

# Theming and Styling Applications

**Vaadin Flow** 



### Vaadin training set

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# Theming and Styling Applications, Part 1

**Styling Vaadin Components** 



# **Styling Vaadin Components**

There are several ways how to change style of Vaadin components.

When styling the Vaadin Components, we recommend progressing from the simplest techniques to more advanced ones.

I.e. try to use Lumo CSS Variables custom values as far as possible and only after their power is exhausted, then try to style the components using parts and states in Shadow DOM.

# Styling Vaadin Components

The order of the styling techniques to try should be the following:

- 1. Theme variants
- 2. Lumo CSS Variables customization
- 3. Styling using component parts and states selectors
- 4. Applying styles to elements using LumoUtility predefined classes
- 5. Styling using custom CSS classes and variables (addclassName(s)() method)
- 6. Styling using directly setting style on an element (getstyle().set() method)

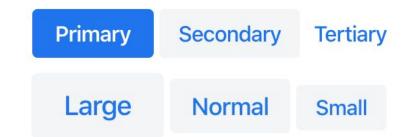
# Styling Vaadin Components

We also recommend carefully studying all available Vaadin components - how they look and behave - prior to any styling customization attempts to prevent forcefully trying to style a component that might already exist as a different component elsewhere.

Note: Vaadin provides an official <u>Figma library</u>, so pixel-perfect UI designs and prototypes can be easily created and shared with developers. The components in the libraries use the default Lumo styling, and you can adapt them to suit your branding and vision.

# **Theme Variants**

Many Vaadin components have predefined variants, which allow to change a component's look and feel quickly with



# **Theme Variants**

Theme variants can affect colors, sizes, alignment, and other visual properties of the components.

Theme variants are described in the <u>Vaadin Component Documentation</u> for each component.

Variants are also available as Java enumerations:

ButtonVariant, AvatarVariant, TextFieldVariant etc.

# **CSS variables**

CSS variables allow you to define custom properties and their values, which you can later reference in other style sheets or JavaScript. They reduce copy-paste, ensure consistency, and make it easier to read and understand style sheets.

### Traditional code

# .container { background-color: #ffffff; color: #1e90ff; } button { background-color: #ffffff; color: #1e90ff; border: 1px solid #1e90ff;

### CSS variables

```
html {
  --app-background-color: #ffffff;
  --app-primary-color: #1e90ff;
.container {
  background-color: var(--app-background-color);
  color: var(--app-primary-color);
button {
  background-color: var(--app-background-color);
  color: var(--app-primary-color);
  border: 1px solid var(--app-primary-color);
```

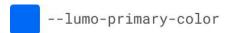
# **Lumo Variables**

**Lumo**, the default Vaadin Theme, is based on CSS style properties. Lumo defines global CSS variables that you can use to adjust the styles. E.g. You can use --lumo-border-radius to change the border radius of components on the page.

```
html {
    /* All the components will have 2px border radius */
    --lumo-border-radius: 2px;
}
```

# **Customizing Style Properties**

Style properties are recommended as the primary approach for both Vaadin component style customization and custom CSS. They make it easier to achieve a consistent look and feel across the application.



Aa --lumo-font-family



Button



One of the really cool features of Lumo variables is that you can scope them, i.e., you can specify different values for some variables within some selector, and those values will override the global values within that scope. You can work with the following scopes:

- Global
- Component type specific
- Component instance

# Global style properties

A global style property affects the entire application. It's applied to the html selector.

```
/* Global style values */
html {
    --lumo-primary-color: green;
    --lumo-font-family: "Roboto";
}
```

# Component type properties

Component type-specific style properties affect every component of the given type in the application. It's applied to the component's root element selector

```
/* Scoped to a type of component */
vaadin-button {
   --lumo-font-family: "Courier";
}
```

# Component instance properties

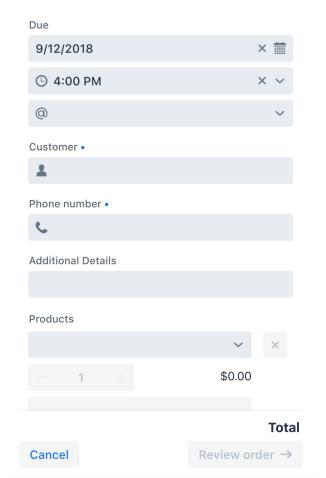
Component instance properties are specific to one or more component instances – to which a particular CSS class name has been applied (as shown below)

```
Java
Button specialButton = new Button("I'm special");
specialButton.addClassName("special");

CSS
/* Scoped to instances with a particular CSS class name */
vaadin-button.special {
  --lumo-primary-color: cyan;
}
```

