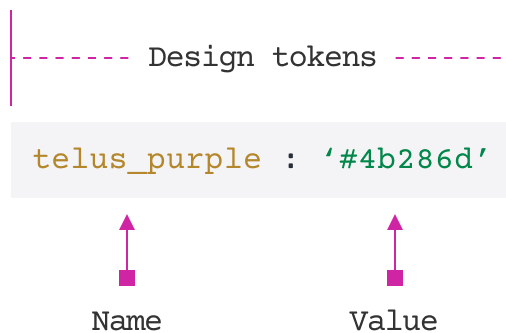


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Design tokens

A design token is nothing more than a name and a value, which together communicate a design choice. The diagram below shows an example of a design token that defines a colour, but any design choice that you can represent as a concrete value can be codified as a design token.



In relation to atomic design, design tokens are subatomic: they represent even smaller design choices than atoms. Importantly, design tokens are a source of truth: they represent distilled design thinking in an unambiguous way that is both machine- and human-readable.

If you're not familiar with the topic, here's a good [design tokens primer](#). For a deeper dive into the terms and taxonomies to describe visual style, see [Naming Tokens in Design Systems](#). While these articles will help you understand some of the foundational ideas, there's also a more specific article describing how we're [using design tokens in UDS](#).