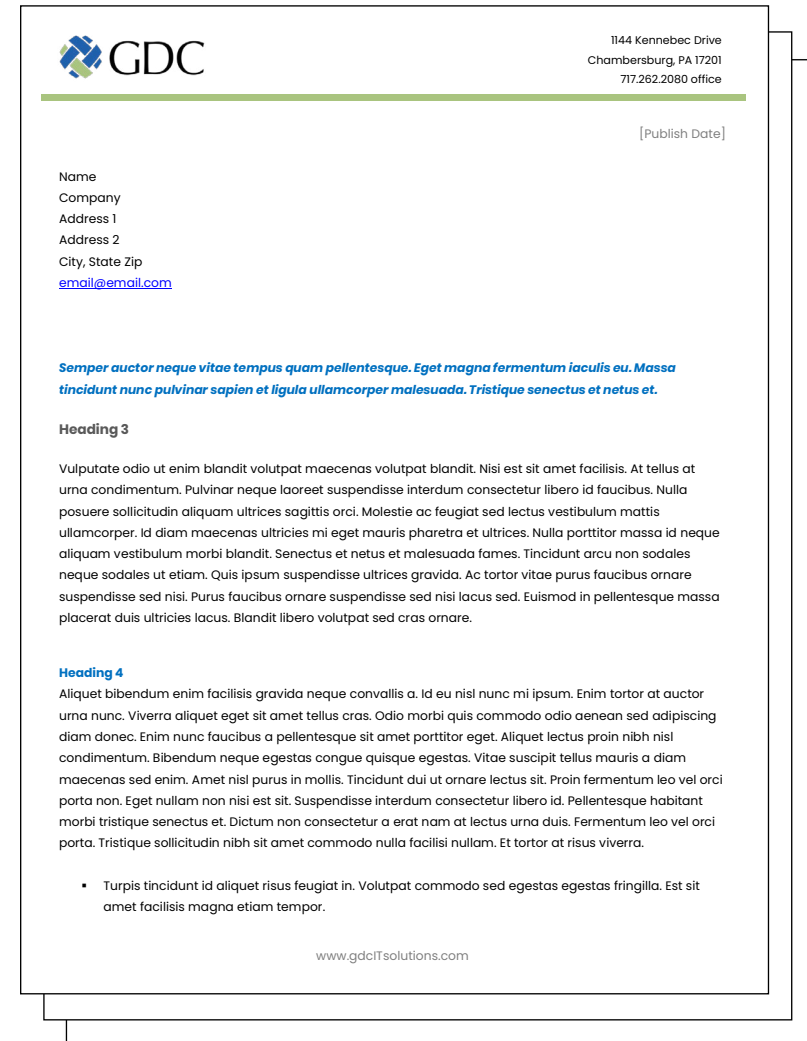
## DESIGN AND PRINT

Dimension

8.5x11 Inch

Print

CMYK



## ENVELOPE

Branded envelopes with a logo on the return address are crucial for ensuring immediate brand recognition, enhancing the professional appearance of correspondence, and increasing engagement and the likelihood of the mail being opened.