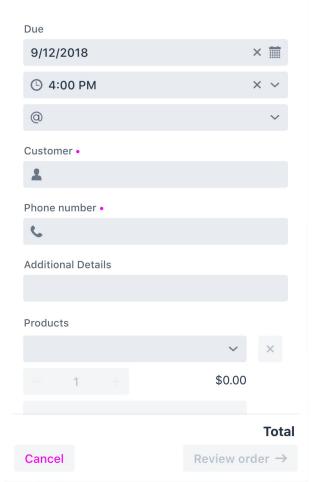
# **Lumo Variables**

```
html {
}
```



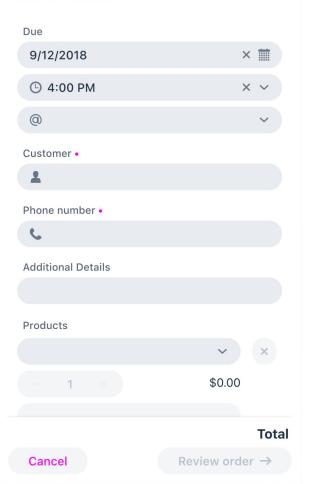
# **Lumo Variables**

```
html {
    --lumo-primary-color: magenta;
}
```



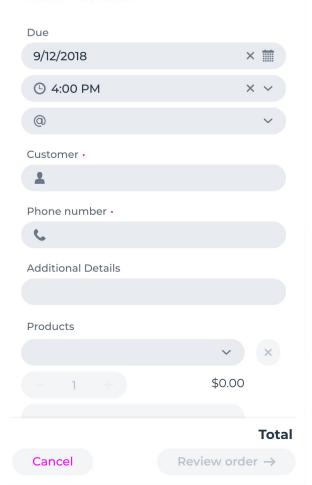
# **Lumo Variables**

```
html {
    --lumo-primary-color: magenta;
    --lumo-border-radius: 30px;
}
```



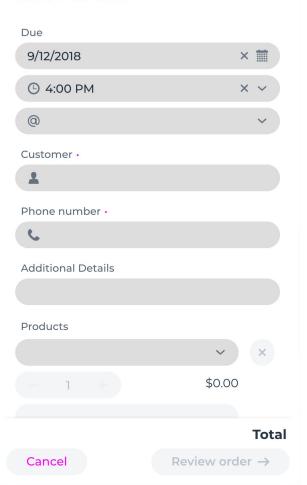
# **Lumo Variables**

```
html {
    --lumo-primary-color: magenta;
    --lumo-border-radius: 30px;
    --lumo-font-family: Montserrat;
}
```



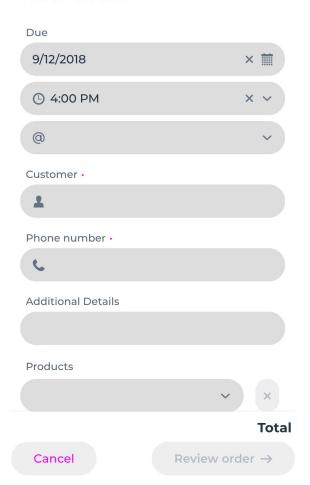
# **Lumo Variables**

```
html {
    --lumo-primary-color: magenta;
    --lumo-border-radius: 30px;
    --lumo-font-family: Montserrat;
    --lumo-contrast-10pct: #ddd;
}
```



# **Lumo Variables**

```
html {
    --lumo-primary-color: magenta;
    --lumo-border-radius: 30px;
    --lumo-font-family: Montserrat;
    --lumo-contrast-10pct: #ddd;
    --lumo-size-m: 45px;
}
```

