Scalable and Modular Architecture for CSS

The Workshop

Introduction to Scalable and Modular Architecture for CSS

Observing that the maximum number of people who can productively, simultaneously work on CSS is one.
— Paul Battley

Freelance

- One person
- One project
- One deliverable
- No maintenance

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TM

Large Organization

- 30 designers
- 200 engineers
- 5 prototypers
- Multiple projects

Growing

- from 2 to 12 designers
- from 1 to 6 teams
- existing codebase

```
.block { display:block !important; }
.inline { display:inline !important; }
.hide { display:none !important; }
.s-none { margin:0 !important; }
.s { margin:10px !important; }
.ss { margin:20px !important; }
.sr { margin-right:10px !important; }
.p-none { padding:0 !important; }
.p { padding:10px !important; }
.pp { padding:20px !important; }
.pt { padding-top:10px !important; }
.w-auto { width:auto !important; }
```

```
.Bfc {
    overflow: hidden;
    zoom: 1;
}
.M-10 {
    margin: 10px;
}
.Fl-start {
    float: left;
}
.Mend-10 {
    margin-right: 10px;
}
.Fz-s {
    font-size: smaller;
}
```

```
.layout_1_2 #blogList .pageitem .statusBar {}
.layout_1_2 #blogList .pageitem .statusBar .status,
            #blogList .pageitem .statusBar .status .status1 { }
.layout_1_2 #blogList .pageitem .statusBar .status { }
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```

```
#nav-header ul li {
float: left;
...
}

#nav-content ul li {
float: left;
...
}
```

```
#comments .comment .meta .authorname {}
#comments .comment .meta .commentnumber a {}
```

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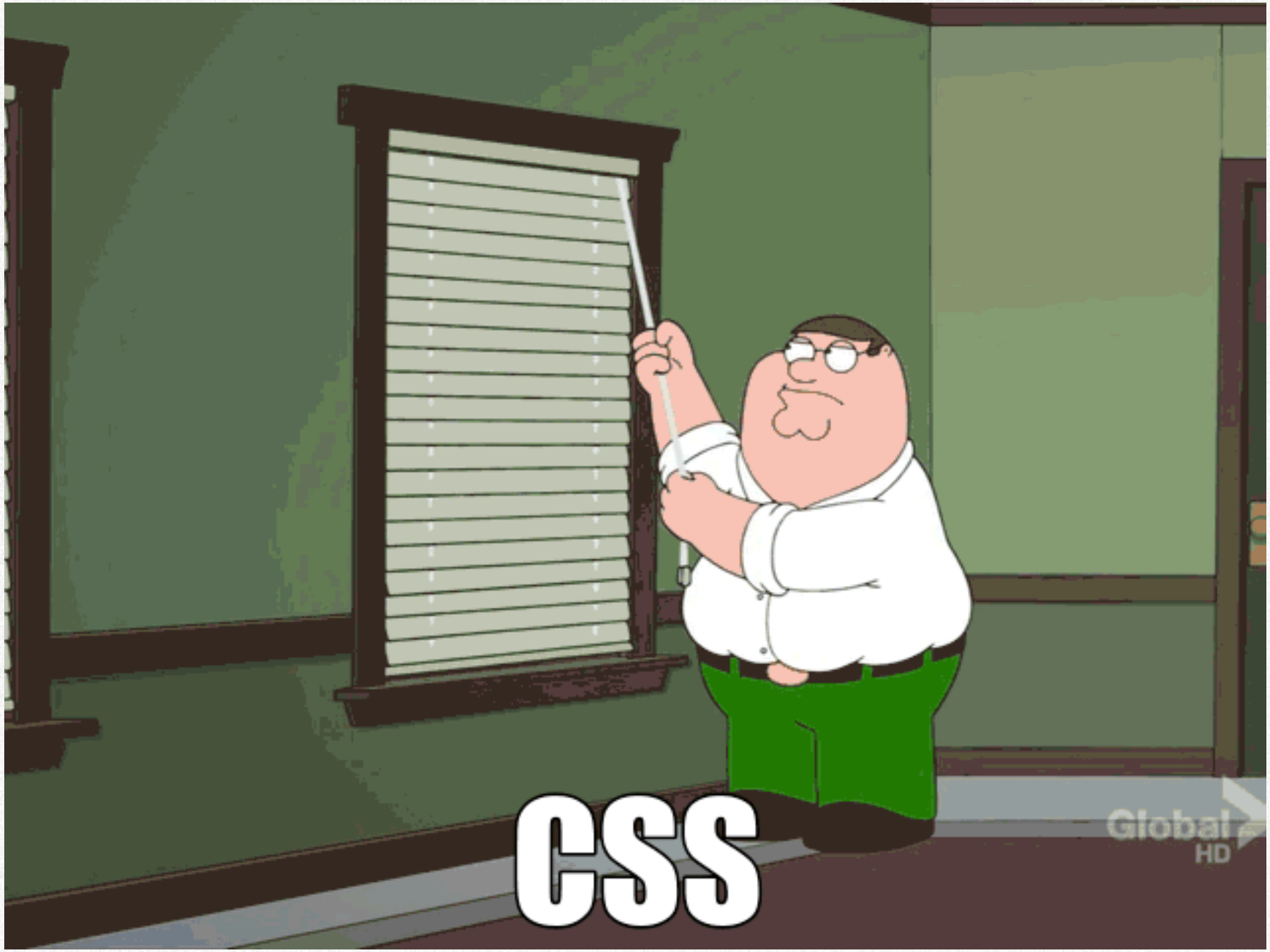
#comments .comment .meta .commentnumber a {}
```

Inspiration

- Nicole Sullivan's Object-Oriented CSS
- Jeremy Keith's Pattern Primer
- Natalie Downe's Practical, maintainable CSS presentation
- Jina Bolton's CSS Workflow presentation


CSS
Global
HD

```
// Modules
// ------------------------------------
@import "btn";
@import "img";
@import "layout";
@import "nav";
@import "tables";
@import "forms";
@import "section";
@import "fluid_container";
@import "table_filter";
@import "modal";
@import "dropdown";
@import "flags";
@import "progress";
@import "arrows";
@import "box";
```

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Categorization

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Naming Convention

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Decoupling CSS from HTML

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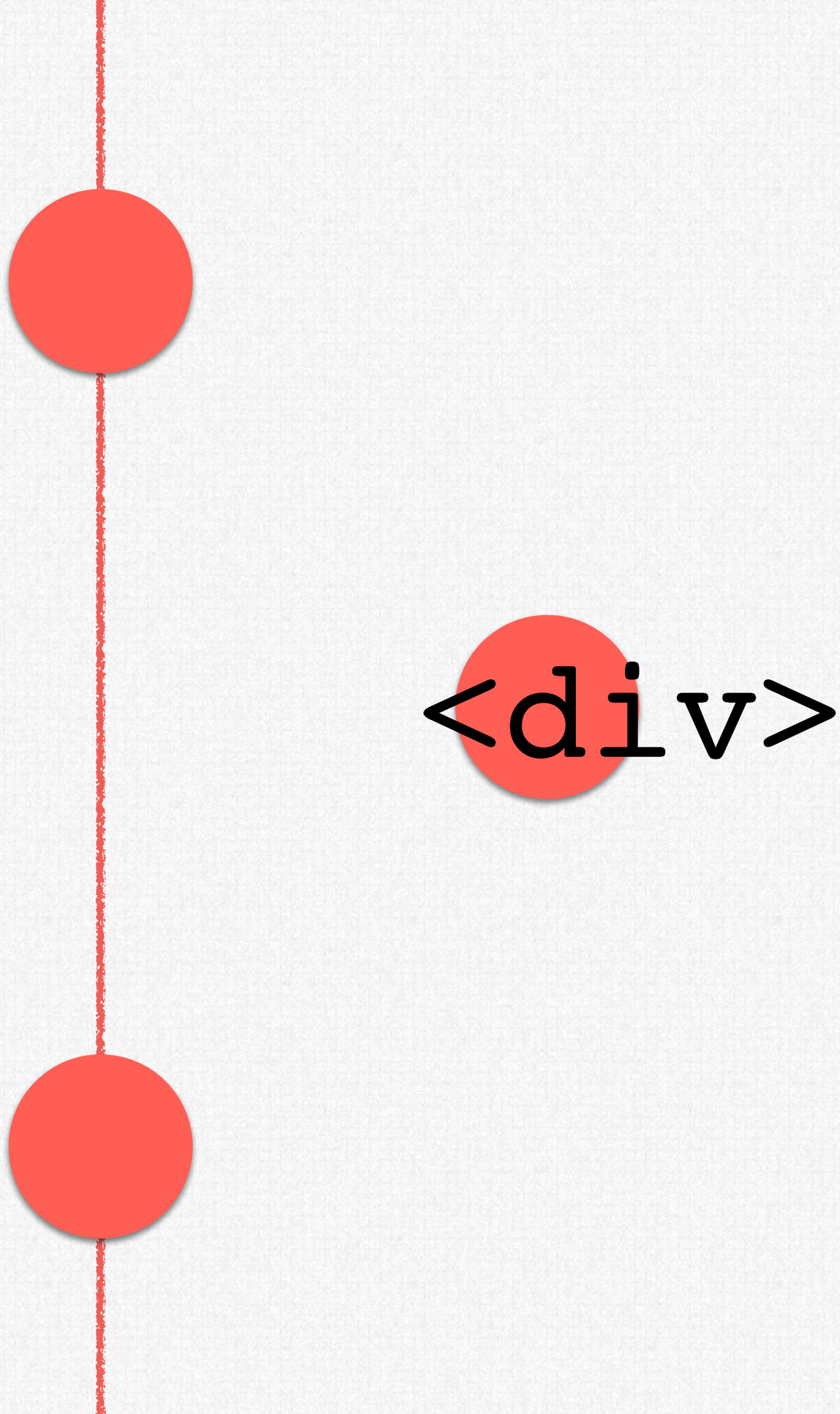
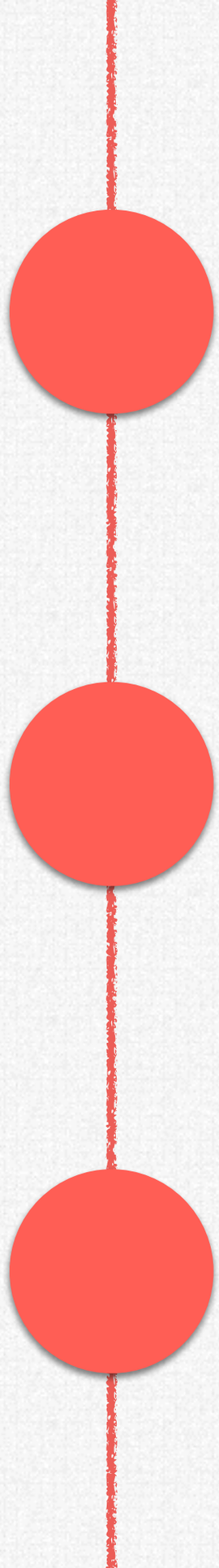
State-based Design

Categorization





? { }

Categorization

Base

```
html {
  background-color: #FFF;
  font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;
  font-size: 14px;
}
body {
  margin: 0;
  padding: 0;
}
h1, h2, h3 {
  margin: 1em 0;
}
```

Base

- Element selectors
- CSS Resets
- Normalize

Categorization

Layout

Base

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Hi, Jonathan | Sign Out | Options | Help

Make Y! My Homepage | Mail | My Y! | Yahoo!

YAHOO! MAIL

Search | Search Mail | Search Web

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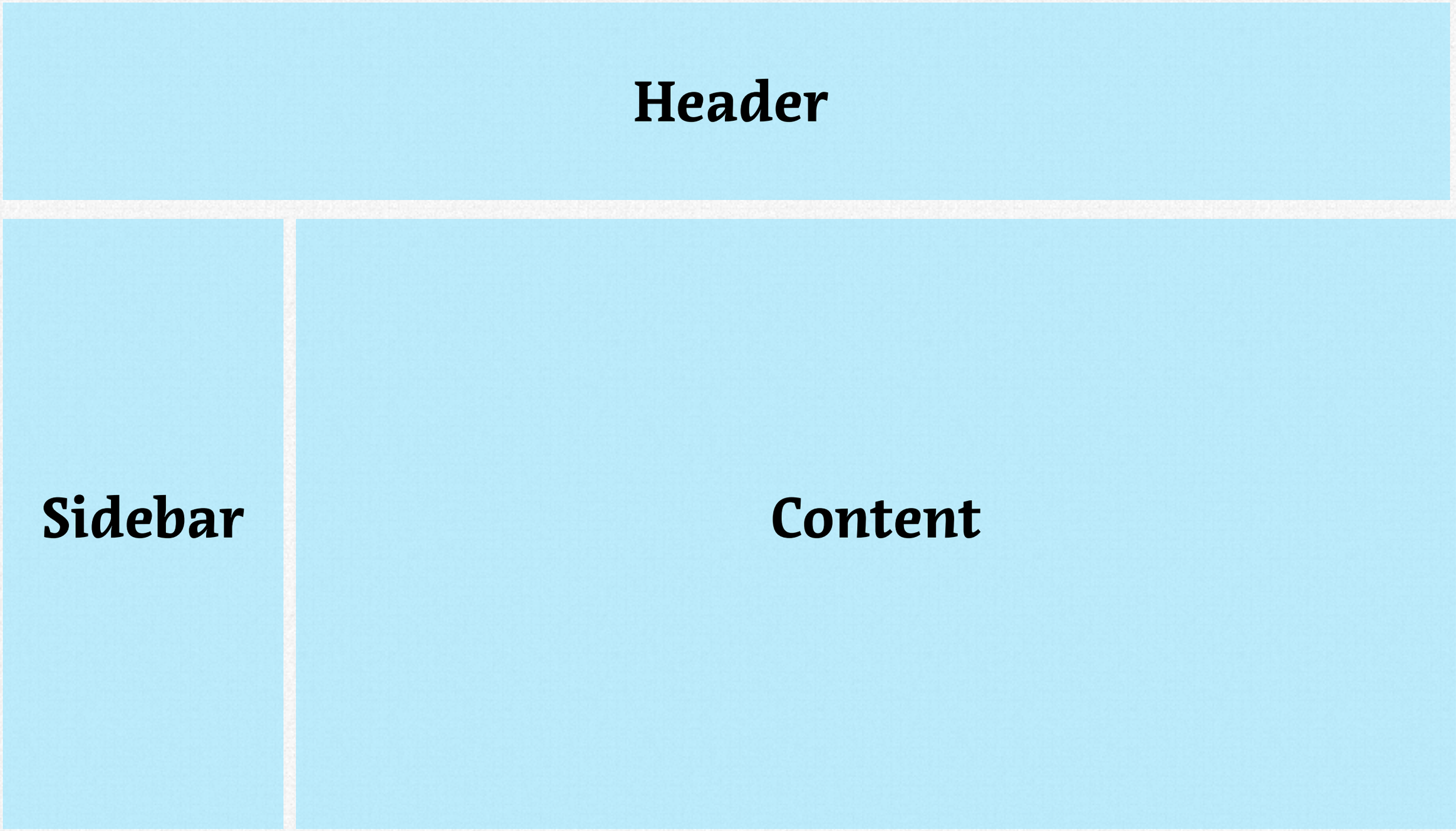
Header
Sidebar
Content

The Specificity Graph - CSS

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29 October, 2014

The Specificity Graph

As we all (should) probably know by now, **specificity** is is one of CSS' most troublesome features, and is an area that soon becomes hard to manage on projects of any reasonable size. Specificity is a trait best avoided, which is why we **don't use IDs in CSS**, and we **don't nest selectors** unless absolutely necessary.

