Coding for Accessibility



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Coding for Accessibility

- Proper document structure
- Use the correct HTML tags
- Don't use text in images
- Add alt descriptions to images in content
- Accessible from the keyboard
- Focus on performance

Proper Document Structure

<h1> - <h6>

It's All About the Document Outline

- Web Accessibility Getting Started
 - 1. Main Navigation
 - 2. Accessibility is About Everyone
 - 1. Accessibility Areas
 - 1. What is Accessibility?
 - 2. Accessible Design
 - 3. Accessible Code
 - 4. ARIA
 - 5. WCAG & Section 508
 - 6. Testing & Tools

Use Proper Order

```
<main role="content">
  <h1>I'm the Main Title</h1>
  I'm the main description
  <h2>I'm a Secondary Title</h2>
  I'm a secondary description
</main>
```

Use Proper Order

```
<main role="content">
  <h2>I'm an H2 Header</h2>
  I'm the main description
  <h5>I'm an H5 header</h5>
  I'm a secondary description
</main>
```

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Use Lists

Unordered

Ordered

<dl><dl>
Description

```
    <!i>Milk
    <!i>Bread
    <!i>Lettuce
```

Unordered Lists

Use when no order of sequence or importance is needed

```
    First we need to do this
    Next we need to do this
    Lastly we need to do this
```