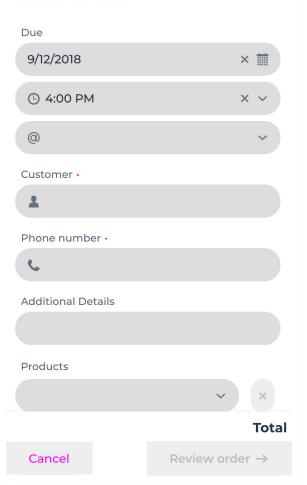


# **Lumo Variables**

```
html {
    --lumo-primary-color: magenta;
    --lumo-border-radius: 30px;
    --lumo-font-family: Montserrat;
    --lumo-contrast-10pct: #ddd;
    --lumo-size-m: 45px;
}

vaadin-button {
    --lumo-border-radius: 0px;
}

.mybutton {
    --lumo-border-radius: 5px;
}
```



# **Lumo Variables**

Explore all the Lumo variables at

https://vaadin.com/docs/latest/styling/lumo/lumo-style-properties

# **Lumo Editor**

https://demo.vaadin.com/lumo-editor/



# **Lumo Editor**

Note: the output of the Lumo editor is an HTML file, so it's not directly applicable in the newest versions of Vaadin.

The contents inside the <style> block are directly usable in a CSS file, however. Just copy the content of the <style> block to your master style sheet.

# **Exercise 1**

Use Theme Variants to style some Vaadin components

# Summary, Part 1

- Theme variants
- Css variables
- Lumo variables



# Theming and Styling Applications, Part 2

More advanced styling options



# Recap, part 1

- Theme variants
- Css variables
- Lumo variables



# **Shadow DOM**

Vaadin components use a native HTML feature called Shadow DOM which isolates their JavaScript and CSS from the surrounding page. This helps simplify the internal scripting and styling of the components.

```
▼ <div>
 v<aadin-text-field clear-button-visible="" has-value="" has-label=""> event inline-flex custom...

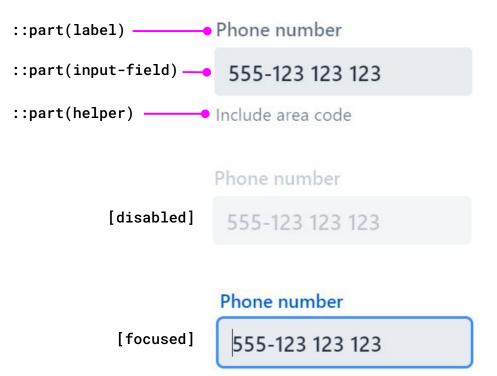
▼#shadow-root (open)
     ▶ <style> ··· </style>
    ▼ <div class="vaadin-field-container"> flex
       ▶ <div part="label"> ··· </div>
       ▶ <vaadin-input-container part="input-field"> ··· </vaadin-input-container> event | flex | custom...
       > <div part="helper-text"> ... </div>
       ▶ <div part="error-message"> ··· </div>
      </div>
      <slot name="tooltip"></slot> event contents
     ▶ <style> ··· </style>
     ::before
   ▶ <vaadin-icon icon="vaadin:map-marker" slot="prefix"> ··· </vaadin-icon> event flex custom...
     <label id="label-vaadin-text-field-0" slot="label" for="input-vaadin-text-field-3">
     Street Address</label> event
     <div id="error-message-vaadin-text-field-2" slot="error-message" hidden=""></div>
     <input id="input-vaadin-text-field-3" slot="input" value="Ruukinkatu 2" type="text" aria-</pre>
     labelledby="label-vaadin-text-field-0"> event
   </vaadin-text-field>
 </div>
```

Vaadin components are more complex than native HTML elements due to the additional features they provide. Shadow DOM helps to achieve and encapsulate this rich functionality.

As a consequence of the encapsulation, even seemingly simple components like Text Fields and Buttons cannot be styled directly using native HTML element selectors like input  $\{...\}$  and button  $\{...\}$ .

Each Vaadin component exposes a number of **parts** and **states** that can be targeted with specific selectors in CSS style blocks.

These parts and states form the styling API of Vaadin components.



To affect the style of a particular part, use the appropriate selector to target it in the CSS stylesheet.

Themable **parts** and **states** for each Vaadin component is listed in the in the **Styling tab** on <u>component documentation pages</u>.