However, we can't avoid specificity completely: there are types of selector that we have to use on projects that are inherently more or less specific than others. For all we can avoid the worst bits, we need a way to manage the necessary parts. Enter *The Specificity Graph*.

The Specificity Graph is something I have only been speaking about recently, and is a cornerstone of my currently unpublished ***ITCSS* architecture**. It is a very simple model for diagrammatically assessing the overall health of your codebase in terms of specificity—a way of looking at an entire project's CSS and highlighting any potentially troublesome areas of higher-than-ideal specificity. We can then use this snapshot to

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er shape, or to ensure we're writing new

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Referral scheme

Projects

Header

Content

Sidebar

Layout

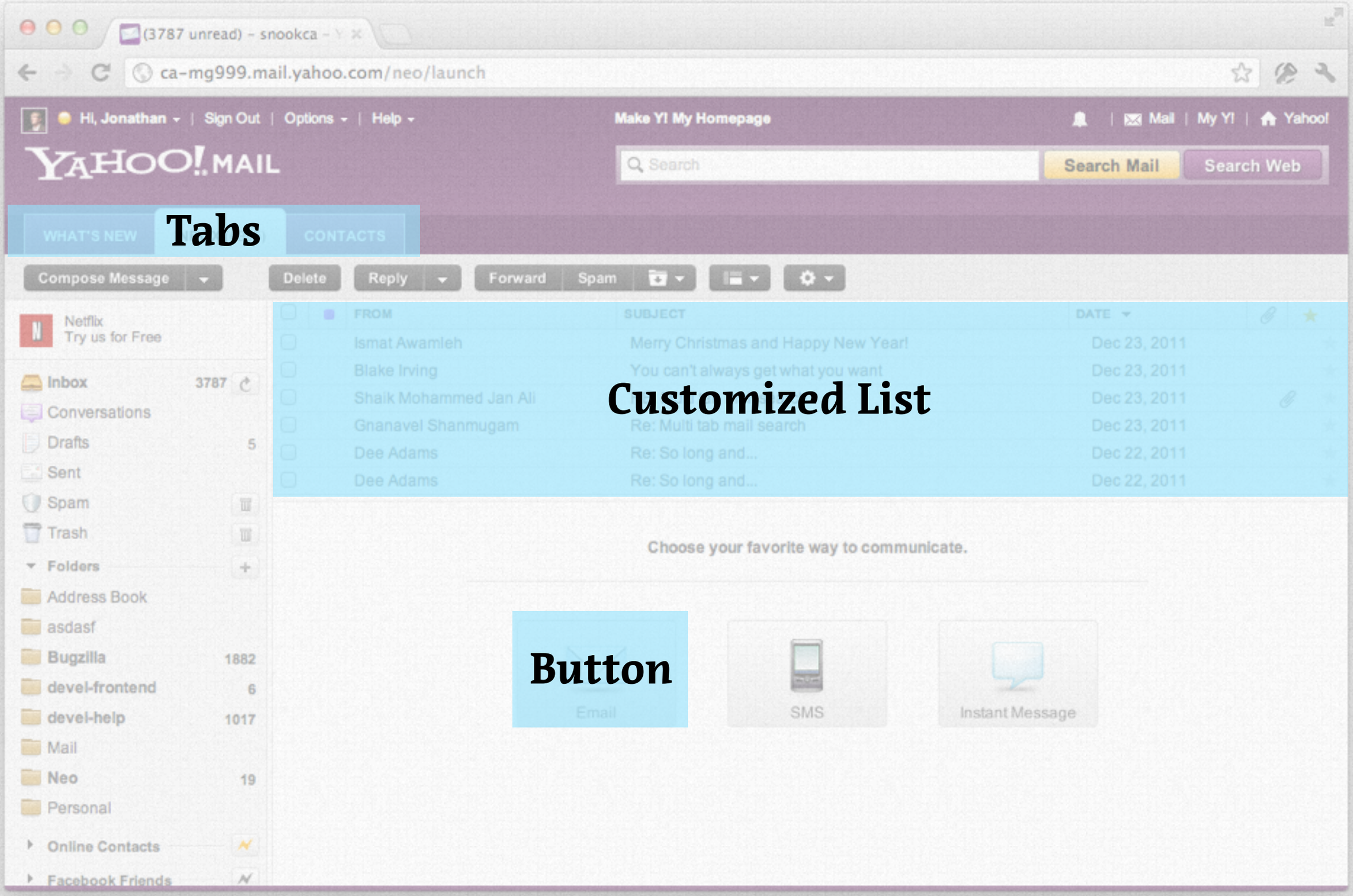
- Major containing elements
- Grid systems
- How do you group your content?

Categorization

Module

Layout

Base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Mail | My Y! | Yahoo!
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Customized List
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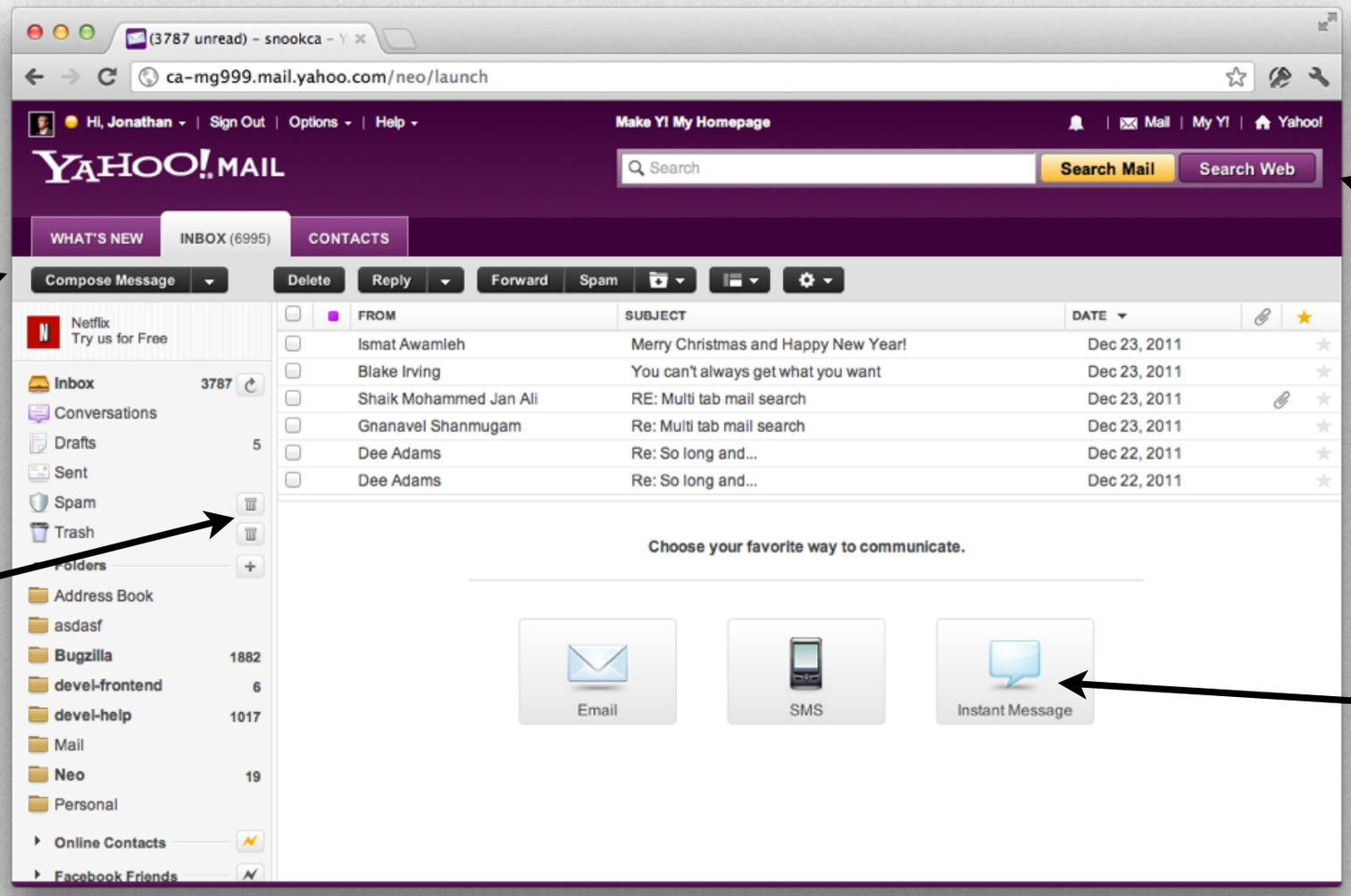
Modules

- Contain content
- Are the majority of your site
- Each module is an interface that your users have to learn
- Each module is code that has to be written, delivered, and maintained

Module Variations

I call them sub-modules



Dark

Small

Search

Large

Products

Actions Add p

Export products
Import products

d filter Start typing a product's name...

	PRODUCT	INVENTORY	TYPE	VENDOR
	Scalable and Modular Architecture for CSS	-59 in stock for 3 variants	Book	Snook.ca Web Developme

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View all search results

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PRODUCTS

This is a Product

This is my product

BLOG POSTS

First Post

View all search results

/ This is a Product

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product.

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Title

This is a Product

Description

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This is a description

Type e.g. Bicycles, T-Shirts

Unknown

Vendor e.g. Apple, American App

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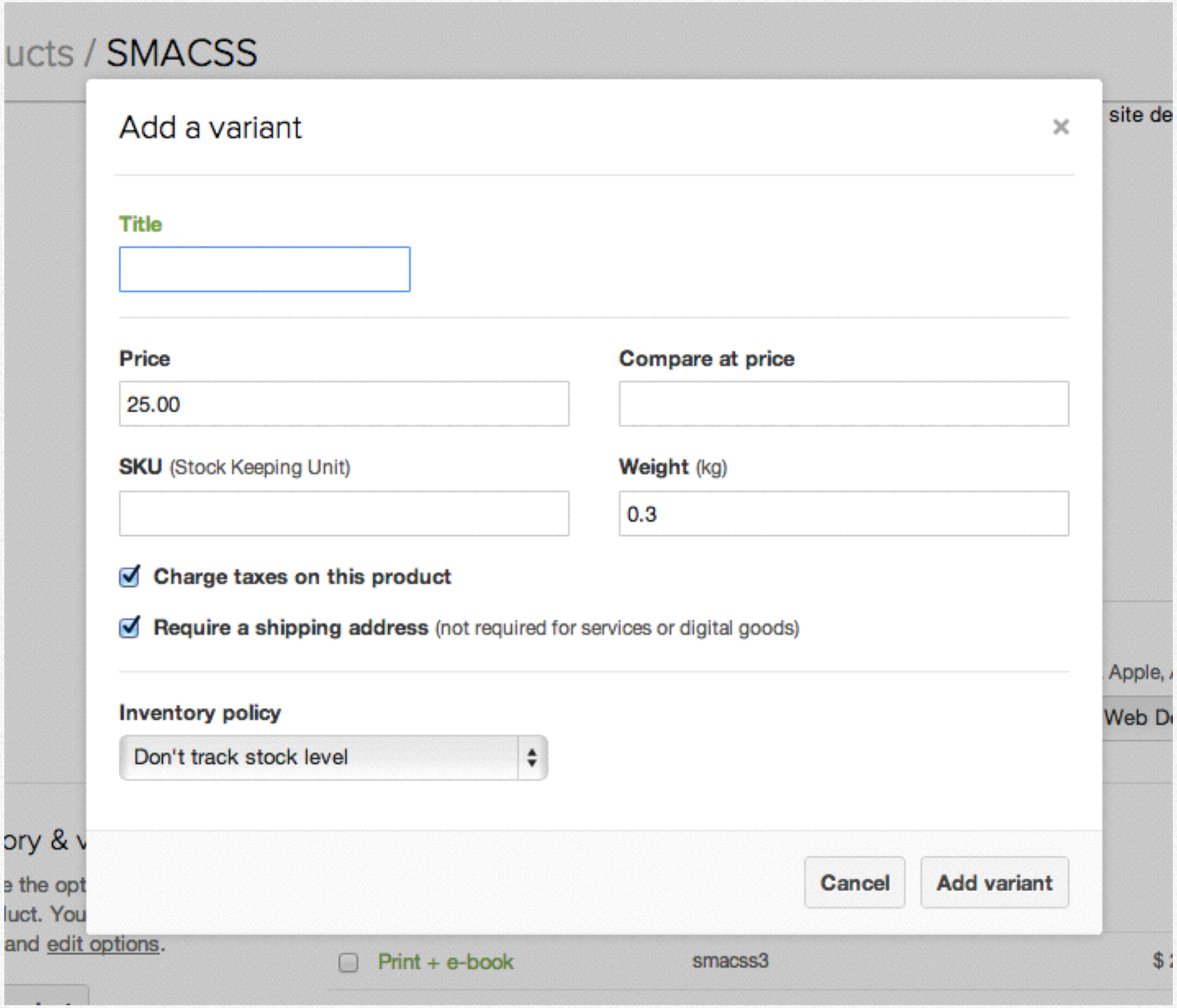
variants