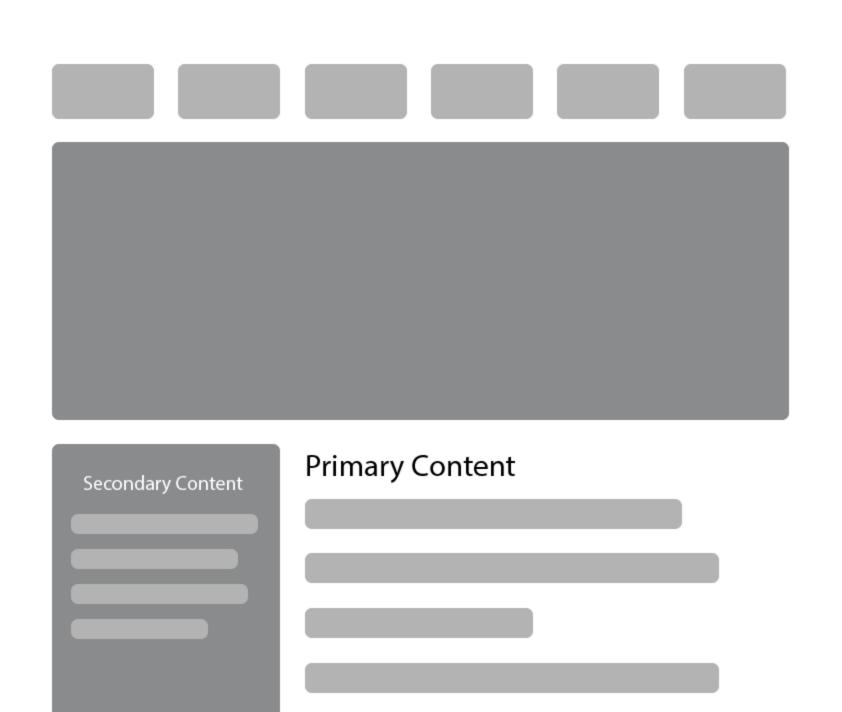
Ordered Lists

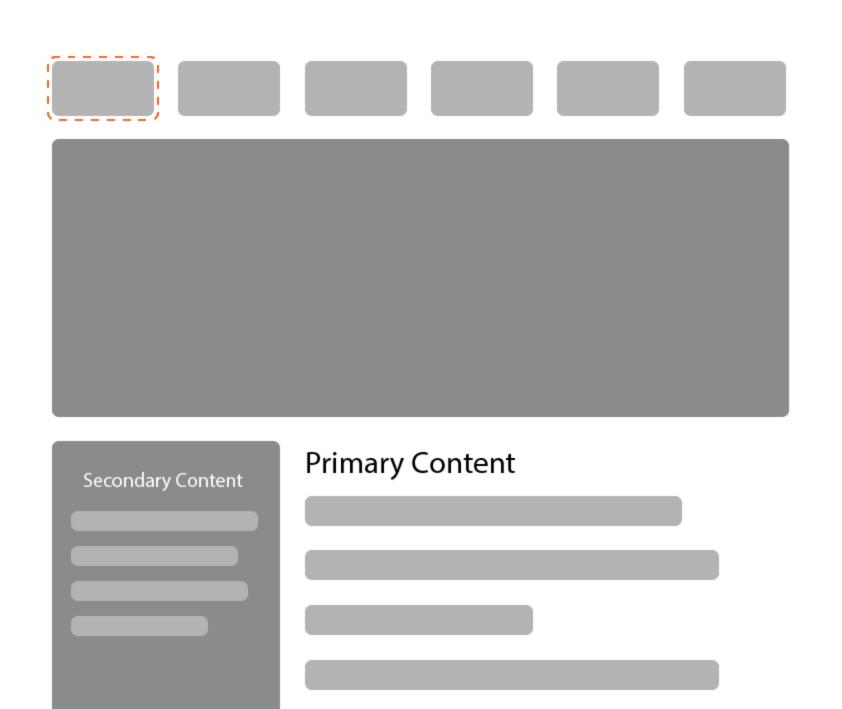
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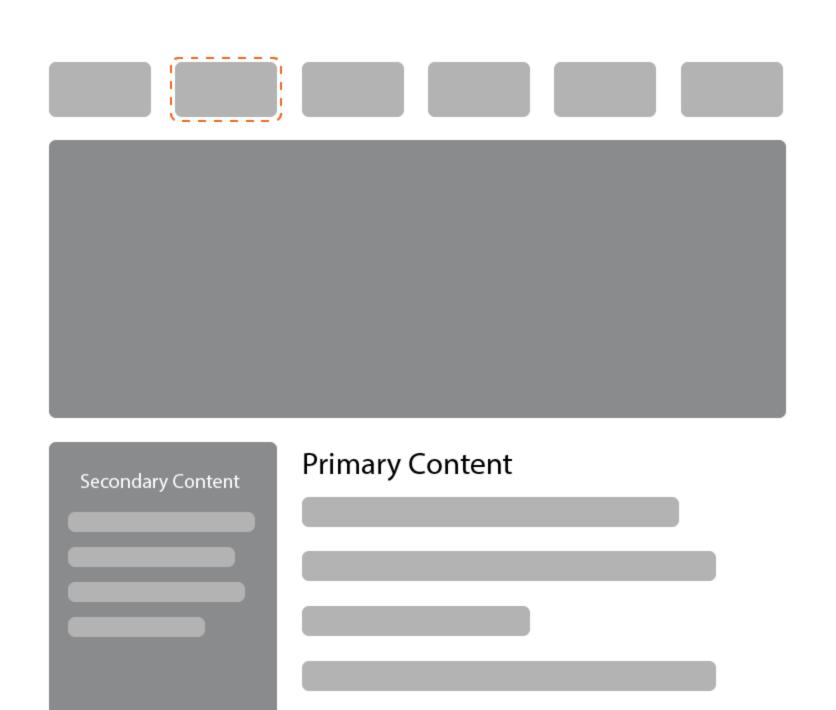
Description Lists

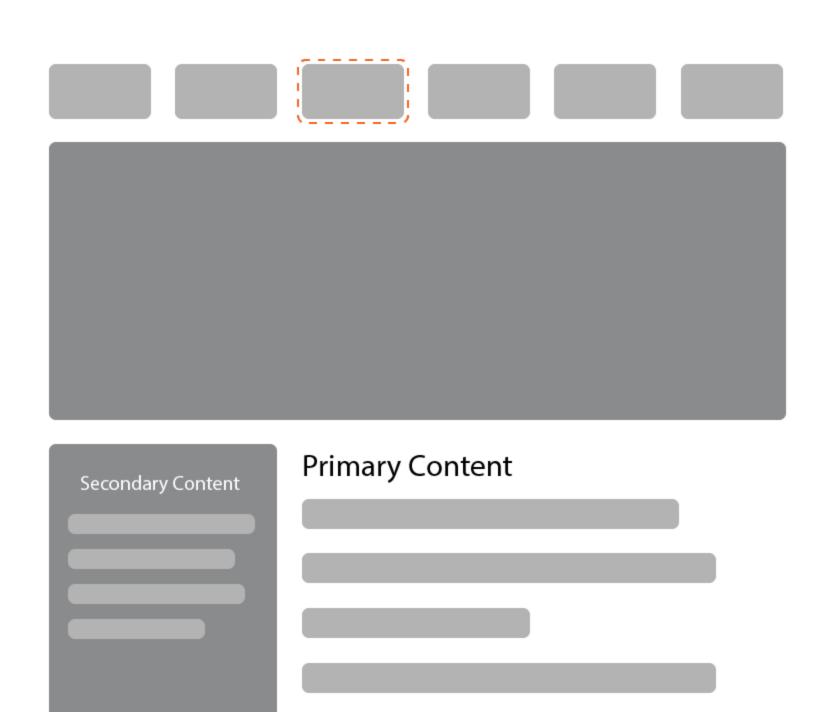
Use when a description for each item is needed