An example list of parts and states for TextField component can be found here:

https://vaadin.com/docs/latest/components/text-field/styling

# Styling specific components

If you don't want to style every component in your application, you can specify a specific CSS **class** value with setClassName/addClassName for the component(s) you want to target.

```
Java
TextField nameField = new TextField("This is a warning");
nameField.addClassName("special");

frontend/themes/my-theme/styles.css
vaadin-text-field.special {
   color: orange;
}
```

### HasStyle

Most components implement the **HasStyle** interface, which allows you to:

- Inline styling with getStyle().set(), e.g.
   component.getStyle().set("background-color", "gray")
- Add CSS class name(s) with addClassName(s)("class\_name")
- Remove CSS class name(s) with removeClassName(s)("class\_name")

It modifies the **style** and/or **class** attribute, respectively.

## Changing Lumo properties in Java

You can also set Lumo property values through getStyle():

```
textField.getStyle().set("--lumo-contrast-10pct", "lightgreen")

Name ·
```

#### **Element API**

For elements that are **NOT** implementing the **HasStyle** interface, you can still use **Element** API

- Inline styling with component.getElement().getStyle().set("name", "value")
- 2. Add class name(s) with component.getElement().getClassList().add("class\_name")
- Remove class name(s) with component.getElement().getClassList().remove("class\_name")

## Applying styles to overlays

Several Vaadin components use an "overlay" part. The overlay is a visual element that "pops over" other content on the page. Examples include:

- ComboBox overlay with options is shown when the user clicks the drop-down button
- ContextMenu overlay is shown after right click, showing menu items
- DatePicker overlay shows the calendar where you can select a date

Overlays are not a part of the root element, so they can't be targeted with CSS rules that target the component itself. Instead, another approach is needed.



## Applying styles to overlays

You can style the overlay part of the component using setOverlayClassName Or setClassName method of the given depending on the component you use.

```
ComboBox<String> comboBox = new ComboBox<>();
comboBox.setItems("First", "Second", "Thrid");
comboBox.setOverlayClassName("red-text-options");

CSS
vaadin-combo-box-overlay.red-text-options [role="option"] {
    color: red;
}
```



#### **Additional styling options**

#### Theme attribute

You might have noticed that there is a **theme** attribute for Vaadin components.

The theme attribute is used for Theme Variants, but you can also create custom themes.

One big difference between the theme attribute and the traditional class name is that the **theme attribute** of the root element **will propagate to the shadow DOM and any child elements**, which might be useful when you're working with add-ons. This feature is brought by implementing the ThemableMixin interface in TypeScript.

#### **Additional styling options**

#### Theme attribute

Most Vaadin components implement the **HasTheme** interface, which allows you to modify the theme attribute by:

- 1. Adding theme name(s) with addThemeName(s)("theme\_name")
- Setting theme name(s) with setThemeName(s)("theme\_name")
- Removing theme name(s) with removeThemeName(s)("theme\_name")
- 4. Getting all the theme names with getThemeNames()

## Styling other UI Elements

#### Applying CSS to other UI Elements

Although Vaadin application UIs are built primarily using Vaadin components, native HTML elements, like <span> and <div>, are also often used for layout and custom UI structures. These can be styled with custom CSS and utility classes that bundle predefined styles as easy-to-use constants.

#### **Applying CSS to HTML Elements**

Custom CSS is applied to native HTML elements, similarly to Vaadin components, by placing it in a stylesheet in the application theme folder.

```
Java
Span warning = new Span("This is interesting");
warning.addClassName("interest");

frontend/themes/my-theme/styles.css
span.interest {
   color: blue;
}
```

#### **Lumo Utility Classes**

Lumo Utility Classes are predefined CSS class names and stylesheets that can be used to style HTML elements and layouts without writing CSS yourself. Each utility class applies a particular style to the element, such as background color, borders, fonts, sizing, or spacing.



#### **Lumo Utility Classes**

The LumoUtility collection in Flow provides constants for each utility class. They are applied using the same addClassNames API as is used for custom CSS class names.

Error



#### Lumo Utility Classes in shadow DOM

Lumo Utility classes cannot be used to override Shadow DOM styles of the component. The Shadow DOM styling always takes precedence.

The Lumo utility classes are primarily designed to be used with native HTML elements, Vaadin layout components, and custom UI structures. Although some of them do work as expected on some Vaadin components, this is not their intended use.