Title	SKU	Price

Module child elements

I call them sub-components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Add a variant
Title
Price
25.00
Compare at price
SKU (Stock Keeping Unit)
Weight (kg)
0.3
Charge taxes on this product
Require a shipping address (not required for services or digital goods)
Inventory policy
Don't track stock level
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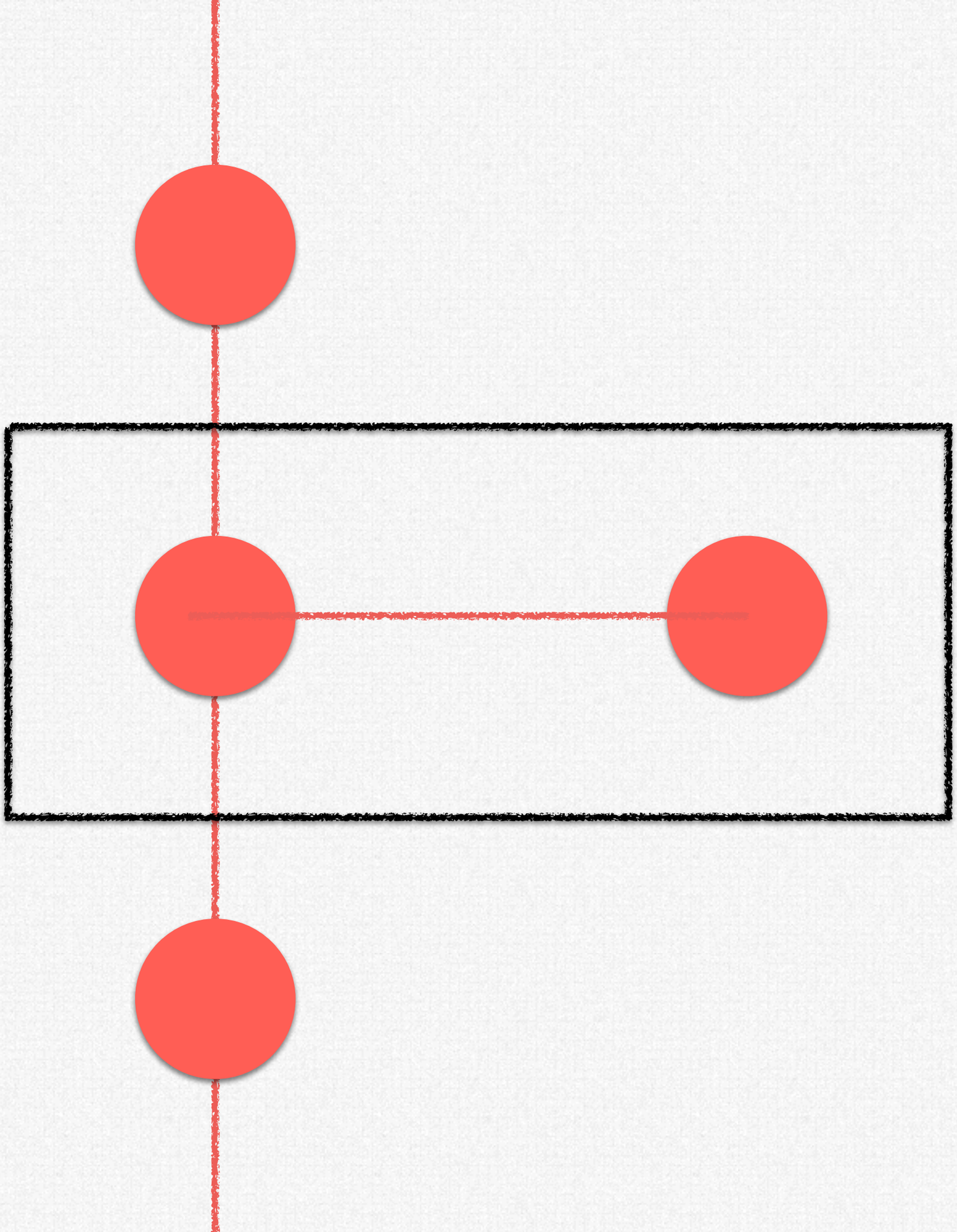

