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## **Emotion Package**

One of the better examples of implementing styled components in React is through the use of the emotion package. It is a node package that allows you to generate encapsulated components and even bundle components together. The basic syntax (as per the docs) is as follows:

```
import styled from "@emotion/styled";
export const Button = styled.button`
  color: turquoise;
`;
```

This looks a little weird at first, but ultimately we're basically just saying that whenever we use the <Button> </Button> element, it's actually going to render a normal html <button> </button> element with text color turquoise. Ok so that's not really that crazy, but what about this as a more complex example:

```
import styled from "@emotion/styled";

const Button = styled.button`
   color: ${(props) => (props.primary ? "hotpink" : "turquoise")};

';

const Container = styled.div((props) => ({
    display: "flex",
    flexDirection: props.column && "column",
}));

render(
   <Container column>
        <Button>This is a regular button.</Button>
        <Button primary>This is a primary button.</Button>
        </Container>
);
```

It might look weirder at first, but let's break it down:

- 1. The Button is basically taking in any props it is passed and saying "Oh is there a primary prop? Ok well then make the color hotpink, OTHERWISE make it turquoise". This an be expanded upon and you can even change the border, size, background-color or anything else with just that ONE prop
- 2. The container is going to be a div that is flex and direction column IF you pass the column prop. That's what the props.column && 'column' is doing. If we didn't pass the column prop it would ignore that property and it would go to the default (row for this instance)
- 3. The render shows us being able to use it all together.

Let's take a minute to look at some more examples on the docs linked to above.