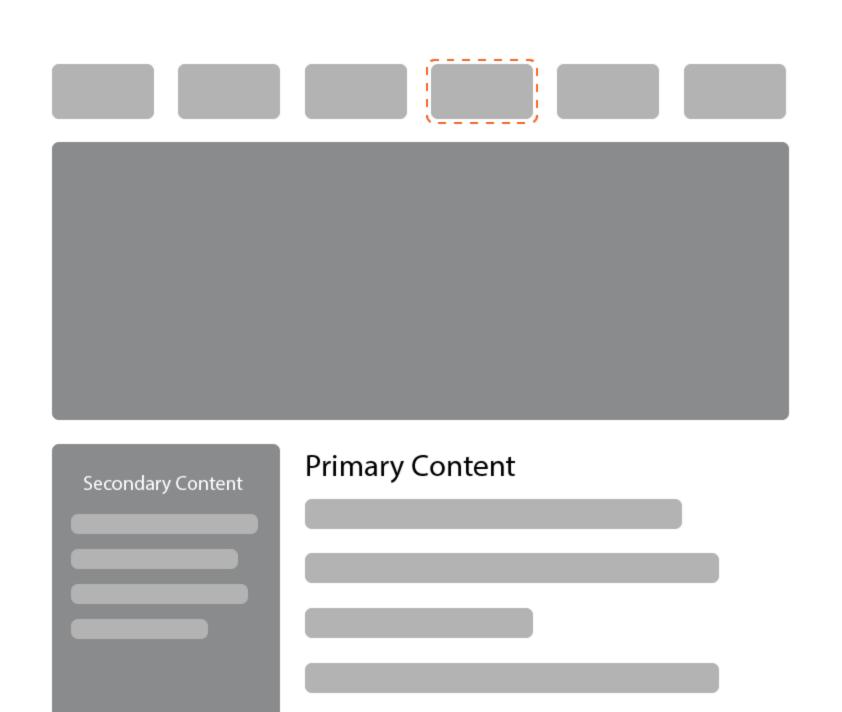
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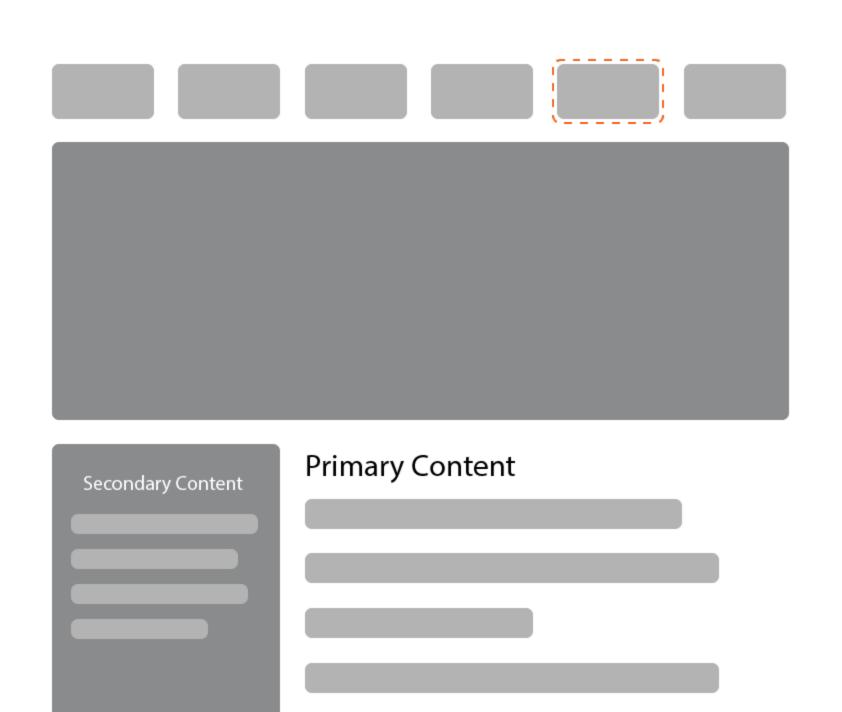