#### **Lumo Utility Classes**

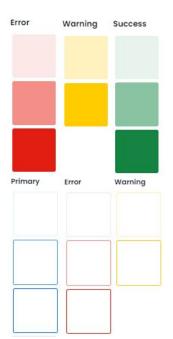
Lumo Utility classes can be used to style the following areas:

- Backgrounds
- Borders
- Box Shadow
- Sizing
- Spacing
- Typography
- Flexbox & Grid
- Layout
- Accessibility

The utility classes contain helpful presets for

display categories, such as:

- Contrast
- Primary
- Error
- Warning
- Success



#### CSS custom properties and variables

As in the default Lumo theme, we recommend creating your custom styles using CSS properties and variables.

Custom properties need to start with a double-dash to distinguish them from standard properties and avoid naming collisions with future standards.

```
html {
    --custom-theme-color: orange;
}
```

## Defining custom properties

Custom properties can be defined inside any CSS selector, scoping them to that particular selector.

```
html {
    --custom-theme-color: orange;
}
```

You can override the value of a custom property with a higher priority selector.

```
.purple-theme {
    --custom-theme-color: purple;
}
```

### Using custom properties

You can use the var() function to get the value of a custom property.

```
.link {
   color: var(--custom-theme-color);
}
```

You can also define a fallback value:

```
link {
  color: var(--custom-theme-color, blue);
}
```

## **Exercise 2**

Styling component parts and states

### Summary, Part 2

- Applying styles to Shadow DOM
- Applying styles to overlays
- Styling other UI elements
- Lumo Utility Classes
- Using custom properties



## Theming and Styling Applications, Part 3

**Application Theme** 



#### Recap, parts 1-2

- Theme variants
- Css variables
- Applying styles to Shadow DOM
- Applying styles to overlays
- Styling other UI elements
- Lumo Utility Classes



#### @Theme

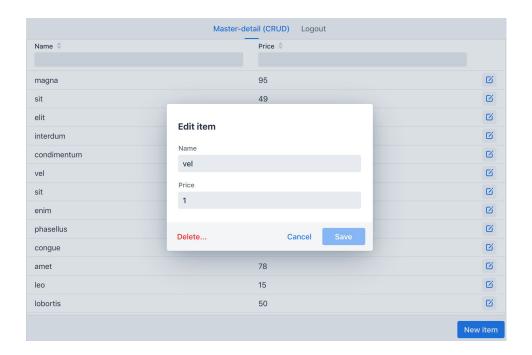
The application theme is defined using the **@Theme** annotation. It can be either a predefined theme or a custom theme.

**Lumo** is the **default** theme if nothing is specified.

#### Lumo

#### Default theme

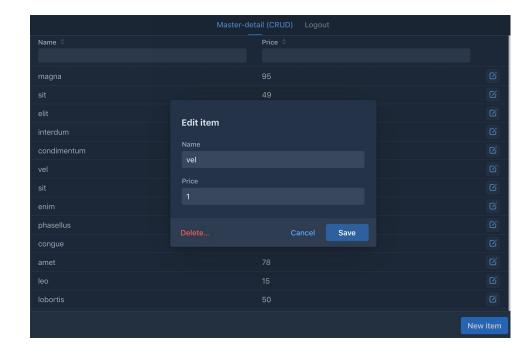
```
@Theme(themeClass = Lumo.class)
public class AppShell implements
AppShellConfigurator {
```



#### Lumo dark

Lumo has light and dark variants. The default is light.

```
@Theme(themeClass = Lumo.class, variant
= Lumo.DARK)
public class AppShell implements
AppShellConfigurator {
```



#### @NoTheme

If needed, you can disable the Lumo theme for your application using the **@NoTheme** annotation. However, this isn't recommended for most applications, as it's easier to extend the Lumo theme than to create a brand new theme.

#### **Custom theme**

A custom theme is the easiest way to provide a custom, consistent look and feel for your entire application.

Style property customizations and custom CSS of the theme are both placed in CSS stylesheets, typically in the application's theme folder. The theme folder is specified using the **@Theme** annotation.

```
@Theme("my-theme")
public class Application implements AppShellConfigurator {
    ...
}
```

#### **Custom theme**

- The CSS in a custom theme is always applied on top of the default Lumo theme.
- It can be packaged as a dependency for reuse in multiple applications.
- Application projects generated with Vaadin Start have a theme folder applied by default

#### **Custom theme**

#### Folder structure

For use in a single application, a custom theme is implemented as a folder inside frontend/themes, with the following minimal structure:

#### Themes subfolder

The "themes" folder uses a special naming syntax and can contain multiple custom themes (but only one can be applied to the application at a time)

#### 

styles.css

#### Your theme folder

Each theme is in its own sub-folder. The name of this folder is provided as a parameter to the @Theme annotation to apply the theme to the application. In this case, it would be @Theme("my-theme")

#### Your theme folder

The theme configuration file, **theme.json**, can be used to configure various theme-related features.

