

What is a Tooltip?

Before building this component, let's see what it looks like and what features it incorporates.

In this chapter, we'll shift gears a little to something heavier on the client-side of JavaScript. We'll be building tooltips from Medium. If you aren't familiar with these, head on over to [Medium.com](https://medium.com), click on any article, and highlight some text.



The screenshot shows a paragraph of text from a Medium article. A tooltip is visible over the text, containing icons for editing, commenting, sharing, and a profile picture. The text in the background is: "As an entrepreneur, I rely on my gut instincts all the time in my work with clients. Part of my job is to be able to picture to the thoughts and behaviors of others. To do that, I channel my tendencies as an empath and a highly sensitive person. I also tap into my intuition, which helps me get to the source of what's troubling someone — even if they can't find the words themselves."

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Because this course aims to teach you a variety of skills, I chose this component because it's heavier on client-side JavaScript and has a bit of animation (but is otherwise light on CSS).

Take some time to think about how you'd approach building this. How do you start? How does the tooltip get positioned? How does it show up at the right moment?

When you're ready, click through to get started!