

What is visual communication? Visual communication defined:

Visual communication is the practice of using visual elements to convey a message, inspire change, or evoke emotion.

**It's one part communication design**—crafting a message that educates, motivates, and engages, **and one-part graphic design**—using design principles to communicate that message so that it's clear and eye-catching.



Effective visual communication should be equally appealing and informative.

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Visual communication is really about picking the right elements (usually text, icons, shapes, imagery and data visualizations) to create meaning for your audience.

# Some common visual communication strategies include:

- Using data visualization to show the impact of your work
- Using shapes and lines to outline relationships, processes, and flows
- Using symbols and icons to make information more memorable
- Using visuals and data to tell stories
- Using <u>color</u> to **indicate importance and draw attention**

What are some of the most common types of visual communication?

When you think about visual communication, your mind might first jump to design-heavy content like <u>social media graphics</u> or <u>infographics</u>.

And while visual communication certainly plays a role in those cases, there are a ton of other types of content that fall under the visual communication umbrella.

### Some common types of visual communications in the workplace include:

- Infographics
- Process Diagrams
- Flow Charts
- Roadmaps
- <u>Charts and Graphs</u>
- Visual Reports
- Presentations
- Mind Maps



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# Graphic Communication

- The use of colour plays a massive role in Graphic Communication.
- It can be used to convey feelings, to create visual impact and to suggest the use for products.
- It can also be used in signs and symbols to convey specific types of information.

# Signs

- Signs are used to convey information in pictorial form.
- This has many advantages over written instructions.
- People who talk different languages can understand the same common signs.
- Instructions for some tasks can be clearer when given as drawings.