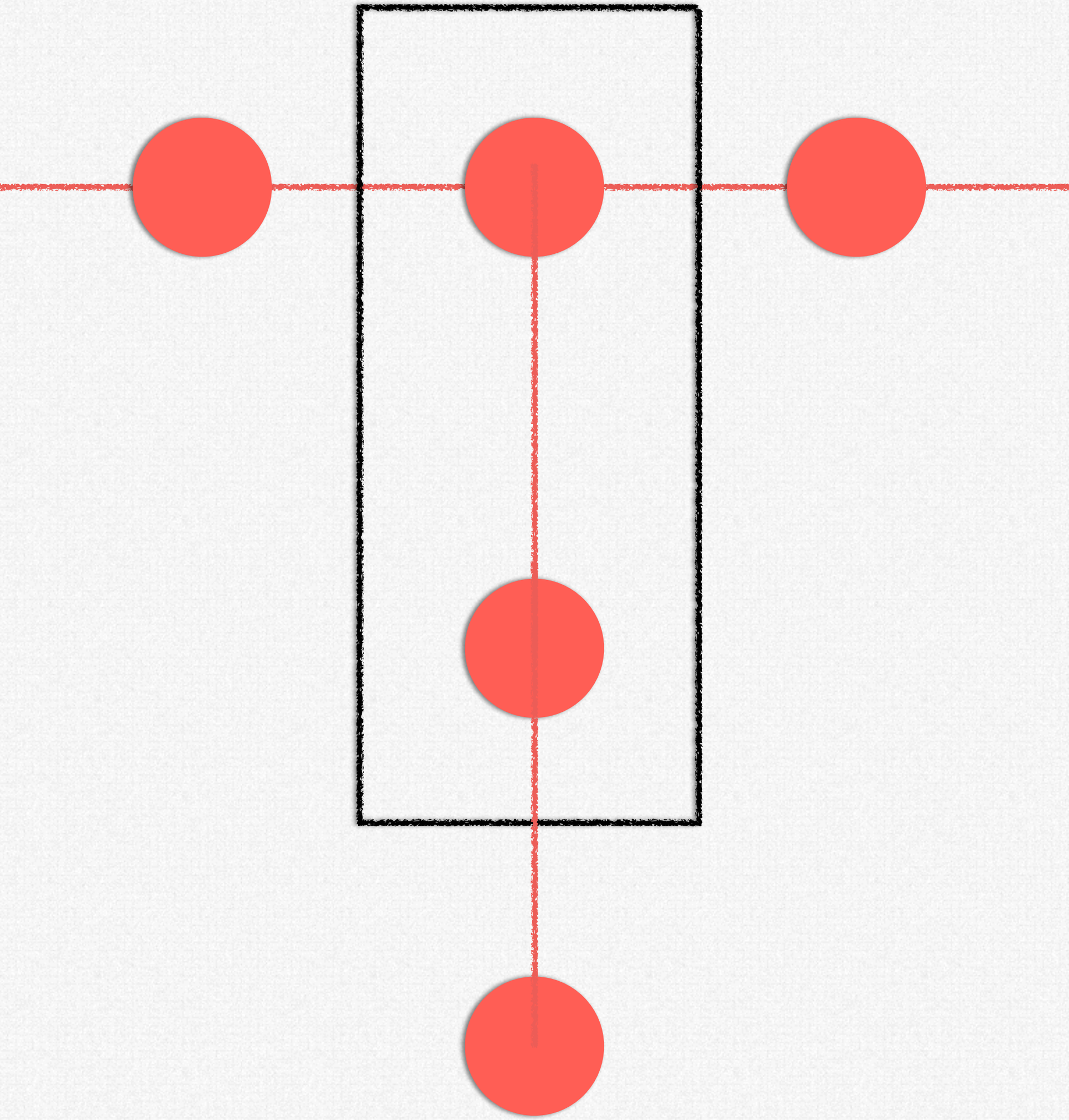

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```
 1
 2 <div class="modal modal-large">
 3   <form>
 4   <div class="modal-header">
 5     <h2>Heading</h2>
 6     <button class="btn btn-clean">Close</button>
 7   </div>
 8   <div class="modal-body">
 9       ...
10   </div>
11   <div class="modal-footer">
12     <button class="btn">Cancel</button>
13     <button class="btn btn-go">Save</button>
14   </div>
15   </form>
16 </div>
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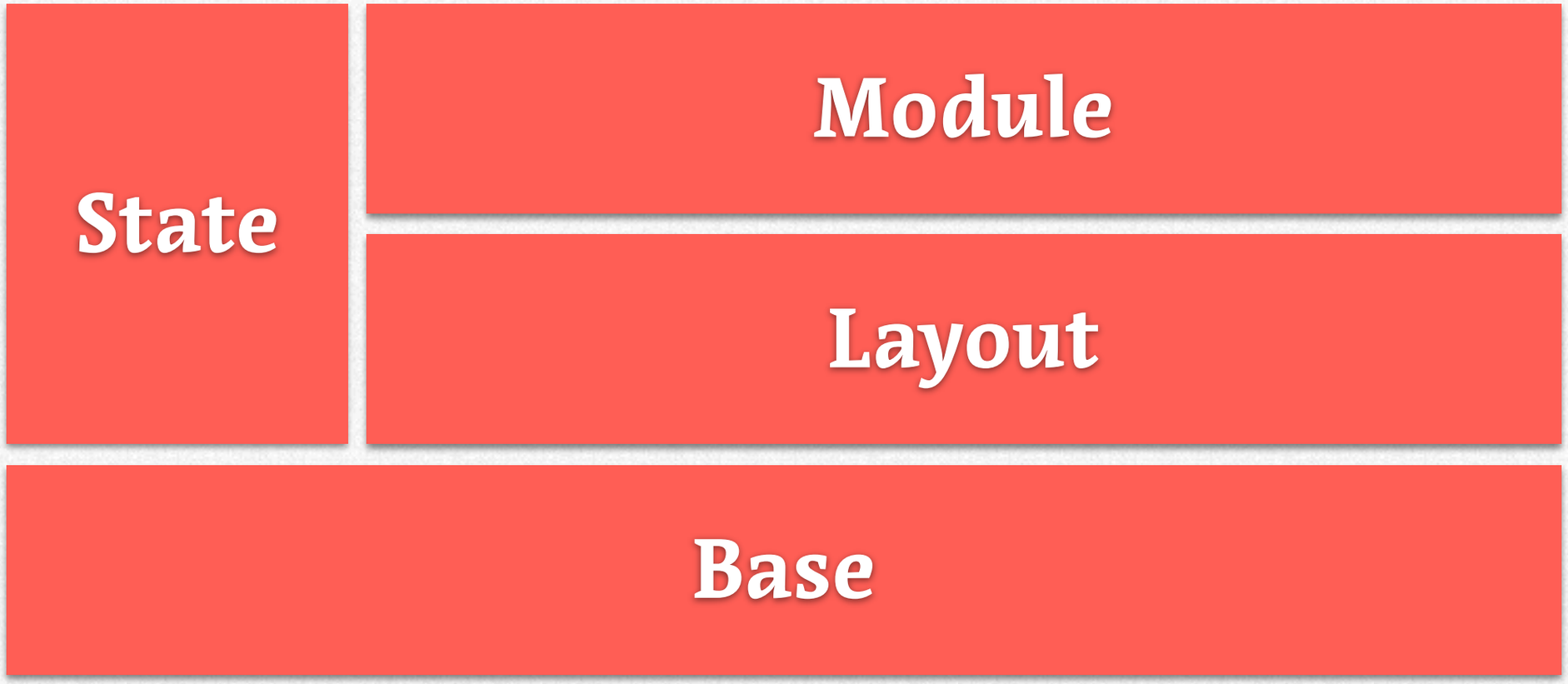
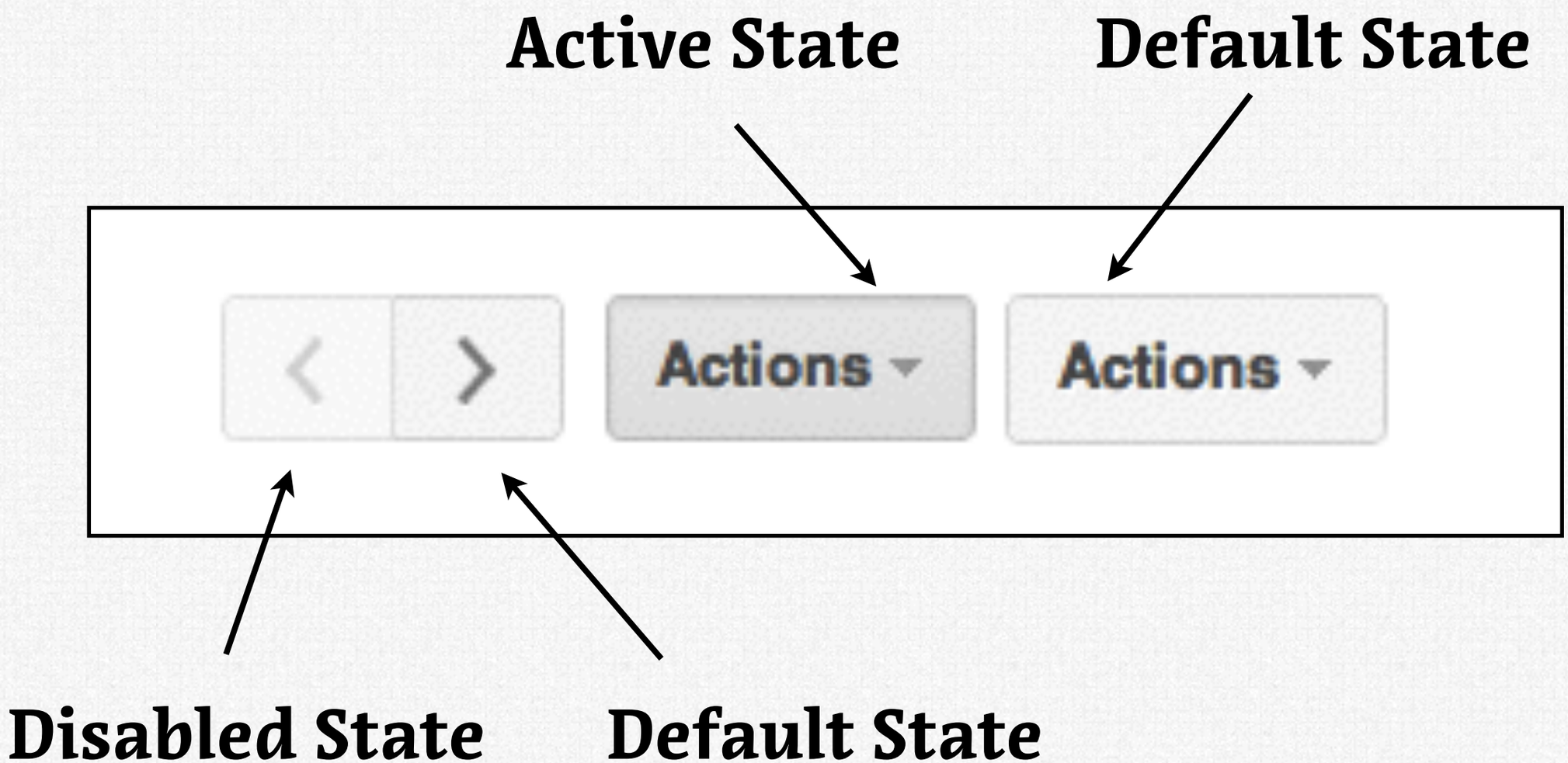
```

Modules

- Isolate Modules from each other
- Prevent styles from coming in or out

Categorization

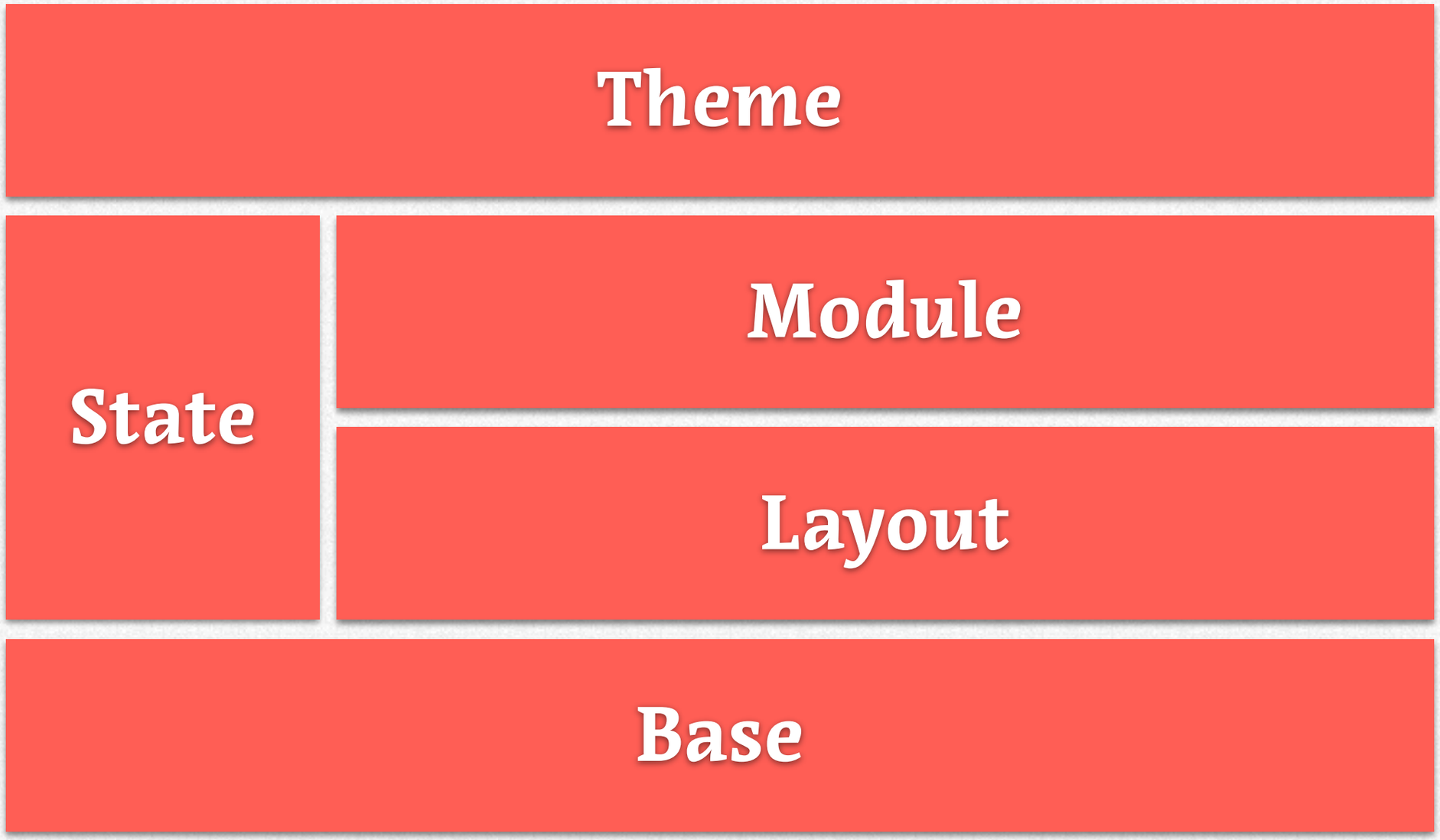



Active State
Default State
Actions
Actions
Disabled State
Default State

States

- Like a module variation (sub-module) but indicate a JavaScript dependency

Categorization



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信箱 | 拍賣 | Yahoo!奇摩

YAHOO! 奇摩 電子信箱

搜尋 搜尋信件 網頁搜尋

最新訊息 收件匣 (6995) 通訊錄

寫信 刪除 回覆 轉寄 這是垃圾信

挑戰多益700分！

收件匣 3787

交談

草稿匣 5

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電子郵件

即時交談

Themes

- Only for on-the-fly style changes
- Usually aren't needed
  - Preprocessors can help

Categorization

- Every style we write serves one of these purposes whether we're aware of it or not
- Isolating code allows for easier reuse, testing, and debugging

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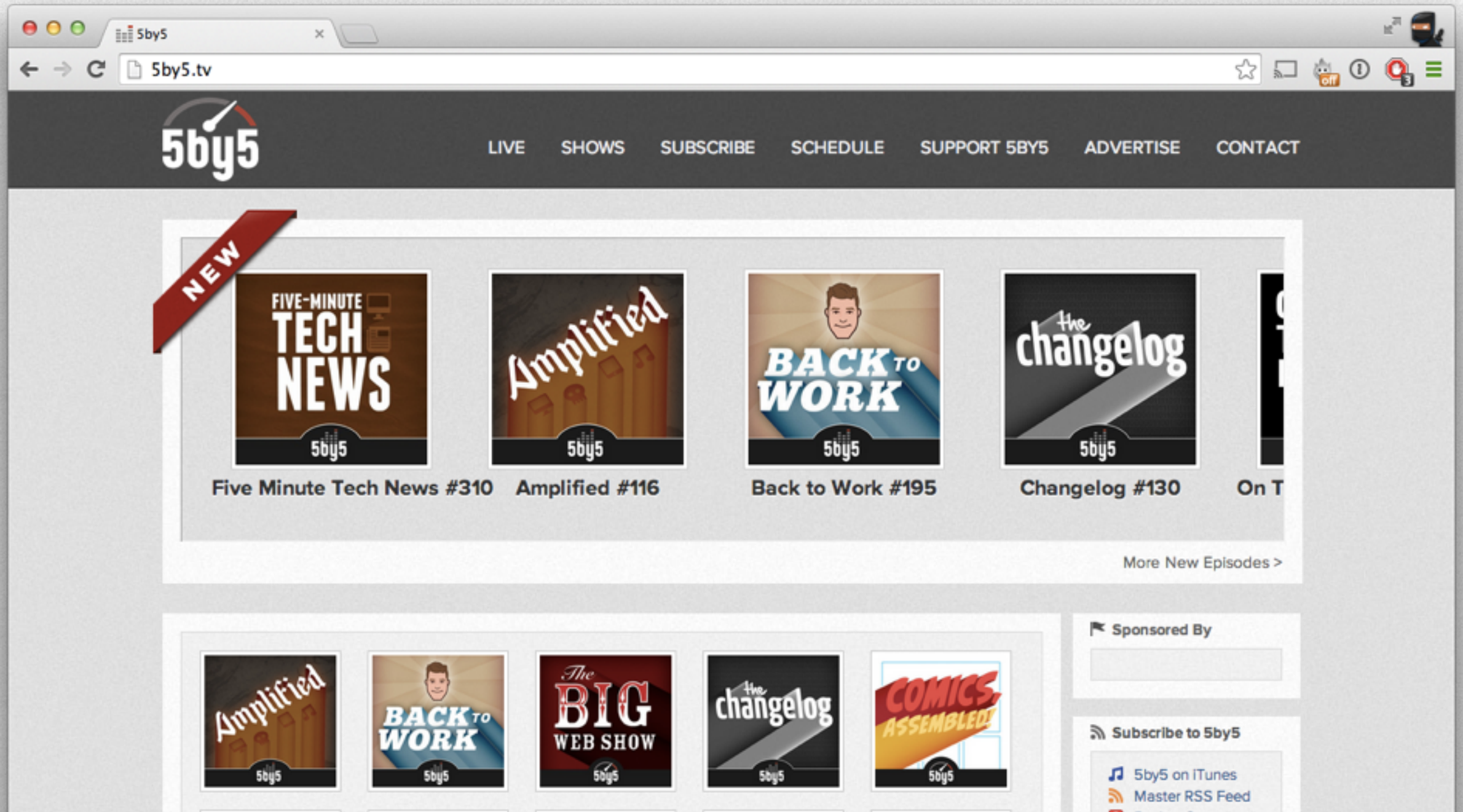
- Every style we write serves one of these purposes whether we're aware of it or not
- Isolating code allows for easier reuse, testing, and debugging
- Categorizing reveals patterns; easier to identify when things break the pattern

Exercise #1

What layout styles would we have for 5by5.tv?



Naming Convention

Base

```
html {
  background-color: #FFF;
  font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;
  font-size: 14px;
}
body {
  margin: 0;
  padding: 0;
}
h1, h2, h3 {
  margin: 1em 0;
}
```

```
a {}
a:hover {}
a:focus {}
```

Layout

```
.header {
  width: 100%;
}

.sidebar {
  float: left;
  width: 20%;
}

.content {
  float: right;
  width: 80%;
}
```

```
.layout-header {
  width: 100%;
}

.layout-sidebar {
  float: left;
  width: 20%;
}

.layout-content {
  float: right;
  width: 80%;
}
```

Use Class over ID

Specificity is *dangerous*

Specificity

Inline	ID	Class (pseudo-classes and attribute selectors)	Element (pseudo-elements)
style="..."	#article	.article :hover [attr=val]	a :first-child

```
a        { color: #039; }
.subdued { color: #666; }
#cancel  { color: #900; }

<a href="...">Link</a>
<a href="..." class="subdued">Link</a>
<a href="..." id="cancel">Link</a>
<a href="..." id="cancel"
   class="subdued">Link</a>
```

Tricky CSS inheritance issue on Monday	
Tricky CSS inheritance issue on Friday	

```
a        { color: #039; }
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Specificity Buster!

!important

Specificity Master!
!important

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```

```
a            { color: #039; }
.link-subdued { color: #666; }
.link-danger  { color: #900; }

<a href="...">Link</a>
<a href="..." class="link-subdued">...
<a href="..." id="cancel"
   class="link-danger">Link</a>
<a href="..." id="cancel"
   class="link-subdued">Link</a>
```

Grid Systems

Like 960.gs

```
.container_12,
.container_16 {
  margin-left: auto;
  margin-right: auto;
  width: 960px;
}
```

```
.container_12 .grid_4 {
  width: 300px;
}

.container_12 .grid_5 {
  width: 380px;
}

.container_12 .grid_7 {
  width: 540px;
}
```

```
.grid {}
.grid-4 {
  width: 300px;
}

.grid-5 {
  width: 380px;
}

.grid-7 {
  width: 540px;
}
```

Module

```
.tab {}

.listview {}

.btn {}
```

Module Variations

I call them sub-modules

```
.btn {}
.btn-large {}
.btn-small {}
.btn-default {}
.btn-search {}
```

```
.btn.large?
```

```
.btn.large
.field.large
.modal.large
```

```
class="btn large"
class="large btn"
class="btn default large"
```

LEAST GREPPABLE CLASS NAMES EVER

grep "alert" * -R

80

grep "label" * -R

329

grep "success" * -R

364

grep "info" * -R

1153

//snk.ms/20

```
.btn {
   padding:5px 10px;
   font-size: 1em;

   &.large {
      padding: 10px 20px;
      font-size: 2em;
   }
}
```

```
...
   padding:5px 10px;
   font-size: 1em;

   .large {
      padding: 10px 20px;
      font-size: 2em;
   }
...
```

.btn-large

```
.btn {
   padding:5px 10px;
   font-size: 1em;
}

.btn-large {
   padding: 10px 20px;
   font-size: 2em;
}
```

Naming Convention

Naming convention clarifies intent

Prefix

- Prefix sub-modules with name of module

Module child elements

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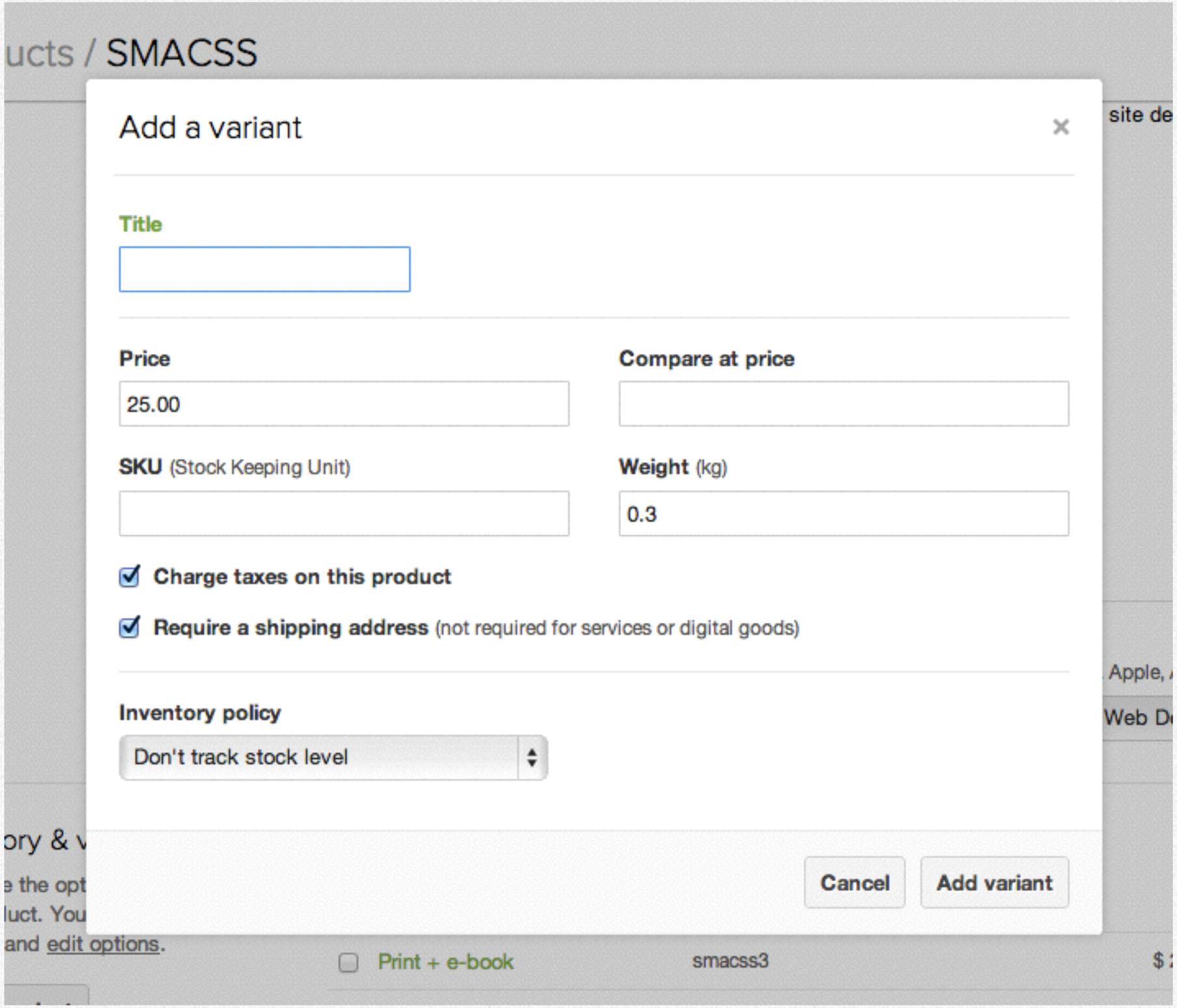
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Add a variant
Title
Price
25.00
Compare at price
SKU (Stock Keeping Unit)
Weight (kg)
0.3
Charge taxes on this product
Require a shipping address (not required for services or digital goods)
Inventory policy
Don't track stock level
Cancel
Add variant
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and edit options.
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```html
<div class="modal modal-large">
  <form>
  <div class="modal-header">
    <h2>Heading</h2>
    <button class="btn btn-clean">Close</button>
  </div>
  <div class="modal-body">
   …
  </div>
  <div class="modal-footer">
    <button class="btn">Cancel</button>
    <button class="btn btn-go">Save</button>
  </div>
  </form>
</div>
```

State

```
.btn {}
.is-btn-active {}
.is-btn-disabled {}
```

I'm Ron Burgundy?