### Master style sheet

A mandatory part of a theme is a **styles.css** file, which is the theme's master style sheet. The master stylesheet is automatically loaded when the theme is applied.

#### Master style sheet

The master style sheet typically contains the following:

- Imports of other global style sheets within the theme folder
- Overrides of default Lumo properties
- Declarations of custom CSS properties
- Styles that are applied to UI elements through class names and other CSS selectors.

#### Master styles.css example

```
/* Imports other stylesheet files */
@import 'other-styles.css';
@import 'views/admin-view.css';

/* Overrides and custom property declarations */
html, :host {
    --lumo-border-radius-m: 0.5em;
    --my-brand-color: purple;
}

/* Styles with CSS class names */
.application-header {
    background: white;
    border-bottom: 1px solid gray;
}
```

CSS custom properties (for example, for overriding Lumo defaults) are recommended to use the selector "html, :host", as in the example above, to ensure the styles get applied in embedded Vaadin applications.

#### Images and other assets

Your theme may include assets like fonts, images, and icons. They can be in the theme root or any subfolder.

```
frontend

themes

my-theme

logo.png

fonts/

my-font.woff

styles.css
```

#### Images and other assets

Assets can be used in the theme's style sheets through URIs relative to the style sheet's location:

```
@font-face {
     font-family: "My Font";
     src: url('./fonts/my-font.woff') format("woff");
}
.application-logo {
     background-image: url('./logo.png');
}
```

# **External Stylesheets**

External stylesheets can be loaded from outside the application by URL using the same @import directive.

```
styles.css
@import url('https://example.com/some-external-styles.css');
html, :host() {
    ...
}
```

## **Static Resources**

Quite often, you need to use some static resources, e.g., an image file for the background, or some font files for custom fonts.

### **Static resources**

# Theme images

Images and icons related to the application theme can be placed in the frontend/themes/my-theme folder and referenced from the Java code since the frontend/themes folder is automatically copied to the resource folder as part of the build process.

```
[project root]

└── frontend

└── themes

└── my-theme

└── image.png
```

### In Java

```
Image img = new Image("themes/my-theme/image.png", "An image in the theme");
```

### **Static resources**

# Static Resources - WAR packaging

For projects with **war** packaging, you can also put static resources, including images, under the **src/main/webapp** directory.

```
src/main/webapp/img/logo.jpg

Java
new Image("img/logo.jpg", "The logo")

CSS
div {
   background-image: url(img/logo.jpg);
}
```

### **Static resources**

# Static Resources - JAR packaging

For projects with **jar** packaging(Spring project, Addon project), the resources should be located under the **src/main/resources/META-INF/resources** directory.

```
src/main/resources/META-INF/resources/img/logo.jpg

Java
new Image("img/logo.jpg", "The logo")

CSS
div {
   background-image: url(img/logo.jpg);
}
```

# Lazy-loading Stylesheets

Stylesheets that are only needed when a particular view or other Flow-based UI class is loaded can be lazy loaded into the UI using a @StyleSheet annotation on the class.

When serving a local file, the stylesheet must be placed directly in the static resources folder (not the theme folder).

# Load External Stylesheets from Java

You can also use @StyleSheet annotation to load external stylesheets.

```
@StyleSheet("https://example.com/external-styles.css")
public class MyUI extends Div {
           ...
}
```

# Using Static Resources on Login view

If you have static resources used in your login view and using Spring Boot, i.e. security based on **VaadinWebSecurity** class, the resource needs to be made available for public by configuring:

```
public void configure(WebSecurity web) throws Exception {
    super.configure(web);
    // Allow loading background image on login page
    web.ignoring().antMatchers("/images/*.png");
    ...
}
```

# Summary, Part 3

- Custom Theme
- Using resources
- Loading stylesheets



# Theming and Styling Applications, Part 4

**Grid dynamic styling** 



# Recap, parts 1-3

- Theme variants
- Css variables
- Applying styles to Shadow DOM
- Lumo Utility Classes
- Custom Theme
- Using resources