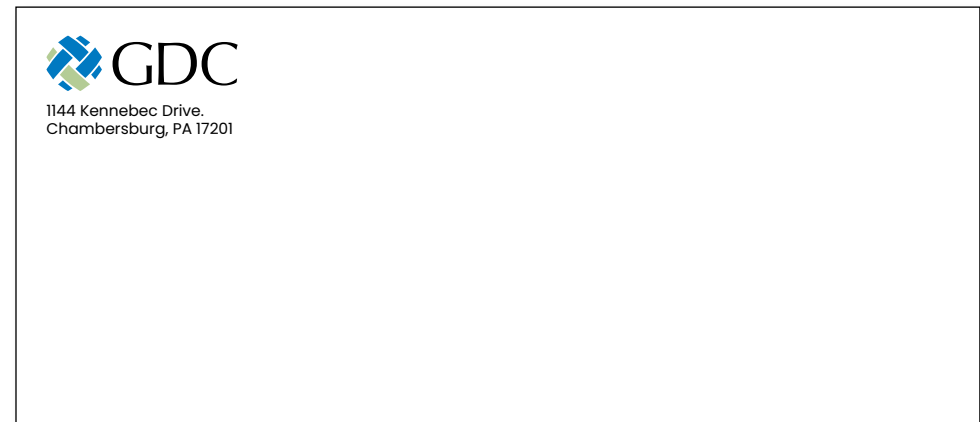
### DESIGN AND PRINT

Dimension

4.125x9.5 Inch

Print

CMYK



# BUSINESS CARD

Printed business cards remain a vital networking tool, offering a tangible connection that reinforces personal interactions, leaves a lasting impression, and ensures that your contact information is easily accessible and memorable in a digital world.

## DESIGN AND PRINT

Dimension	3.5x2 Inch
Print	CMYK

standard template



sales template



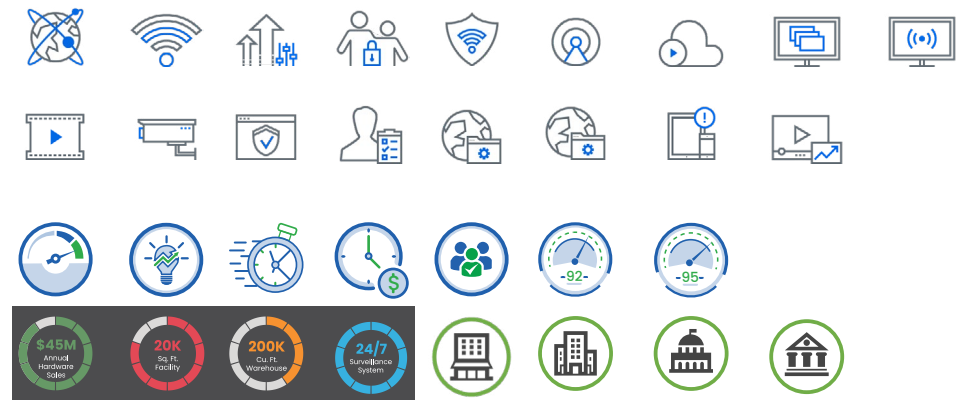
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# ICONOGRAPHY & BADGES

# ICONOGRAPHY





## GDC CUSTOM ICONS

Branded web icons on a company website play a crucial role in enhancing user experience, providing intuitive navigation, and reinforcing brand identity. These customized icons create a cohesive visual language that guides visitors seamlessly through the site while consistently reflecting the company's unique style and values.



## ROYALTY FREE ICONS

Sites like the ones listed here are resources for icons. They provide a cohesive visual language that guides visitors seamlessly through the site while reflecting established company style and values.

-  Elegant Icon
-  Google Font Icons
-  Font Awesome Icons
-  Icon Monstr



## SIX PILLARS OF SERVICE BADGES



### App Development & Support

With a legacy spanning nearly 30 years, we excel in providing custom web application development services and custom software application development.



### Networking & Infrastructure

Extensive industry tenure built to increase network performance empowering business, connecting every person, device and resource within an organization.



### Hardware Deployment & Sales

For nearly 20 years, we have offered IT Service Desk to allow businesses to invest where it matters most. Full-Service 24/7, overflow, and supplemental offerings available.



### Managed IT Solutions

In-house service team of over 30 engineers. The right combination of services for any size business – all for an affordable and predictable monthly fee.



### IT Service Desk

Premier hardware reseller with over \$45M in hardware sales offering imaging, setup, and deployment services with full life-cycle asset management.



### Workforce & Staffing

GDC provides proven strategies for workforce and staffing solutions as a 100% U.S.-based MSP with nearly 30 years experience in IT talent acquisition.

## CAPABILITIES



### Business Intelligence & Data Analytics

Make better strategic decisions using business intelligence and analytic services.