```
.btn {}
.btn-is-active {}
.btn-is-disabled {}
```

Prefix

- Prefix states with “is-”
  - “is-” prefix indicates likelihood of JavaScript dependency
  - “is-” indicates a toggleable state.
- States that are specific to a module should include module name

Theme

```
.theme-header {}
.theme-border {}
.theme-background {}
```

```
.text-xl { font-size: 140%; }
.text-l { font-size: 120%; }
.text {}
.text-s { font-size: 90%; }
.text-xs { font-size: 80%; }
```

Prefix for versioning or packaging

```
.next-btn {}

.next-btn-is-active {}
.next-btn-is-disabled {}
```

```
.next-btn {}

.next-btn-is-active {}
.next-btn-is-disabled {}
```

Pure CSS

Buttons - Pure

purecss.io/buttons/

PURE

- Get Started
- Layouts
- Base
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- Forms
- Buttons
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- Menus
- Tools
- Customize
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- Blog

Buttons

Simple CSS for buttons.

Default Buttons

To create a Pure Button, add the `pure-button` classname to any `<a>` or `<button>` element.

A Pure Button A Pure Button

```
<a class="pure-button" href="#">A Pure Button</a>
<button class="pure-button">A Pure Button</button>
```

Disabled Buttons

CSS at Facebook

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CSS at Facebook

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Speaker Deck

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4 - Minification

```
/* button.css */
._f8z {
```

```
/* button.js */
<div className={'_f8z'}>
```

One side benefit is that we can minify all the class names and send both the JS and CSS a bit faster to users.

This also ensures that all the developers are using cx since they cannot guess that name :)

`.modulename`

No hyphens
Always a root node

`.modulename-submodule`

No hyphens

`.modulename-subcomponent`

No difference from submodule

Alternatives

`.module-name`

allows for hyphens
Always a root node

`.module-name--submodule`

hyphens

`.module-name__subcomponent`

underscores

Alternatives

```
.moduleName
```

camelCase

```
.moduleName-subModule
```

single hyphen

```
.moduleName--subComponent
```

double hyphen

Naming Convention

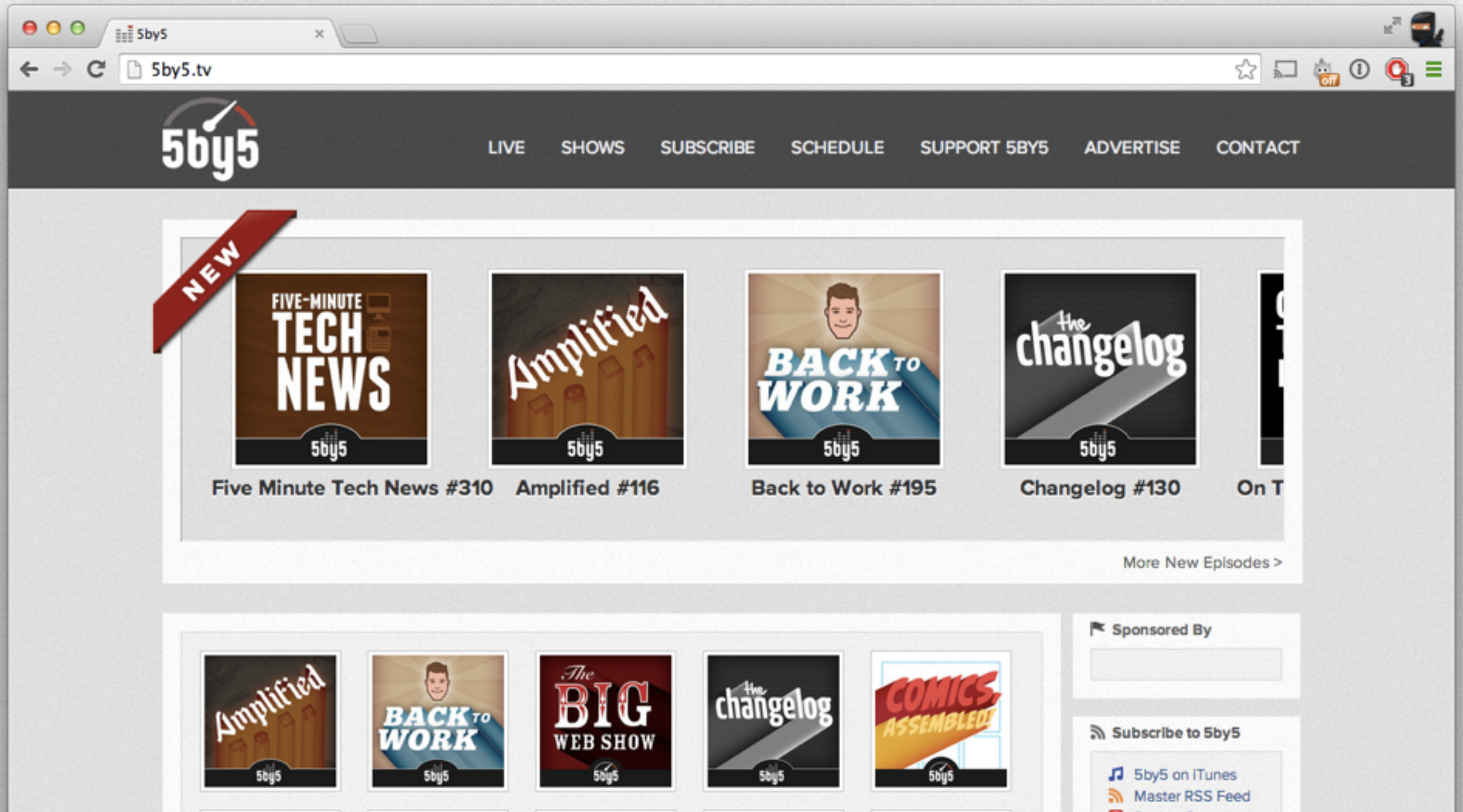
- Pick a system that works for you and your team
- Be consistent
- Consider:
  - Root node
  - Sub-modules
  - Sub-components

Patterns

- Layouts specify widths and margins
- Modules expand to fill Layout
- States are !important

Exercise #2

Identify FIVE possible modules.
What class names would you give them?



When is it Base?

<button>
<table>
<input>

```
button {
  display: inline-block;
  padding: 3px 30px;
  border-radius: 25px;
  background-color: #4A6F81;
  background-image: linear-gradient(..);
  box-shadow: 0 0 0 1px #4A6F81;
  text-decoration: none;
  color: white;
  font-weight: bold;
  font-size: 150%;
}
```

```
.btn {
  display: inline-block;
  padding: 3px 30px;
  border-radius: 25px;
  background-color: #4A6F81;
  background-image: linear-gradient(..);
  box-shadow: 0 0 0 1px #4A6F81;
  text-decoration: none;
  color: white;
  font-weight: bold;
  font-size: 150%;
}
```

```
table {
  width: 100%;
  border: solid black;
  border-width: 1px 0;
}

td {
  border: solid black;
  border-width: 1px 0;
}
```

```
table {
  width: 100%;
}

.comparison {
  border: solid black;
  border-width: 1px 0;
}

.comparison td {
  border: solid black;
  border-width: 1px 0;
}
```

Depth of Applicability

```
#comments .comment .meta .authorname {}
#comments .comment .meta .commentnumber
a {}
```

```
#content a { color: #039; }
#sidebar a { color: #333; }
```

Reduce the Depth

- Use fewer selectors, preferably one
- Use child selectors to limit depth

```
#comments .comment .meta .authorname {}
#comments .comment .meta .commentnumber
a {}
```

```
.comment-author {}
.comment-number > a {}
```

```
#content a { color: #039; }
#sidebar a { color: #333; }
```

```
a { color: #039; }
.nav > a { color: #333; }
.callout > a { color: #900; }
```

Decoupling CSS from HTML

```
.nav {
   margin: 0;
   padding: 0;
   list-style: none;
}

.nav li {
   float: left;
}

.nav li a {
   display: block;
   padding: 5px 10px;
   background-color: blue;
}
```

```html
<ul class="nav">
   <li><a href="/">Home</a></li>
   <li><a href="/products">Products</a></li>
   <li><a href="/contact">Contact Us</a></li>
</ul>
```

```
<ul class="nav">
   <li><a href="/">Home</a></li>
   <li><a href="/products">Products</a>
      <ul>
         <li><a href="/products/shoes">Shoes</a></li>
         <li><a href="/products/jackets">Jackets</a></li>
      </ul>
   </li>
   <li><a href="/contact">Contact Us</a></li>
</ul>
```

```
.nav ul {
   margin: 0;
   padding:0;
   list-style:none;
}

.nav li li {
   float: none;
}

.nav li li a {
   padding: 2px;
   background-color: red;
}
```

```
.nav {
   margin: 0;
   padding: 0;
   list-style: none;
}

.nav > li {
   float: left;
}

.nav > li > a {
   display: block;
   padding: 5px 10px;
   background-color: blue;
}
```

```
.menu {
   margin: 0;
   padding: 0;
   list-style: none
}

.menu > li > a {
   display: block;
   padding: 2px;
   background-color: red;
}
```

```
<div class="box">
   <h2>Sites I Like</h2>
   <ul>
      <li><a href="http://example.com/">Example</a></li>
      <li><a href="http://smacss.com/">SMACSS</a></li>
   </ul>
</div>
```

```
.box {
   border: 1px solid #333;
}

.box h2 {
   margin: 0;
   padding: 5px 10px;
   border-bottom: 1px solid #333;
   background-color: #CCC;
}

.box ul {
   margin: 10px;
}
```

```
<div class="box">
   <h2>Sites I Like</h2>
   <ul>
      <li><a href="http://example.com/">Example</a></li>
      <li><a href="http://smacss.com/">SMACSS</a></li>
   </ul>
</div>

<div class="box">
   <h2>About Us</h2>
   <p>The Fancy Pants Company is all about fancy pants.</p>
</div>

<div class="box">
   <h2>Sponsored By</h2>
   <div><img src="http://example.com/img.png" alt="..."></div>
</div>
```

```
.box {
   border: 1px solid #333;
}

.box h2 {
   margin: 0;
   padding: 5px 10px;
   border-bottom: 1px solid #333;
   background-color: #CCC;
}

.box ul, .box p, .box div {
   margin: 10px;
}
```

```
.box {
   border: 1px solid #333;
}

.box h2 {
   margin: 0;
   padding: 5px 10px;
   border-bottom: 1px solid #333;
   background-color: #CCC;
}

.box-body {
   margin: 10px;
}
```

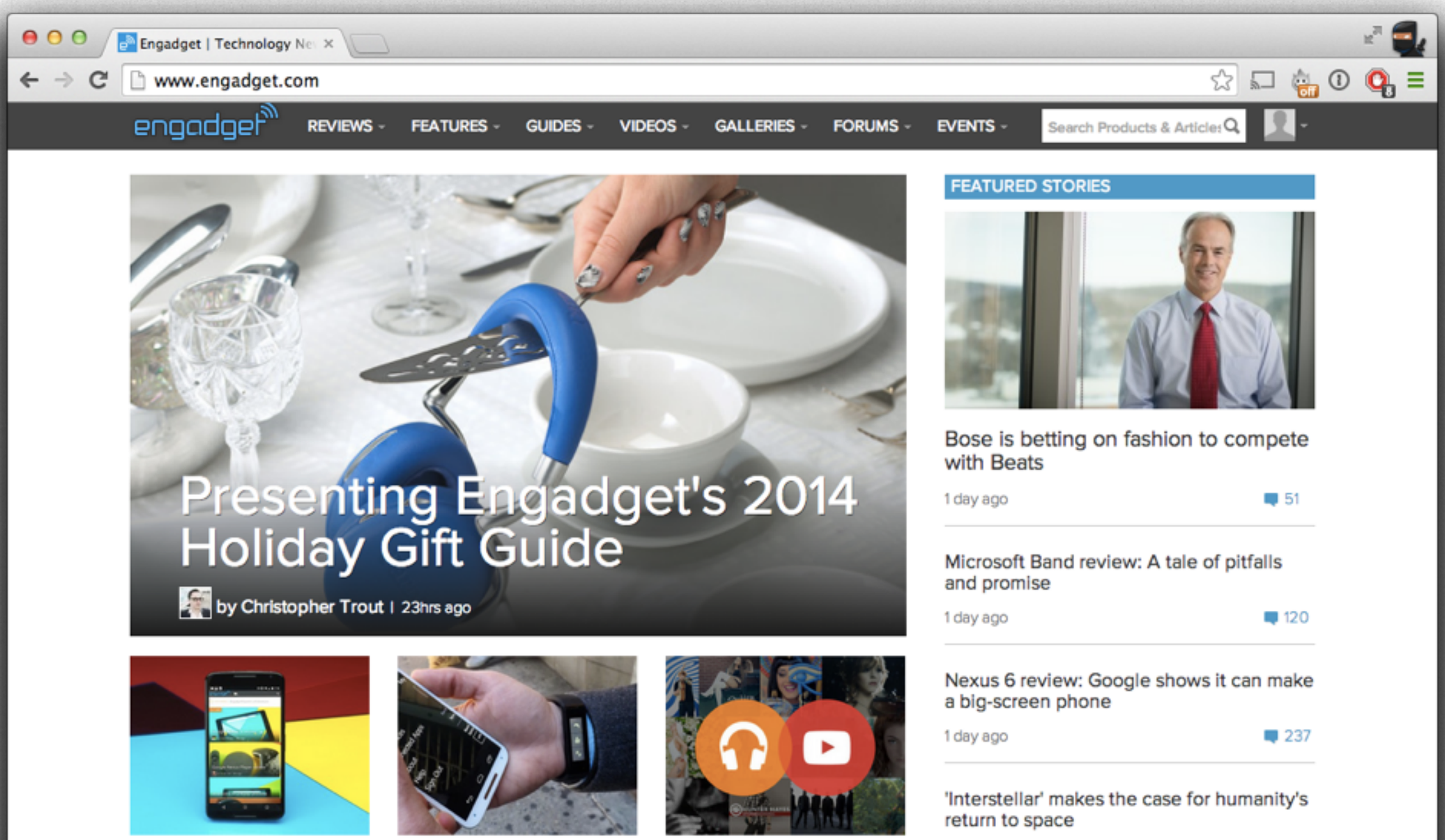
```
<div class="box">
   <h2>Sites I Like</h2>
   <ul class="box-body">
      <li><a href="http://example.com/">Example</a></li>
      <li><a href="http://smacss.com/">SMACSS</a></li>
   </ul>
</div>

