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# Style Library Interoperability

While you can use the JSS based styling solution provided by Material-UI to style your application, you can also use the one you already know and love (from plain CSS to styled-components).



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ad by Material-UI

This guide aims to document the most popular alternatives, but you should find that the principles applied here can be adapted to other libraries. There are examples for the following styling solutions:

- [Plain CSS](#)
- [Global CSS](#)
- [Styled Components](#)
- [CSS Modules](#)
- [Emotion](#)
- [React JSS](#)

## Plain CSS

Nothing fancy, just plain CSS.

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## PlainCssButton.css

```
.button {
  background-color: #6772e5;
  color: #fff;
  box-shadow: 0 4px 6px rgba(50, 50, 93, 0.11), 0 1px 3px rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.08);
  padding: 7px 14px;
}
.button:hover {
  background-color: #5469d4;
}
```

## PlainCssButton.js

```
import React from 'react';
import Button from '@material-ui/core/Button';
import './PlainCssButton.css';

export default function PlainCssButton() {
  return (
    <div>
      <Button>Default</Button>
      <Button className="button">Customized</Button>
    </div>
  );
}
```

## Controlling priority ⚠

**Note:** JSS injects its styles at the bottom of the `<head>`. If you don't want to mark style attributes with **!important**, you need to change **the CSS injection order**, as in the demo:

```
import { StylesProvider } from '@material-ui/core/styles';

<StylesProvider injectFirst>
  { /* Your component tree.
    Now, you can override Material-UI's styles. */ }
</StylesProvider>
```

## Deeper elements

If you attempt to style a Drawer with variant permanent, you will likely need to affect the Drawer's child paper element. However, the paper is not the root element of Drawer and therefore styled-components customization as above will not work. You need to use the `classes` API of Material-UI.

The following example overrides the `label` style of `Button` in addition to the custom styles on the button itself.

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### PlainCssButtonDeep.css

```
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  background-color: #6772e5;
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  padding: 7px 14px;
}
.button:hover {
  background-color: #5469d4;
}
.button-label {
  color: #fff;
}
```

### PlainCssButtonDeep.js

```
import React from 'react';
import Button from '@material-ui/core/Button';
import './PlainCssButtonDeep.css';

export default function PlainCssButtonDeep() {
  return (
    <div>
      <Button>Default</Button>
      <Button classes={{ root: 'button', label: 'button-label' }}>
        Customized
      </Button>
    </div>
  );
}
```

## Global CSS

Explicitly providing the class names to the component is too much effort? **You can target the class names generated by Material-UI.**

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### GlobalCssButton.css

```
.MuiButton-root {
  background-color: #6772e5;
  box-shadow: 0 4px 6px rgba(50, 50, 93, 0.11), 0 1px 3px rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.08);
  padding: 7px 14px;
}
.MuiButton-root:hover {
  background-color: #5469d4;
}
.MuiButton-label {
  color: #fff;
}
```

### GlobalCssButton.js

```
import React from 'react';
import Button from '@material-ui/core/Button';
import './GlobalCssButton.css';

export default function GlobalCssButton() {
  return <Button>Customized</Button>;
}
```

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```
import { StylesProvider } from '@material-ui/core/styles';

<StylesProvider injectFirst>
  {/* Your component tree.
     Now, you can override Material-UI's styles. */}
</StylesProvider>
```

## Styled Components

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The `styled()` method works perfectly on all of the components.

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```
import React from 'react';
import styled from 'styled-components';
import Button from '@material-ui/core/Button';

const StyledButton = styled(Button)`
  background-color: #6772e5;
  color: #fff;
  box-shadow: 0 4px 6px rgba(50, 50, 93, 0.11), 0 1px 3px rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.08);
  padding: 7px 14px;
  &:hover {
    background-color: #5469d4;
  }
`;

export default function StyledComponents() {
  return (
    <div>
      <Button>Default</Button>
      <StyledButton>Customized</StyledButton>
    </div>
  );
}
```

## Controlling priority ⚠

**Note:** Both styled-components and JSS inject their styles at the bottom of the `<head>`. The best approach to ensuring styled-components styles are loaded last is to change **the CSS injection order**, as in the demo:

```
import { StylesProvider } from '@material-ui/core/styles';

<StylesProvider injectFirst>
  {/* Your component tree.
     Now, you can override Material-UI's styles. */}
</StylesProvider>
```

Another approach is to use the `&&` characters in styled-components to **bump up specificity** by repeating the class name. Avoid the usage of `!important`.

## Deeper elements

If you attempt to style a `Drawer` with `variant permanent`, you will likely need to affect the `Drawer`'s child paper element. However, the paper is not the root element of `Drawer` and therefore styled-components customization as above will not work. You need to use the `classes` API of Material-UI.

The following example overrides the `label` style of `Button` in addition to the custom styles on the button itself. It also works around [this styled-components issue](#) by "consuming" properties that should not be passed on to the underlying component.

