General suggestions to refine site style, using PlasmoDB as an example - see “style-suggestions.jpg” for screenshot

**Top Navigation**

* Lighten text-shadow on nav text (and icons) to modernize
* If possible, add letter-spacing to give menu item text a little breathing room

.ebrc-HeaderMenuBar > .ebrc-HeaderMenuItemGroup > .ebrc-HeaderMenuItemContent .ebrc-HeaderSubmenuGroup > a {

text-shadow 0px 0px 4px rgba(0,0,0,.35);

letter-spacing: .5px;

}

.ebrc-Header .ebrc-SocialMediaLinks > a {

text-shadow 0px 0px 4px rgba(0,0,0,.35);

}

.ebrc-Header .UserMenu-Icon > a {

text-shadow 0px 0px 4px rgba(0,0,0,.35);

}

.ebrc-Header .UserMenu span.UserMenu-Title {

text-shadow 0px 0px 4px rgba(0,0,0,.35);

}

**Header**

Eliminate box-shadow on header - visually confusing. They are designed for depth into the page, box-shadow says they are on top of the page

.body.vpdb-Body .vpdb-RootContainer .vpdb-Header {

box-shadow: none;

}

Tiny increase in height to 12em, if possible, looks less squished

.ebrc-Header {

height: 12em;

}

body.vpdb-Body .vpdb-RootContainer {

grid-template-rows: 12em auto 1fr auto;

}

**Left search panel**

Feels too wide/overwhelming - suggest reduction from 32em to 28em

body.vpdb-Body .vpdb-RootContainer\_\_home.vpdb-RootContainer\_\_news-collapsed {

Grid-template-columns: 30em 1fr 3em;

}

Black right border is distractingly strong - suggest lightening

body.vpdb-Body .vpdb-RootContainer .vpdb-SearchPane {

Border-right: #babbbd 0.0625rem solid;

}

Search groups (e.g. Genes) have warm gray background, which looks odd against cool gray background-wash - switch to cool gray

body.vpdb-Body .vpdb-RootContainer .vpdb-SearchPane {

background-color: #d6d8da;

border: 0.0625rem solid #d3d5d7;

}

Change search input to white background and increase border radius to pill shape to distinguish from filter groups; lighten border; increase top/bottom padding just a bit to be less squished

.ebrc-SearchPane .wdk-RealTimeSearchBoxInput {

border-radius: 50em;

background-color: #fff;

border-color: #d3d5d7;

padding: .35em 1.5em 0.35em 1.75em;

}

Full black font is overpowering - back down just a bit; also reduce font-size of “Search for…” just a bit

.ebrc-SearchPane .wdk-CheckboxTreeNodeWrapper {

color: #333;

}

.ebrc-SearchPane h2 {

color: #333;

Font-size: 2em;

}

I’d eliminate the signature color border at the bottom of the search groups

.vpdb-RootContainer.PlasmoDB .vbdb-SearchPane .wdk-CheckboxTree > .wdk-CheckboxTreeList {

Border-bottom: none;

}

**Main content**

Main content section headers slightly undersized for normal font weight (which I like)

.vpdb-FeaturedTools h2,

.vpdb-WorkshopExercises h2 {

font-size: 2.5em;

}

Tool selectors

.vpdb-FeaturedToolsList > dif:first-of-type {

margin-bottom: 0;

}

.vpdb-FeaturedToolsListItems {

background: #eef0f2;

Margin: .5em .5em 0;

padding: .75em 0;

Border-top: 4px solid #babbbd;

}

.vpdb-FeaturedToolsListItem {

padding: 1em 1em .5em;

}

.vpdb-RootContainer.PlasmoDB .vpdb-FeaturedToolsListItem\_\_selected:active {

border-color: transparent;

background: #fff;

}

.vpdb-FeaturedToolsListItemIconContainer {

box-shadow: 0px 0px 4px rgba(0,0,0,.35);

Border: 0.05em solid #babbbd;

}

.vpdb-FeaturedToolsListItemCaption {

margin-top: .4em;

Line-height: 1.2;

}

.vpdb-FeaturedToolsSelectionHeader {

Padding: .4em 1.39em;

}

Black hr too strong/distracting - lighten a little

body.vpdb-Body .vpdb-RootContainer .vpdb-Main > hr {

margin: 2.5rem 0 .5rem 0;

color: #babbbd;

border-top: .075rem solid #acaeaf;

}

**Tutorials and Exercises**

Remove padding-top on h3 in Tutorials/Exercises color-blocks

.vpdb-WorkshopExercises .vpdb-CardListItem h3 {

padding-top: 0;

}

**News and Tweets tab**

Offset text shadow feels off (like 3D) - suggest centering it and using more spread

.ebrc-NewsPaneDrawerContent button {

Text-shadow: 0px 0px 3px rgba(0,0,0,.25);

}

**Footer**

Nudge background color to cool gray

.ebrc-Footer {

Background-color: #f6f7f8;

}