<div class="box">
   <h2>About Us</h2>
   <p class="box-body">The Fancy Pants Company is all about fancy
pants.</p>
</div>

<div class="box">
   <h2>Sponsored By</h2>
   <div class="box-body"><img src="..." alt="..."></div>
</div>
```

Single Responsibility Theory

“A chunk of code should do one thing and one thing only.”

Exercise #3

Creating a SMACSS-based navigation



Exercise #3

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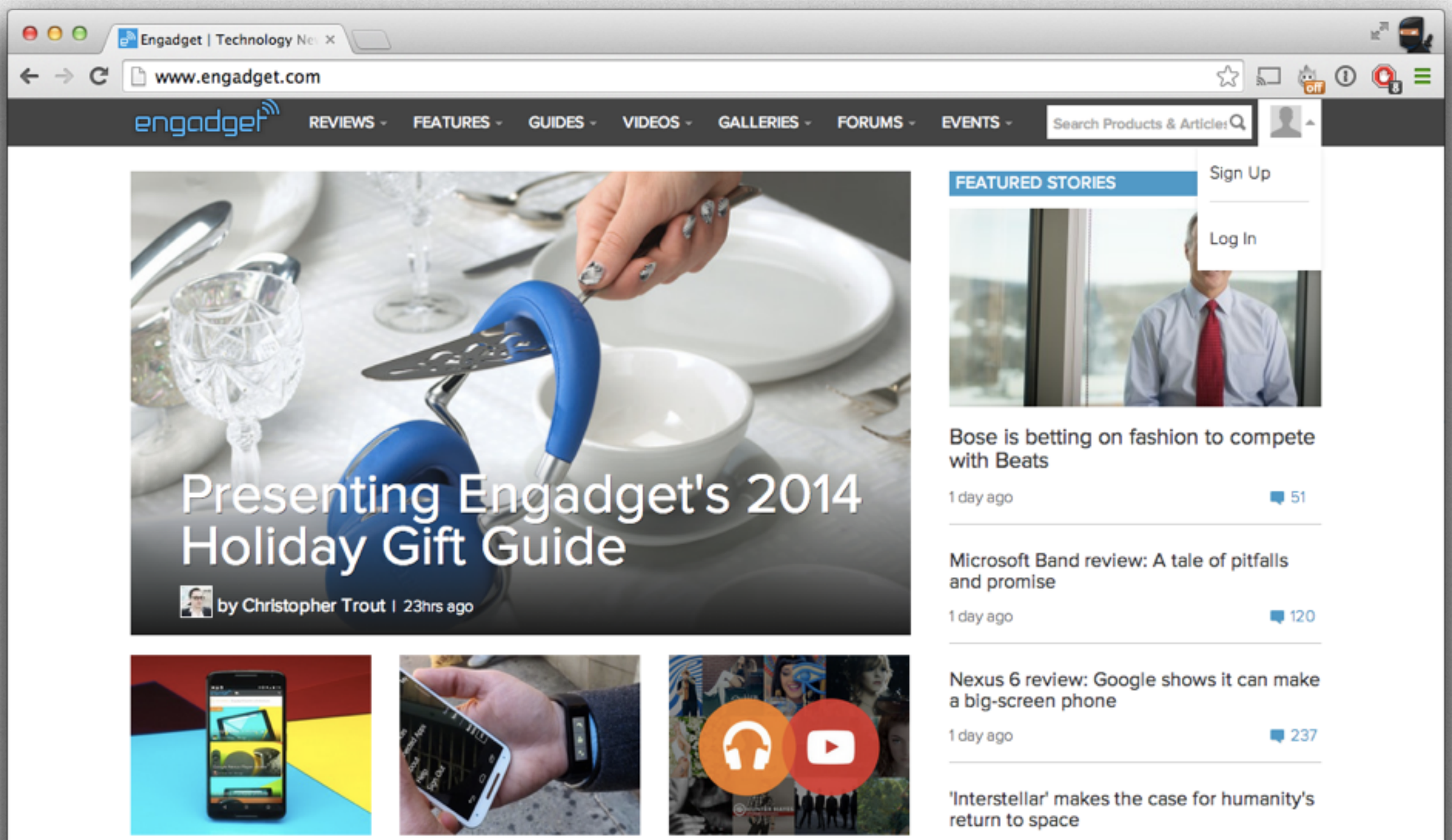
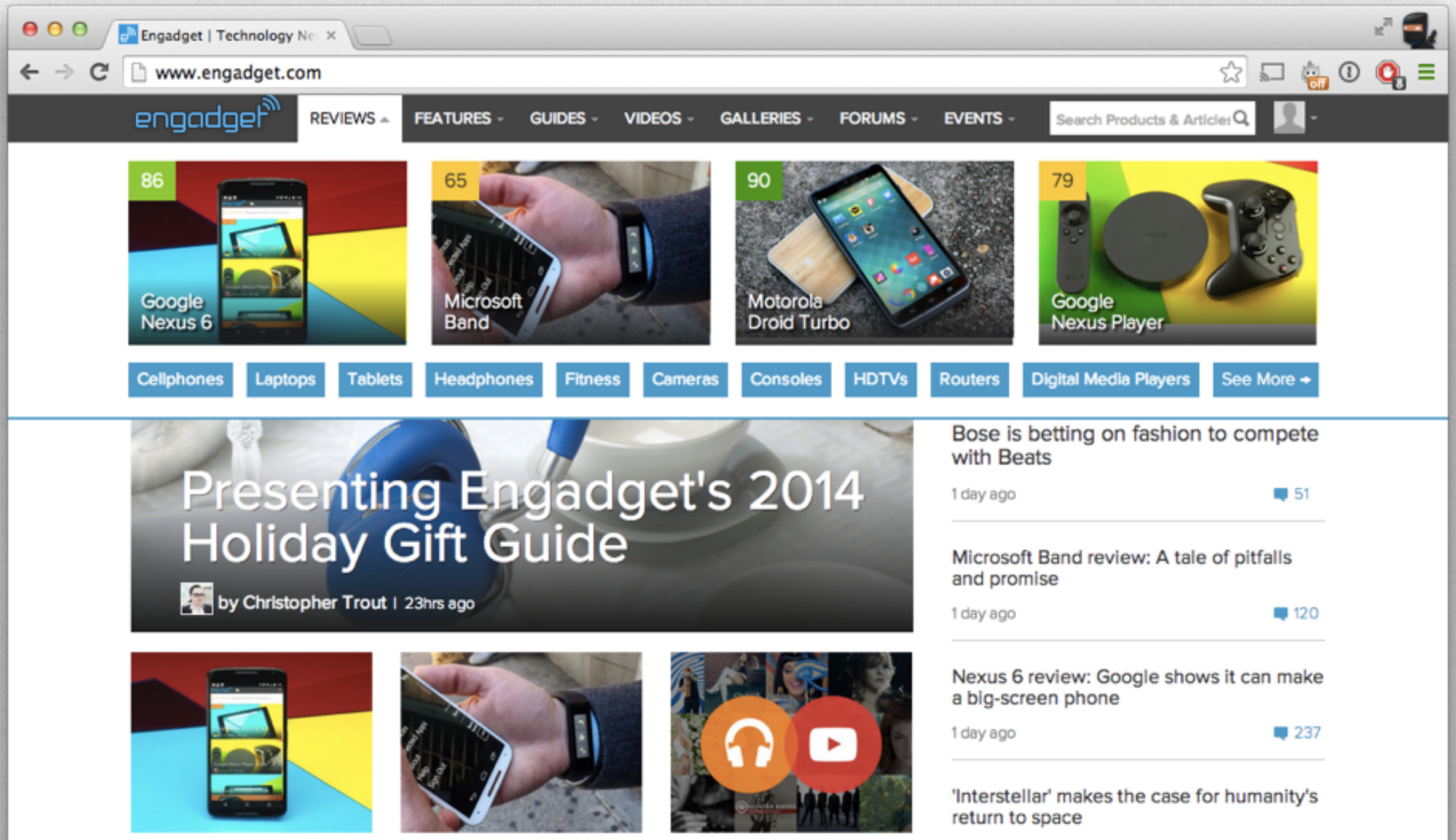


Exercise #3

Creating a SMACSS-based navigation



State-based Design

State Representation

- Classes
- Pseudo-classes
- Attribute Selectors
- Media Queries

Class-based State

```
/* class-based state */
.is-hidden {

}
```

```
/* class-based state that only applies
   to a specific module */
.is-module-active {

}
```

Avoid

- Avoid a state affecting more than one module at a time.

```
/* avoid this! */
.btn.is-active + .menu {
  display: block;
}
```

Pseudo-class State

```
/* Pseudo-class state */
.callout:hover {

}
```

```
.input-option {
  display: none;
}

/* Pseudo-class state */
input:checked ~ .input-option {
  display: block;
}
```

```
<input type="checkbox" id="opt">
<label for="opt">Other?</label>

<div class="input-option">
  <input type="text" id="other">
  <label for="other">Please specify:</
label>
  </div>
```

Attribute Selector State

```
.btn[data-state=default] { color: #333; }
.btn[data-state=pressed] { color: #000; }
.btn[data-state=disabled] { opacity: .5;
pointer-events: none; }

<!-- HTML -->
<button class="btn" data-
state="disabled">Disabled</button>
```

```
// bind a click handler to each button
$(".btn").bind("click", function(){
    // change the state to pressed
    $(this).attr('data-state', 'pressed');
});
```

Media Query State

```
@media screen and (max-width: 400px) {
    .layout-content { float: none; }
}
```

Modular Media Queries

- Include media queries with the modules they affect

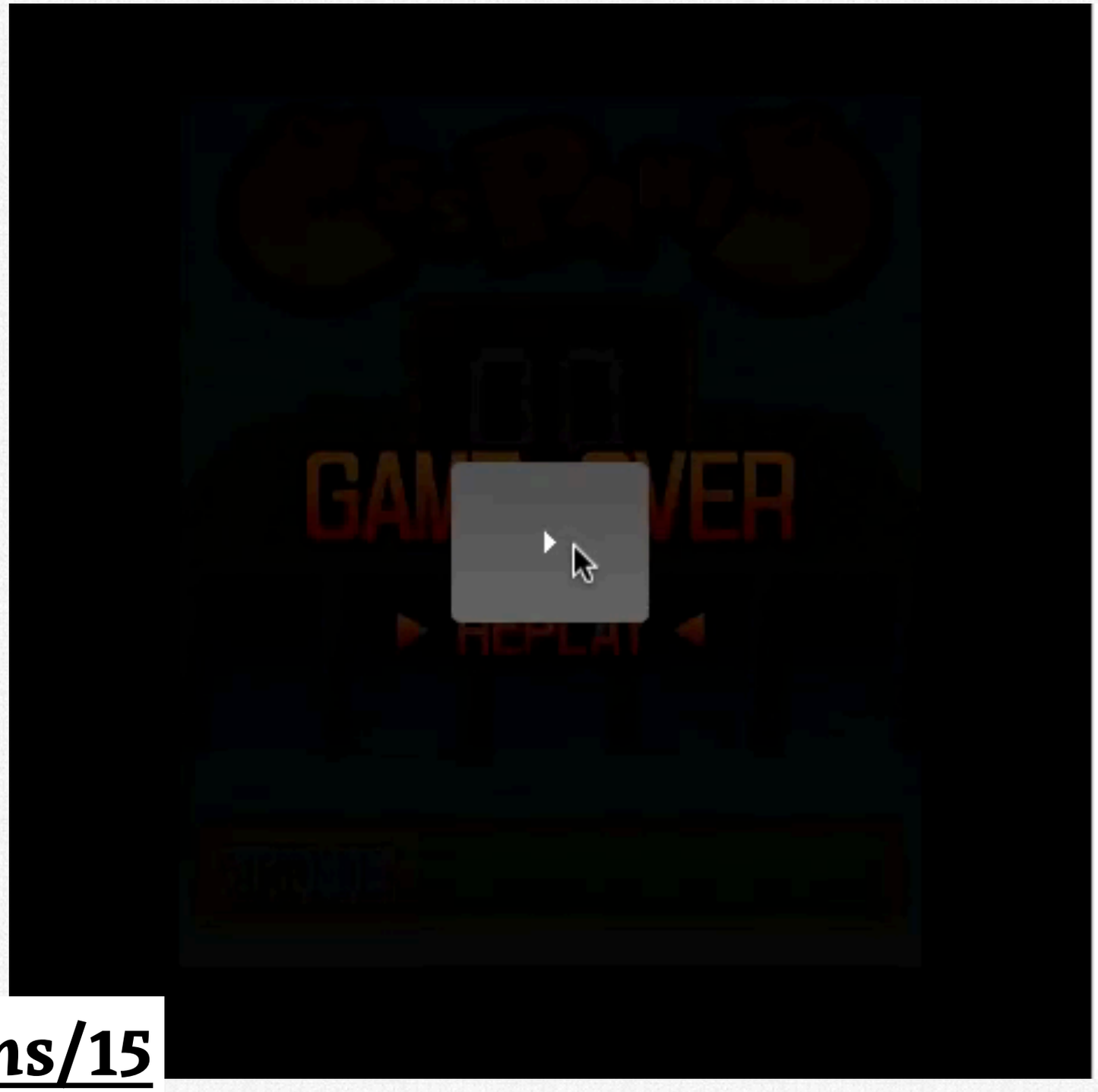
```
/* default state for nav items */
.nav > li {
   float: none;
}