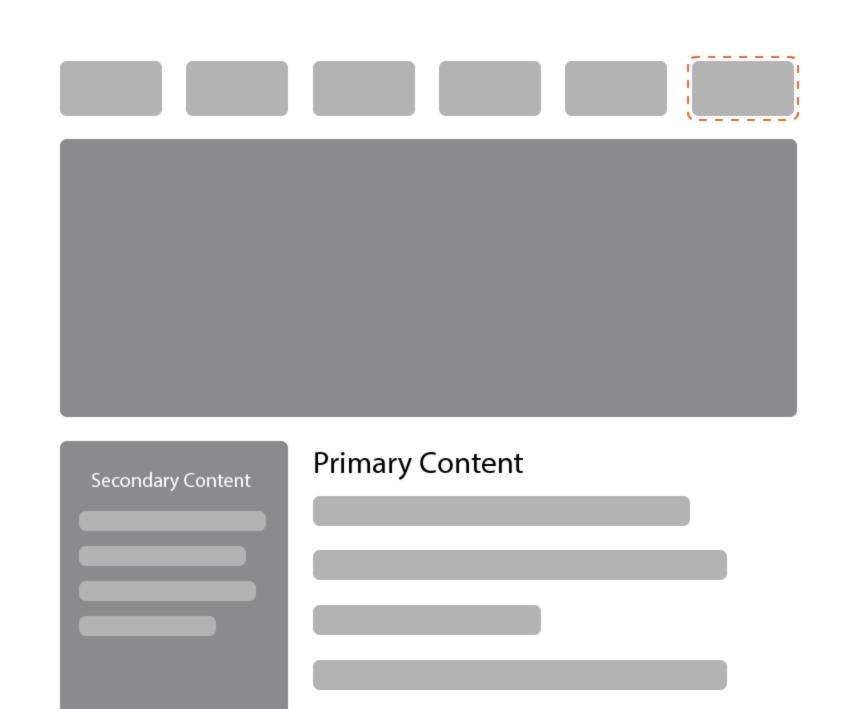


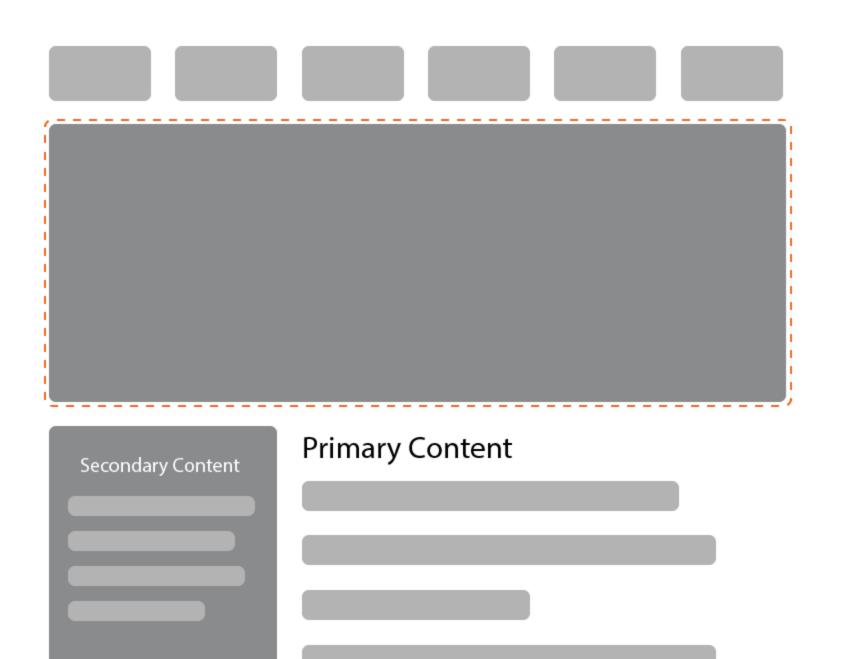