### Database Design & Administration

In today's world, Database Administration Services are critical components of the enterprise IT.



### System & Data Integration

Comprehensive system and data integration solutions tailored to your business.



### Website & Mobile Applications

Experts in our field, we code eye-catching and user-friendly experiences that achieve results for our clients.



### Cloud Services

Harness the power of cloud-based solutions to maximize business growth and increase competitiveness.



### Project Management

Project management is critical to a project's success, especially in today's results driven workplace.



### Security Threat Management

GDC identifies single points of failure and provide contingency plans for quick recovery, increasing the productivity of your business.



### Disaster Recovery

Discover the freedom to focus on running your business.



### Voice & Unified Communications

Fast, reliable and flexible voice and communications for a unified experience.



### Data Backup & Business Continuity

Fast, reliable and flexible voice and communications for a unified experience.



### IT Consulting

Create a comprehensive IT strategy with GDC consulting services.

# INDUSTRIES



## Automotive

Reliable information technology solutions for efficient automotive operations.



## Healthcare

Transformative IT solutions for the healthcare industry.



## Retail

Retail industry IT solutions to help enrich and personalize the customer experience.



## Construction

IT Solutions custom-tailored for engineering firms and construction companies



## Hospitality

Enhancing guest experiences with tailored hospitality technology.



## Transportation

Empowering seamless operations and customer satisfaction.



## Defense

Secure and compliant information technology solutions for the defense industry.



## Insurance

Empowering digital transformation with tailored insurance technology solutions.



## Education

Collaborating with education for innovative IT initiatives shaping a better tomorrow.



## Legal Services

Industry solutions to manage a law firm's technology and critical applications.



## Financial Services

Secure and efficient IT for financial service providers.



## Manufacturing

Enhancing digital capabilities to transform value chains in the manufacturing industry.



## Government

Empowering state, local, and federal government with transformative IT solutions.



## Printing

Streamline and expand output to meet demanding customer requirements.



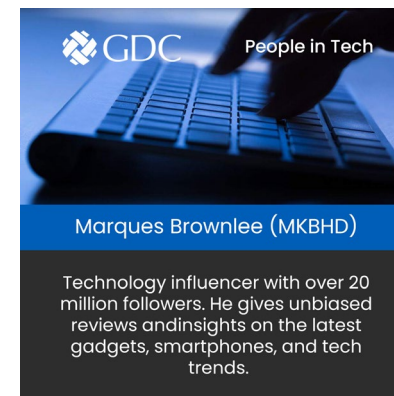
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# IMAGE AND BLENDING MODES