/* alternate state for nav items on larger
screens */
@media screen and (min-width: 400px) {
    .nav > li { float: left; }
}
```

```
/* default layout */
.l-content { float: left; width: 75%; }
.l-sidebar { float: right; width: 25%; }

/* alternate state for layout on small
screens */
@media screen and (max-width: 400px) {
    .l-content, .l-sidebar {
        float: none;
        width: auto;
    }
}
```

CSS Panic



http://snk.ms/15

```
.enemys {
    z-index:3;
    position:absolute;
    top:0px;
    left:0;
    width:49px;
    height:93px;
    display:block;
    -webkit-appearance: button;
    -moz-appearance: button;
    background-position:0px 0px;
    background-repeat:no-repeat;
    -webkit-animation-iteration-count:infinite;
    cursor:pointer;
    opacity:0.9;
    border:none;
    outline:none;
}
```

```
    position:absolute;
    top:0px;
    left:0;
    width:49px;
    height:93px;
    display:block;
    -webkit-appearance: button;
    -moz-appearance: button;
    background-position:0px 0px;
    background-repeat:no-repeat;
    -webkit-animation-iteration-
count:infinite;
    cursor:pointer;
    opacity:0.9;
    border:none;
    outline:none;
}
```

```
.enemys:checked{
    overflow:hidden;
    -webkit-animation-name: none;
    -webkit-pointer-events: none;
    pointer-events: none;
    opacity:0;
}
```

```
.enemys:checked{
    overflow:hidden;
    -webkit-animation-name: none;
    -webkit-pointer-events: none;
    pointer-events: none;
    opacity:0;
}
```

Preprocessors

Preprocessors

- Variables
- Nesting
- Functions (and Mixins)
- Handles compilation of files into final product

Preprocessors

- Sass
- Less
- Stylus

Compass.app: compile Sass/

compass.handlino.com

compass.app Version: 1.12

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Use Sass / Compass In easily

FAQ Feedback

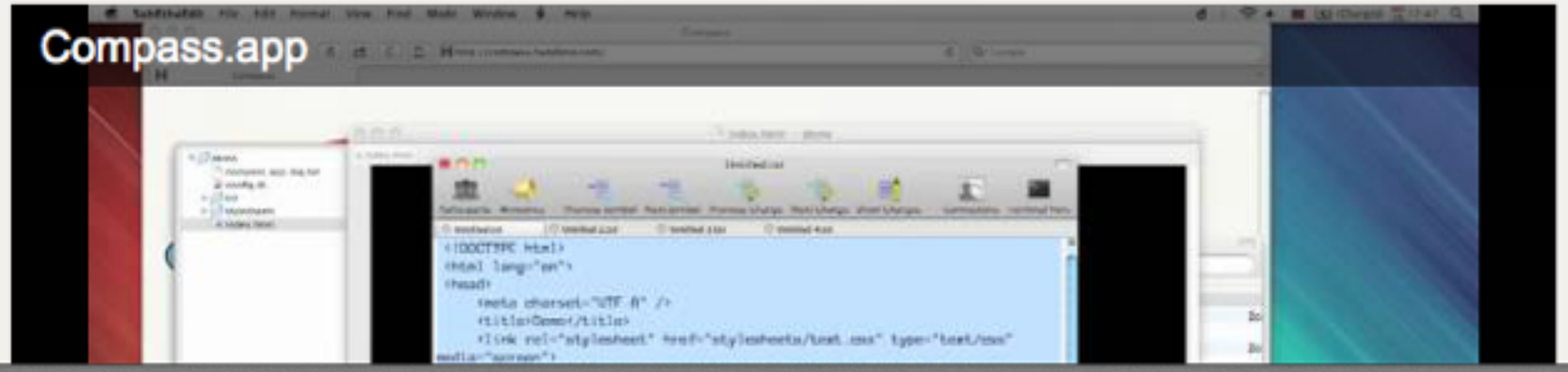
Compass is a stylesheet authoring framework that makes your stylesheets and markup easier to build and maintain. With compass, you write your stylesheets in Sass instead of plain CSS.

Compass.app helps designers compile stylesheets easily without resorting to command line interface. It is written in Java and works in Windows/Linux/Mac OS X.

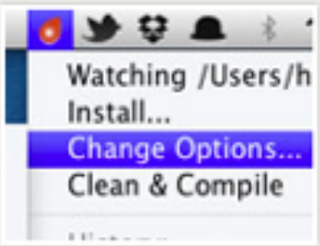
Features

- Works in Windows/Linux/Mac
- LiveReload support
- Built-in Web server
- Compass extensions support

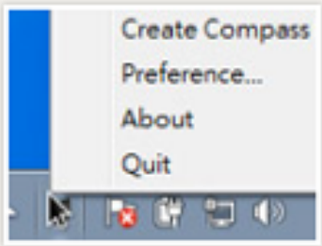
Screencast



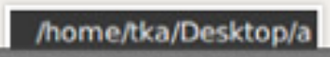
Screenshots



OSX



Windows



```sass
/* Variables */
$color: #369;

body {
  color: $color;
}

.callout {
  border-color: $color;
}
```

```
body {
    color: #369;
}

.callout {
    border-color: #369;
}
```

```
/* Nesting */
.nav {
  margin: 0;
  padding: 0;
  li {
    float: left;
  }
}
```

```
/* Nesting */
.nav {
  margin: 0;
  padding: 0;
}
  .nav li {
    float: left;
  }
```

```
// beware of deep nesting

#content {
  .nav {
    width: 500px;
    li {
      float:left; width: 100px;
      a {
        display:block;
      }
    }
  }
}
```

```
// beware of deep nesting

#content { }
  #content .nav {
    width: 500px;
  }
  #content .nav li {
   float:left; width:100px;
  }
  #content .nav li a {
    display:block;
  }
```

```
/* Nested Media Queries */
.nav > li {
 width: 100%;

 @media screen and (min-width: 320px) {
   width: 100px;
   float: left;
 }

 @media screen and (min-width: 1200px) {
   width: 250px;
 }
}
```

```
.nav > li {
   width: 100%; }

@media screen and (min-width: 320px) {
  .nav > li {
    width: 100px;
    float: left; } }

@media screen and (min-width: 1200px) {
  .nav > li {
    width: 250px; } }
```

```sass
@mixin font-size($sizeValue: 1.6) {
  font-size: ($sizeValue * 10) + px;
  font-size: $sizeValue + rem;
}

p {
  @include font-size(1.3);
}
```

```
/* Mixins */
p {
  font-size: 13px;
  font-size: 1.3rem;
}
```

```sass
/* Functions */
$btnColor: #036;
.btn {
    background-color: $btnColor;
}
.btn:hover {
    background-color: lighten($btnColor, 20%);
}
```

```
.btn {
    background-color: #003366;
}
.btn:hover {
    background-color: #0066cc;
}
```

```
/* Extending Classes */
.btn {
    display: block;
    padding: 5px 10px;
    background-color: #003366;
}
.btn-default {
    @extend .btn;
    background-color: #0066cc;
}
```

```
/* Extending Classes */
.btn, .btn-default {
  display: block;
  padding: 5px 10px;
  background-color: #003366; }

.btn-default {
  background-color: #0066cc; }
```

```
/* Extending Classes */

.modal {
  width: 50%;
  &:hover { … }
  &__header { … }
  &__footer { … }
}

.modal--large {
  @extend .modal;
  width: 90%;
}
```

```
/* Extending Classes */

.modal { width: 50%; }

.modal:hover,
.modal--large:hover { … }

.modal .modal__header,
.modal--large .modal__header { … }

.modal .modal__footer,
.modal--large .modal__footer { … }

.modal__header { width: 90%; }
```

```
/* Extending Classes */

.modal { width: 50%; }
.modal:hover { … }
.modal__header { … }
.modal__footer { … }

.modal--large { width: 90%; }
```

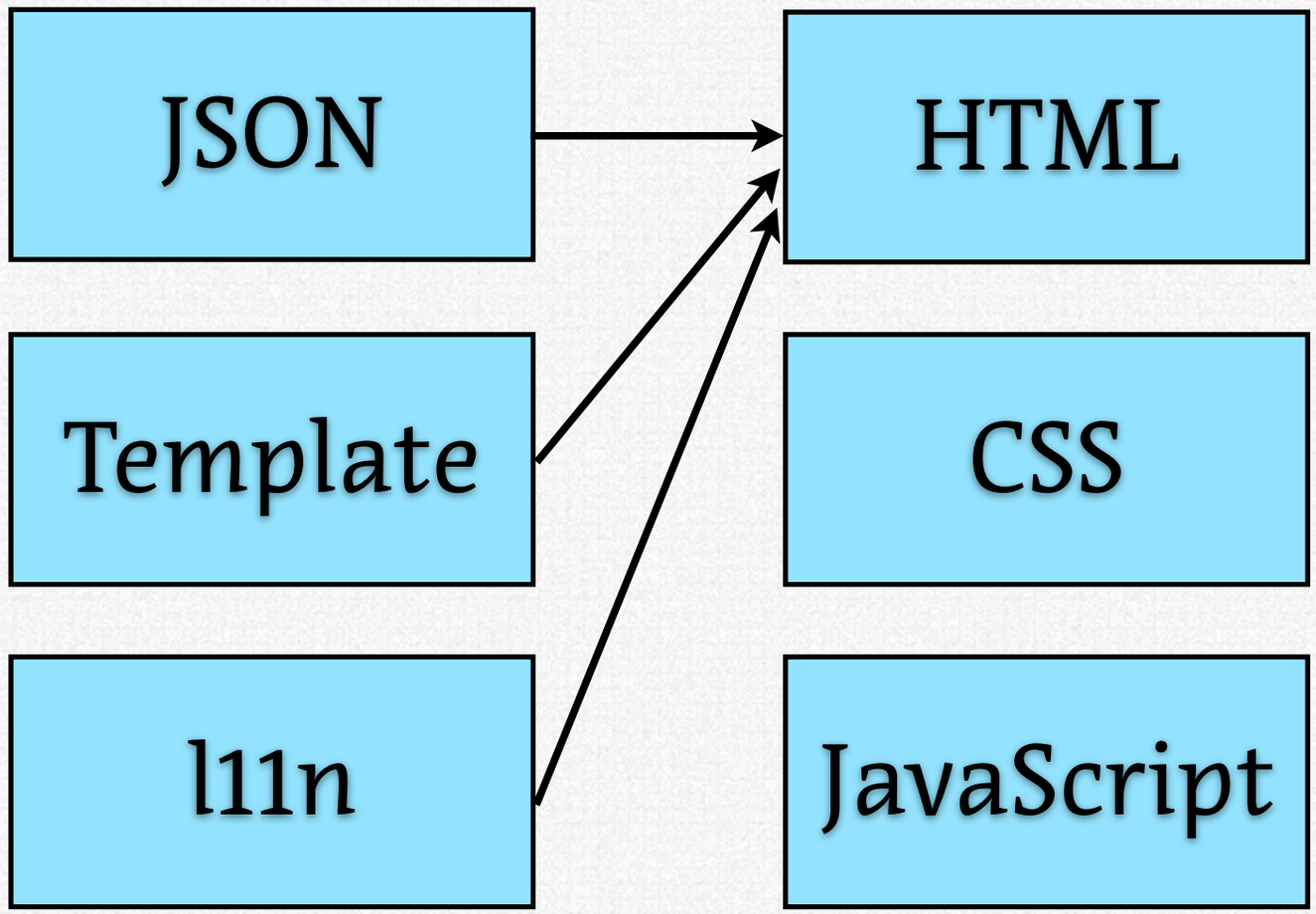
```
<div class="modal modal--large">
  <div class="modal__header"></div>
  <div class="modal__footer"></div>
</div>
```

Prototyping and Style Guides

Prototyping

- Build and test individual components
- Allows for front-end development independent of engineering
- Create centralized repository for multiple projects
- Proto Engine can use different technology than engineering

Proto Engine



Pattern Primer

patternprimer.adactio.com

This text is quoted. A block of quoted text like this is particularly useful when presented as a pull-quote within an article of text.

```
<blockquote>
<p>This text is quoted. A block of
quoted text like this is particularly
useful when presented as a pull-
quote within an article of text.</p>
</blockquote>
```

blockquote.html

This is an error feedback message.

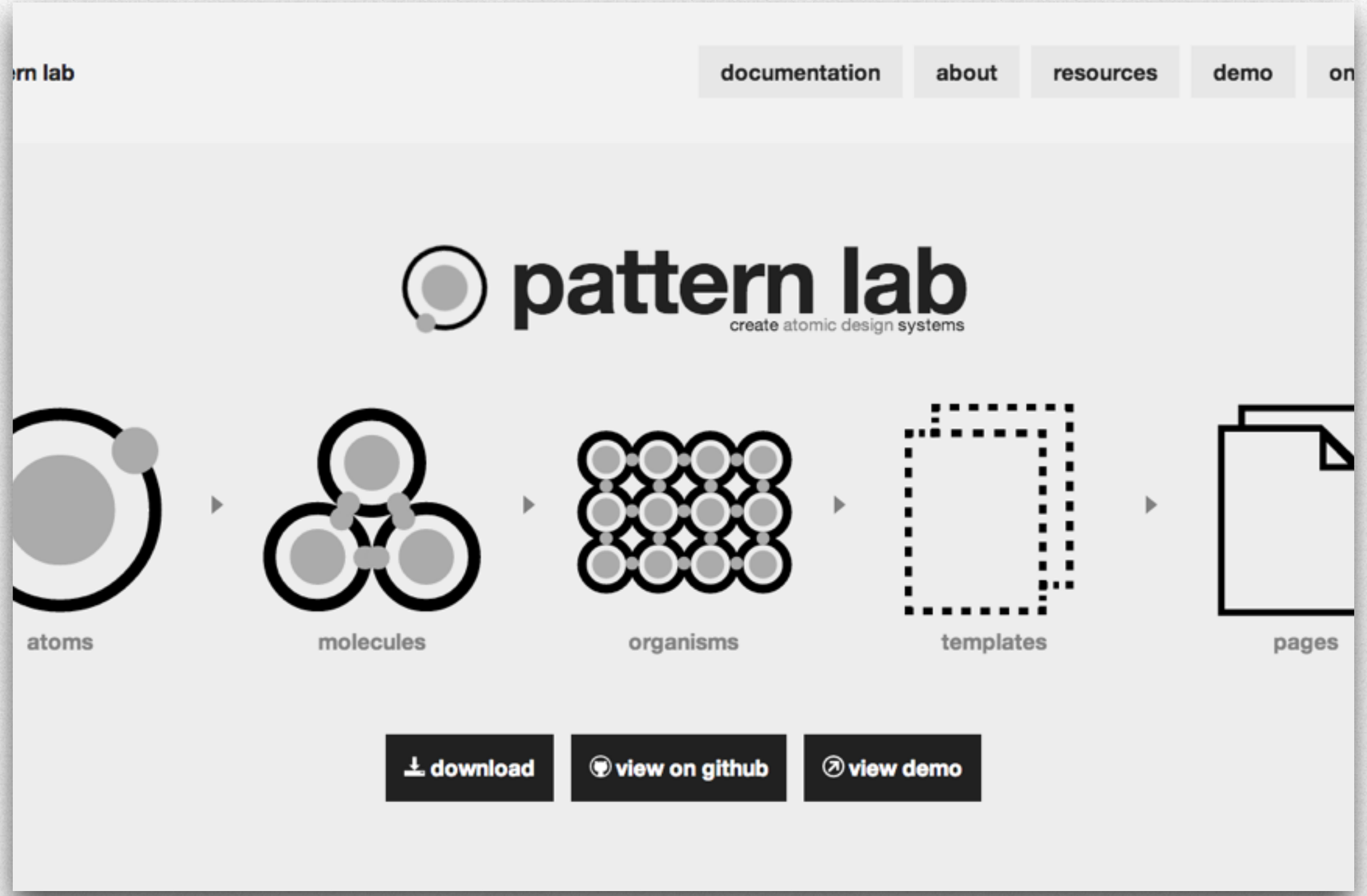
```
<div class="feedback error">
<p>This is an error feedback
message.</p>
</div>
```

feedback-error.html

This is a feedback message for the user.