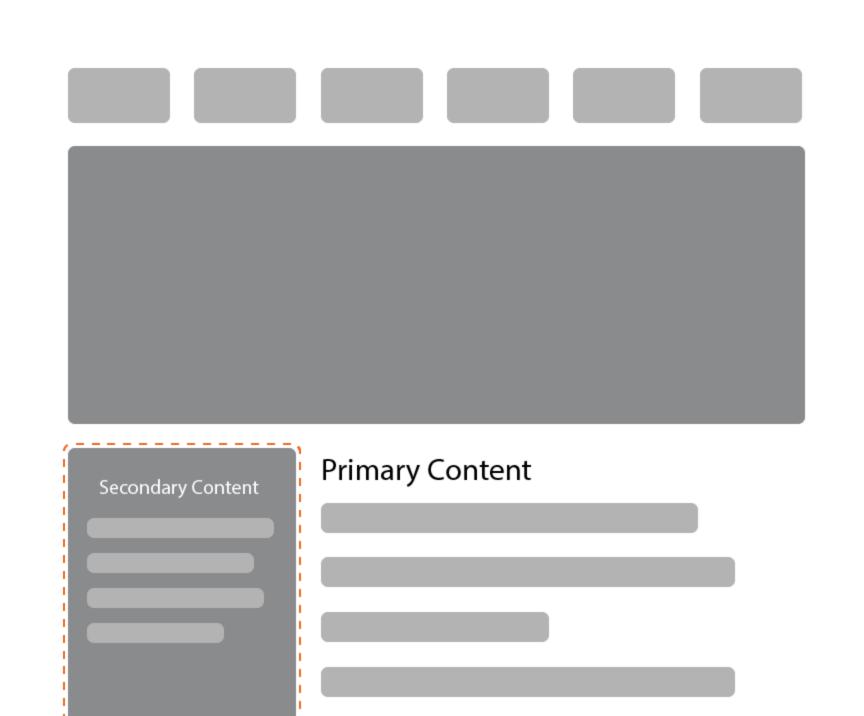


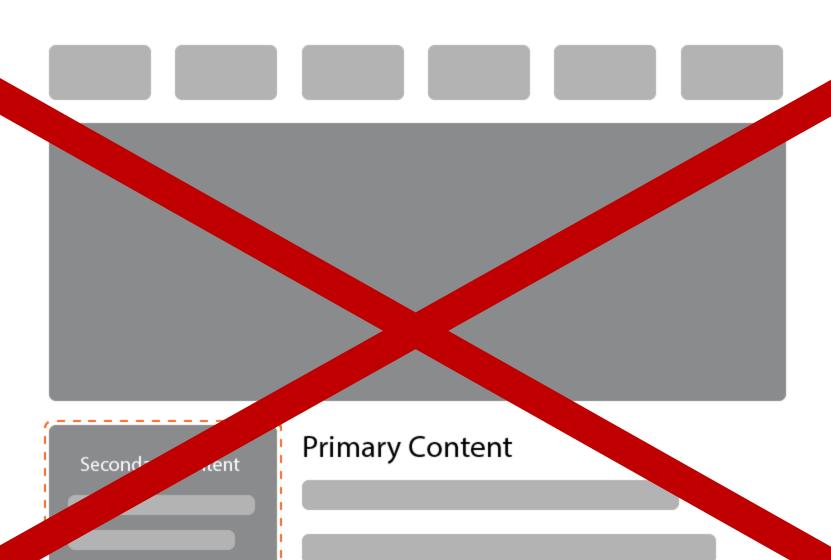


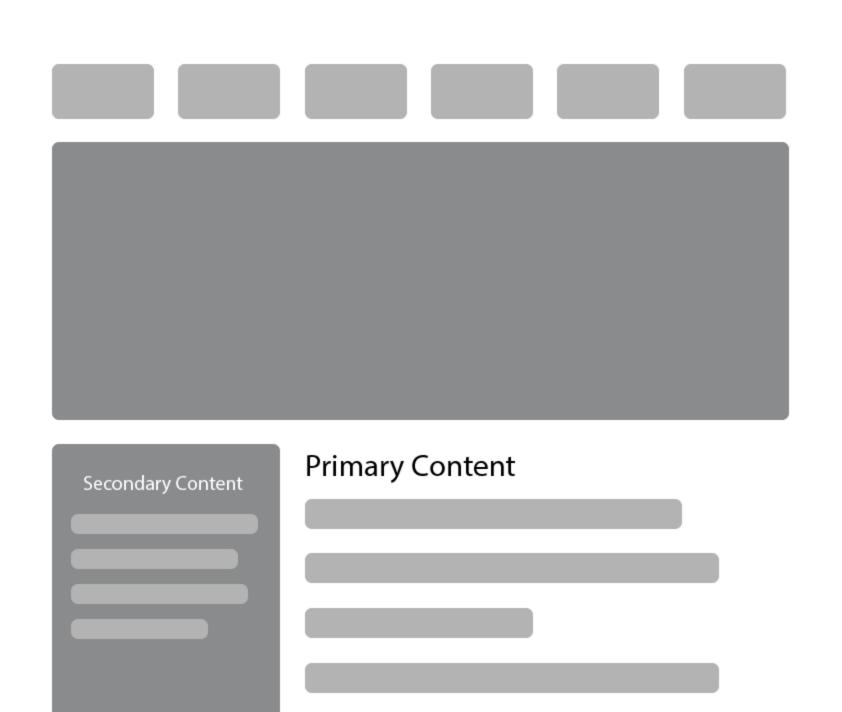