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```
import React from 'react';
import styled from 'styled-components';
import Button from '@material-ui/core/Button';

const StyledButton = styled(Button)`
  background-color: #6772e5;
  box-shadow: 0 4px 6px rgba(50, 50, 93, 0.11), 0 1px 3px rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.08);
  padding: 7px 14px;
  &:hover {
    background-color: #5469d4;
  }
  & .MuiButton-label {
    color: #fff;
  }
`;

export default function StyledComponentsDeep() {
  return (
    <div>
      <Button>Default</Button>
      <StyledButton>Customized</StyledButton>
    </div>
  );
}
```

The above demo relies on the `default classes values` but you can provide your own class name: `.label`.

```
import React from 'react';
import styled from 'styled-components';
import Button from '@material-ui/core/Button';

const StyledButton = styled(({ color, ...other }) => (
  <Button classes={{ label: 'label' }} {...other} />
))`
  background-color: #6772e5;
  box-shadow: 0 4px 6px rgba(50, 50, 93, 0.11), 0 1px 3px rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.08);
  padding: 7px 14px;
  &:hover {
    background-color: #5469d4;
  }
  & .label {
    color: #fff;
  }
`;

export default function StyledComponentsDeep() {
  return (
    <div>
      <Button>Default</Button>
      <StyledButton>Customized</StyledButton>
    </div>
  );
}
```

## Theme

Material-UI has a rich theme structure that you can leverage for the color manipulations, the transitions, the media queries, and more.

We encourage to share the same theme object between Material-UI and your styles.



```
const StyledButton = styled(Button)`
  ${({ theme }) => `
    background-color: ${theme.palette.primary.main};
    color: #fff;
    box-shadow: 0 4px 6px rgba(50, 50, 93, 0.11), 0 1px 3px rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.08);
    padding: 4px 10px;
    font-size: 13px;
    &:hover {
      background-color: ${darken(theme.palette.primary.main, 0.2)};
    }
    ${theme.breakpoints.up('sm')} {
      font-size: 14px;
      padding: 7px 14px;
    }
  `}
`;
```

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## Portals

The **Portal** provides a first-class way to render children into a DOM node that exists outside the DOM hierarchy of the parent component. Because of the way styled-components scopes its CSS, you may run into issues where styling is not applied.

For example, if you attempt to style the **Menu** of a **Select** component using the property `MenuProps`, you will need to pass along the `className` property to the element being rendered outside of its DOM hierarchy. The following example shows a workaround:

```
import React from 'react';
import styled from 'styled-components';
import Menu from '@material-ui/core/Menu';
import MenuItem from '@material-ui/core/MenuItem';

const StyledMenu = styled(({ className, ...props }) => (
  <Menu {...props} classes={{ paper: className }} />
))`
  box-shadow: none;
  border: 1px solid #d3d4d5;

  li {
    padding-top: 8px;
    padding-bottom: 8px;
  }
`;
```

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## CSS Modules

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It's hard to know the market share of **this styling solution** as it's dependent on the bundling solution people are using.

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**CssModulesButton.css**

```

.button {
  background-color: #6772e5;
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  padding: 7px 14px;
}
.button:hover {
  background-color: #5469d4;
}

```

## CssModulesButton.js

```

import React from 'react';
// webpack, parcel or else will inject the CSS into the page
import styles from './CssModulesButton.css';
import Button from '@material-ui/core/Button';

export default function CssModulesButton() {
  return (
    <div>
      <Button>Default</Button>
      <Button className={styles.button}>Customized</Button>
    </div>
  );
}

```

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  padding: 7px 14px;
}
.root:hover {
  background-color: #5469d4;
}
.label {
  color: #fff;
}
```

### CssModulesButtonDeep.js

```
import React from 'react';
// webpack, parcel or else will inject the CSS into the page
import styles from './CssModulesButtonDeep.css';
import Button from '@material-ui/core/Button';

export default function CssModulesButtonDeep() {
  return (
    <div>
      <Button>Default</Button>
      <Button classes={styles}>Customized</Button>
    </div>
  );
}
```

## Emotion

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## The css prop

Emotion's **css()** method works seamlessly with Material-UI.

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```

/** @jsx jsx */
import { jsx, css } from '@emotion/core';
import Button from '@material-ui/core/Button';

export default function EmotionCSS() {
  return (
    <div>
      <Button>Default</Button>
      <Button
        css={css`
          background-color: #6772e5;
          color: #fff;
          box-shadow: 0 4px 6px rgba(50, 50, 93, 0.11), 0 1px 3px rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.08);
          padding: 7px 14px;
          &:hover {
            background-color: #5469d4;
          }
        `}
      >
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      </Button>
    </div>
  );
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  `}
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</Button>
```

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## The styled() API

It works exactly like styled components. You can [use the same guide](#).