Month	Expenses
January	451
February	544
March	369
April	747
May	744
June	482
July	387
August	660
September	436
October	422
November	615
December	396

## Part name generator

A Grid contains dynamically populated data and can contain any number of rows. Without any help, targeting a specific row or cell with CSS rules is difficult or impossible; that's why Grid offers part name generators that allow the creation of part attributes based on the row data.

```
grid.setPartNameGenerator(product -> product.isAvailable() ? "" : "unavailable" );
```

# Styling a whole row

To style the whole **row**, call setPartNameGenerator on the **Grid**, which applies the part name on all the cells in the row.

```
grid.setPartNameGenerator(this::generateWarnPartName);

private String generateWarnPartName(MonthlyExpense monthlyExpense) {
    if (monthlyExpense.getSpending() > LIMIT) {
        return "warn";
    } else {
        return null;
    }
}
```

# Styling a cell

To style a **cell**, call setPartNameGenerator on a **Column**.

# Style grid parts in the theme

Then add a style for the part name in the theme stylesheet:

```
frontend/themes/my-theme/styles.css
vaadin-grid::part(warn) {
  color: red;
}
```

# **Exercise 3**

Style a Grid cell/column based on its content

# Summary, Part 4

- Part name generator
- Styling whole row
- Styling a cell



# Theming and Styling Applications, Part 5

Case study: Custom font



# Recap, parts 1-4

- Theme variants
- Css variables
- Applying styles to Shadow DOM
- Applying styles to overlays
- Styling other UI elements
- Lumo Utility Classes
- Grid styling



Replace default font faces in the Lumo theme



## **Custom font faces**

Using a custom font is a common requirement, especially for enterprise applications.

Font files are also just static resources. Referencing a font file is quite similar to referencing an image.

The following slides will show you how to use a custom font in a default Lumo theme.

## Get a font

Get your font files ready.

Suppose you have your .ttf or .oft font file ready.

If not, you can download one from the internet, e.g., the Google Chilanka font

## Find or Generate Web Font Kit

Next, you need a **Web Font Kit** for the font. Many font providers like <u>Google Fonts</u> provide the Web Font Kits out of the box. Otherwise, you can generate one.

You can upload your .ttf or .otf file to the Webfont Generator to generate the Kit.

The Web Font Kit is a zip file containing a **.woff** and **.woff2** font files and a **stylesheet.css** file containing the @font-faces. Other files are for demo purposes and can be ignored.

# Place the fonts in your theme

Put the font files into the right place. Create a folder called "fonts" under your theme folder and put the .woff, .woff2, and stylesheet.css files under the new folder.

```
frontend

themes

my-theme

fonts/

chilanka-regular-webfont.woff

chilanka-regular-webfont.woff2

stylesheet.css

theme.json
styles.css
```

# Import font

Import the stylesheet.css by adding the import declaration to the master style sheet.

```
frontend/themes/my-theme/styles.css
@import 'fonts/stylesheet.css';
```

# **Apply font**

Use the font with --lumo-font-family variable in your master style sheet.

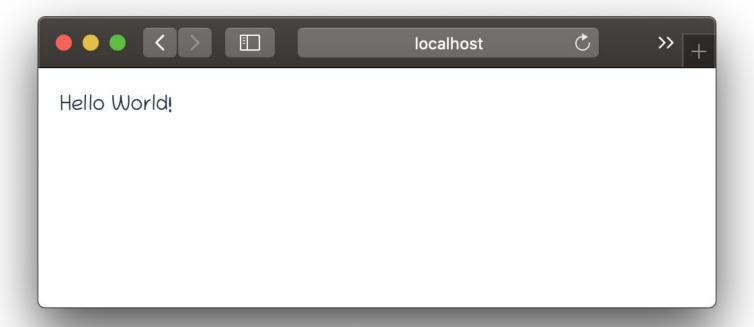
```
frontend/themes/my-theme/styles.css
html {
    --lumo-font-family: 'chilankaregular';
}
```

## Fallback font

It's also a good practice to define at least one fallback font for cases where the web font fails to load.

```
frontend/themes/my-theme/styles.css
html {
    --lumo-font-family: 'chilankaregular', sans-serif;
}
```

## The result



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## Thank you!