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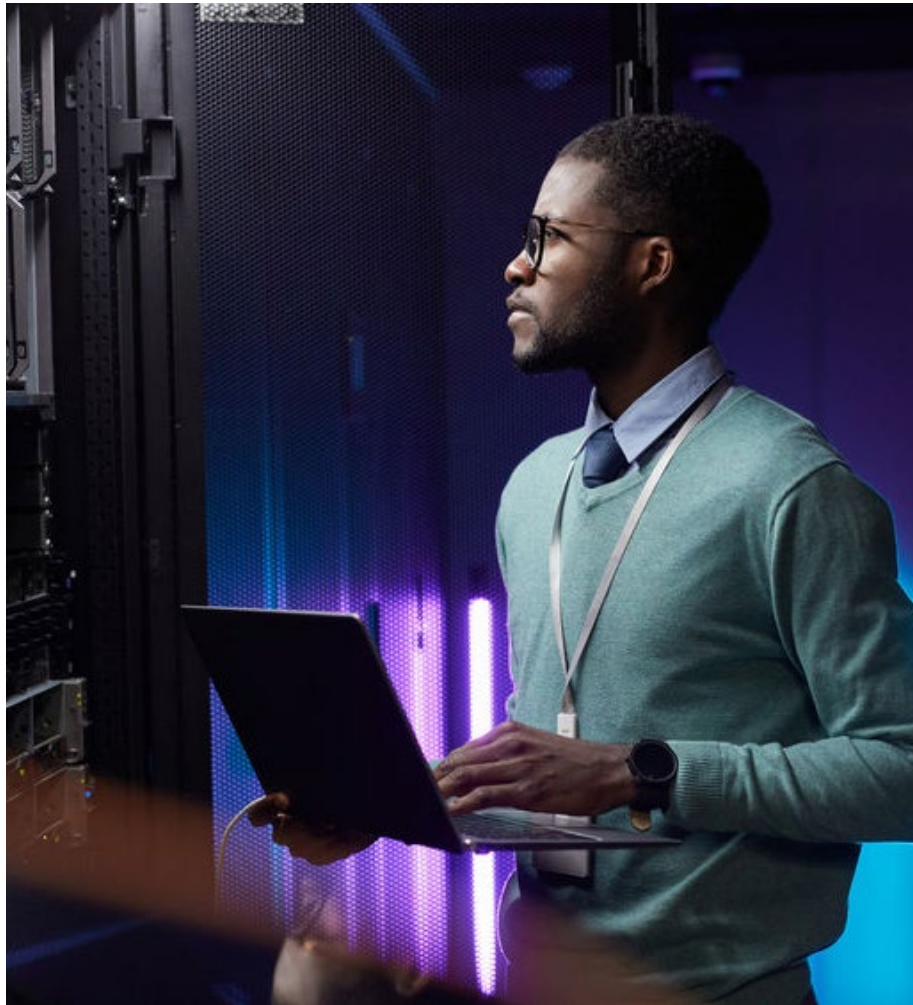
# LOGO & IMAGE BACKGROUND VARIATION

“ The following examples showcase the elements and image background variation when our logo is used on top of photo realistic media. ”





## THE COMPANY IMAGE BLENDING MODES



Blending images based on aesthetic and color is essential for creating visually harmonious designs that captivate and engage the audience. This technique ensures that the elements within a composition complement each other, enhancing the overall coherence and impact of the visual narrative. By carefully matching colors and aesthetics, designers can evoke specific emotions, maintain brand consistency, and create a seamless, polished look that resonates with viewers.

## IMAGE AND BLENDING MODES

Blending images based on color is essential for creating visually harmonious designs that not only reinforces the brand's message but also guides the viewer's emotions, making them feel more relaxed and connected to the content. Such thoughtful blending of colors and aesthetics is key to maintaining brand consistency and creating a cohesive, polished look that leaves a lasting impression on the audience.





## IMAGE AND BLENDING MODES



Thoughtful blending of photo tone and style is a crucial aspect of visual branding that goes beyond just selecting appealing images; it involves carefully curating visual elements that align with and enhance the brand's identity.

The style of the photos, such as the choice between high-contrast, dramatic images versus soft, ethereal ones, plays a significant role in shaping the brand. By thoughtfully blending these elements, designers create a visual narrative that not only attracts the target audience but also reinforces the brand's core values and promises. This consistency in tone and style across all visual content—from website images to social media posts—ensures that the brand's identity is instantly recognizable and resonates deeply with its audience, building trust and loyalty over time.





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# SUMMARY AND CONTACT

## THE BRAND SUMMARY

By following these guidelines, we safeguard our brand's integrity and help ensure that every interaction with our company leaves a lasting, positive impression. Remember, our brand is our promise to our customers—let's make sure we deliver it flawlessly every time.

Our brand is more than just a logo or a color scheme; it's the embodiment of our company's values, mission, and identity. Adhering to the brand guidelines ensures that every piece of communication, whether internal or external, consistently reflects who we are and what we stand for. These guidelines have been meticulously crafted by our in-house marketing team to maintain a cohesive and recognizable brand image across all platforms and touchpoints.

Consistency in branding not only strengthens our brand's visibility but also builds trust with our audience. When we present a unified front, we reinforce our credibility, professionalism, and commitment to quality. Every detail, from typography to tone of voice, has been thoughtfully considered to resonate with our target audience and differentiate us in the marketplace.

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