```
<div class="feedback">
<p>This is a feedback message for
the user.</p>
</div>
```

feedback.html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UI Components

DESIGN ELEMENTS | UI COMPONENTS | JS COMPONENTS | WIDGETS | CSS UTILITIES

COMPONENTS

- Cards
- Ad Units
- Alerts
- Badges
- Breadcrumbs
- Buttons
- Hero Banner
- Preloader
- Page Title
- Pagination
- Picture

Buttons

PLEASE NOTE:

Buttons do not call this component directly as the abstraction would be overkill. Buttons should always look like these through a combination of the modifier classes detailed below and in buttons.sass

Colour variations

DEFAULT BUTTON Submit

```
<a class='btn' href='#'>Submit</a>
```

GREEN BUTTON Register

Size and Style variations

SMALL Submit

```
<a class='btn btn--small' href='#'>Submit</a
```

SLIM Submit

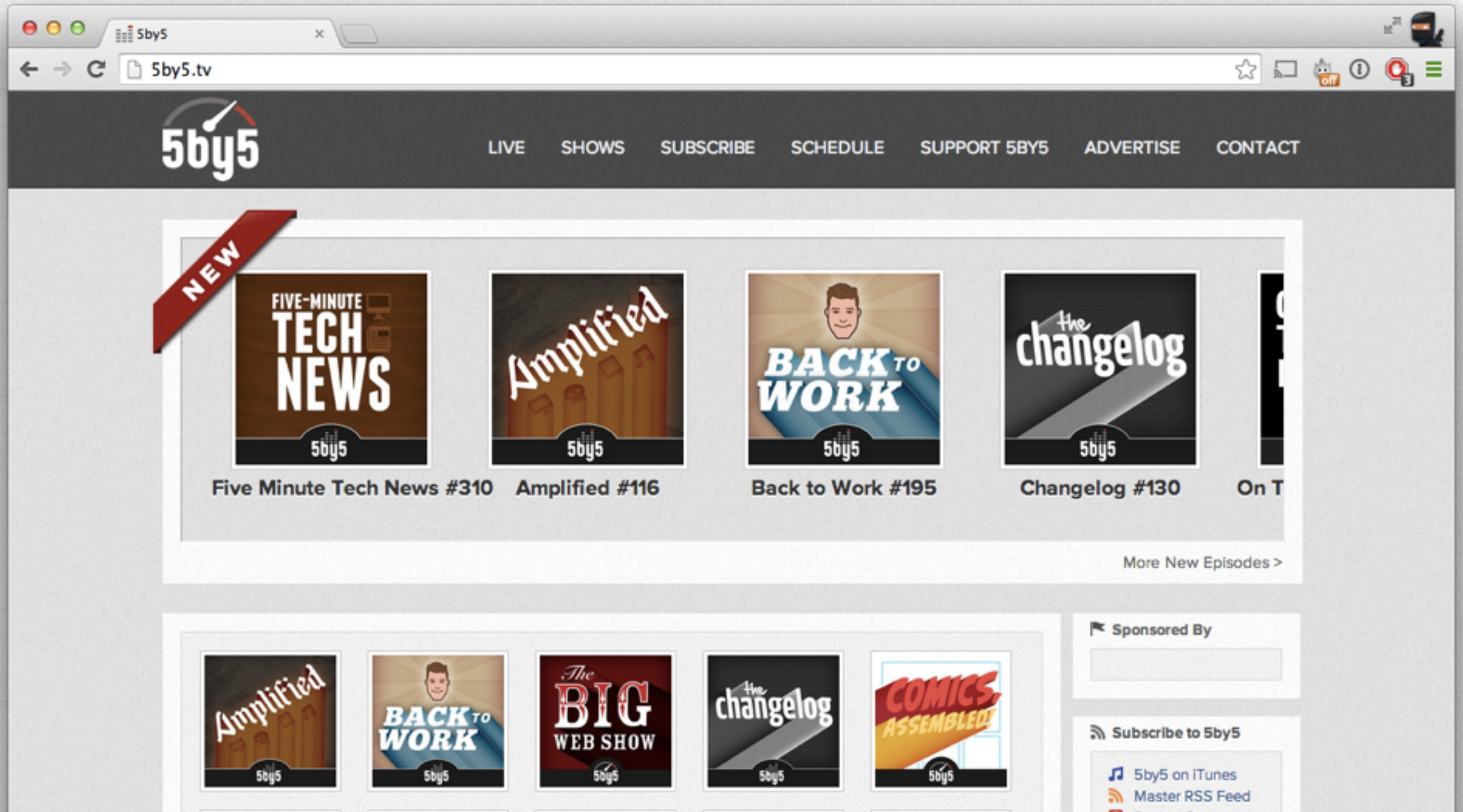
Doc Generators

- Dexy http://dexy.it/
- KSS http://warpspire.com/kss/
- Hologram https://github.com/trulia/hologram

- http://snk.ms/23 Anna Debenham's collection of style guides

Exercise #4

Templating 5by5.tv



Project Structure

Place everything in their own files

- base.css
- layout.css
- grid.css
- button.css
- carousel.css
- modal.css

Integrating JavaScript

- Scripts are written for individual modules
- States are modified, not inline styles
- Avoid jQuery methods that add inline styles like .show() and .hide()

```
$('.btn').click(function(){
    $(this).addClass('is-pressed');
});
```

Converting a project

Measure

- measure performance
- identify areas to refactor

Measure

- https://github.com/katiefenn/parker
- https://github.com/macbre/analyze-css
- http://zmoazeni.github.io/csscss/

Code Reviews

- Give CSS the same respect as other code in your project

Conclusion

Don’t code CSS for the page.

Code it for the system.

Performance

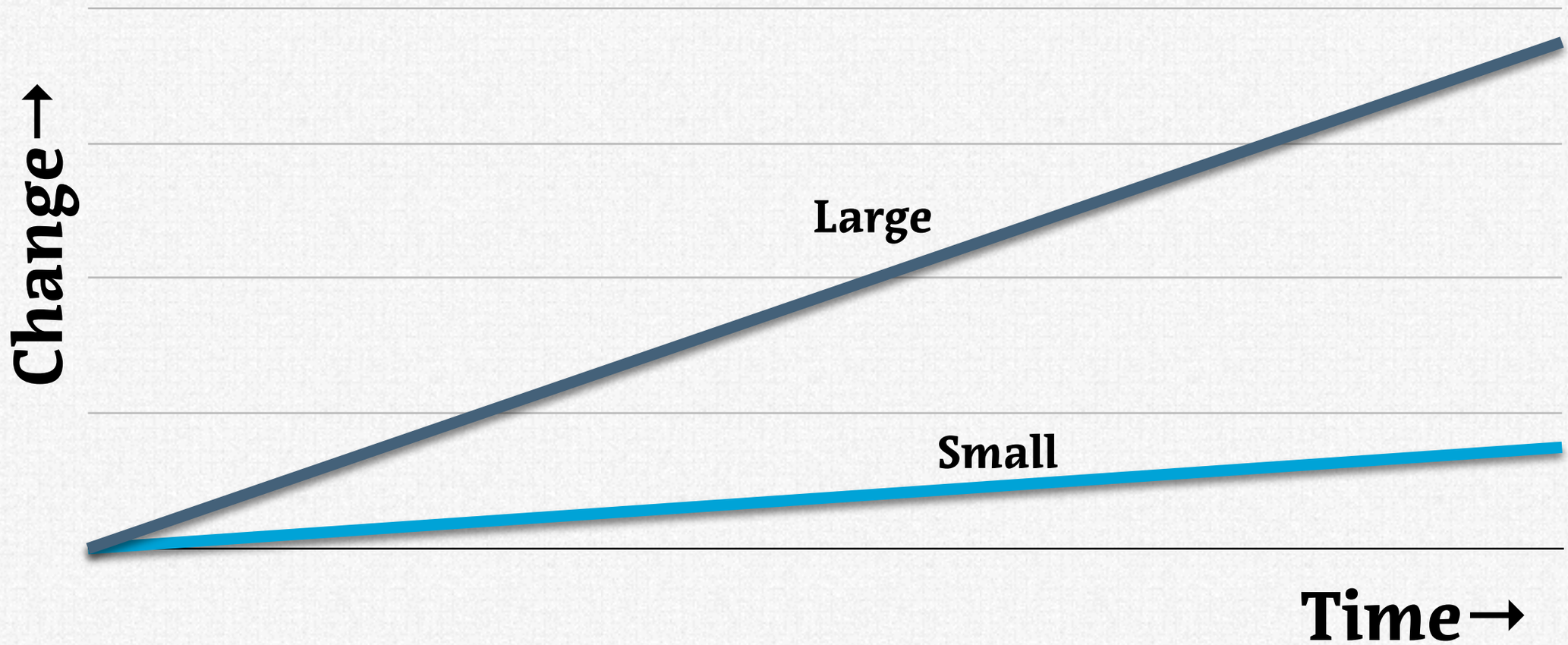
- Pull in style sheets when you need them
- Smaller rule sets make it easier on browsers
  - Google Page Speed recommends a single ID or class selector

Larger Teams

- Separation of files allows multiple members of the team to work on separate files
- Modular approach works well with OOP on server side (hence OOCSS)

When is SMACSS not appropriate?

- Hard to apply on user-generated content (UGC) common to many content management systems
- Benefits not felt on throwaway projects or one-offs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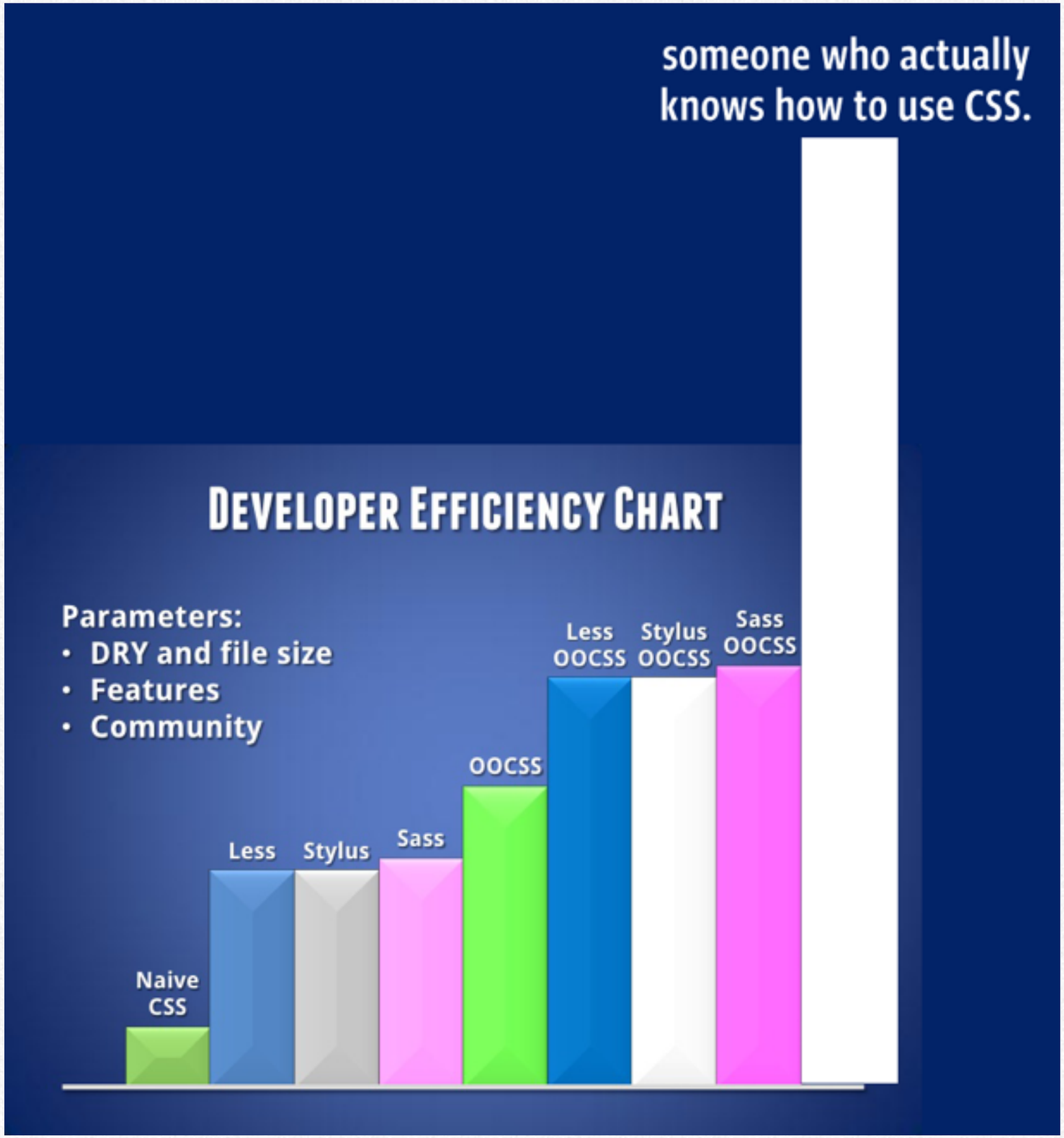
someone who actually knows how to use CSS.
Developer Efficiency Chart
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- Resources to be posted at: http://snk.ms/sres
- Feedback can be sent to jonathan@smacss.com
- Thank you!