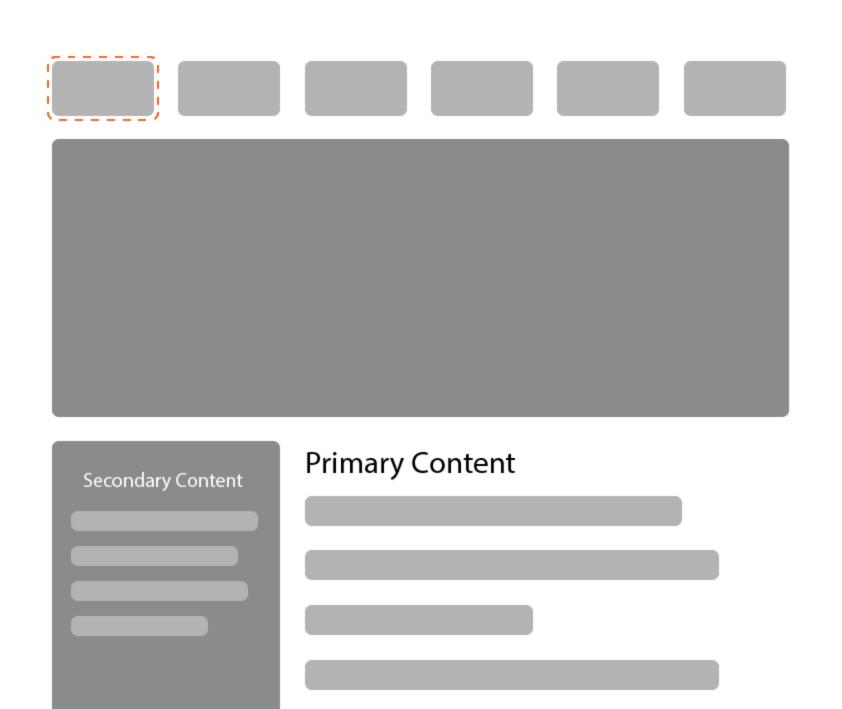


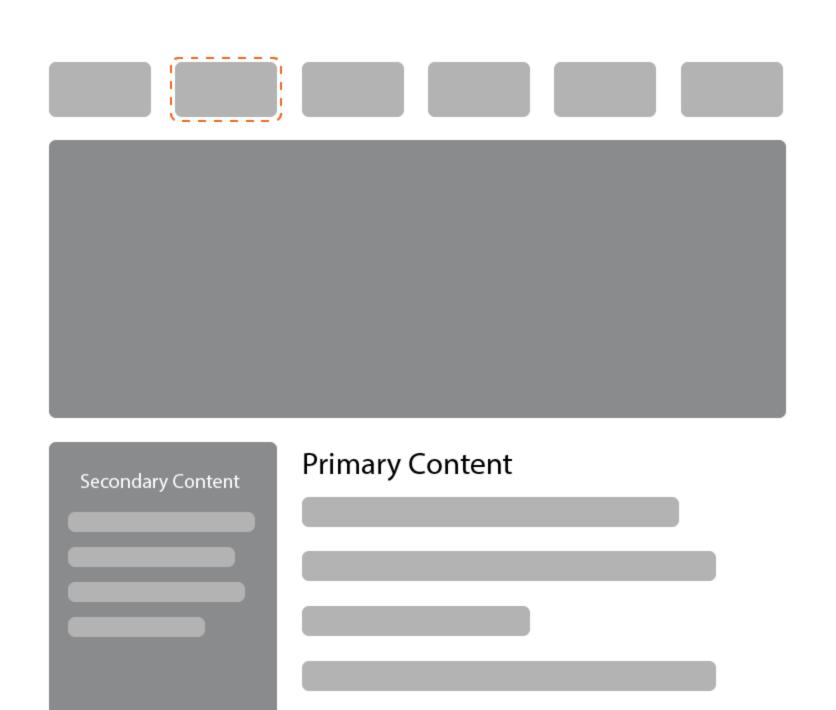


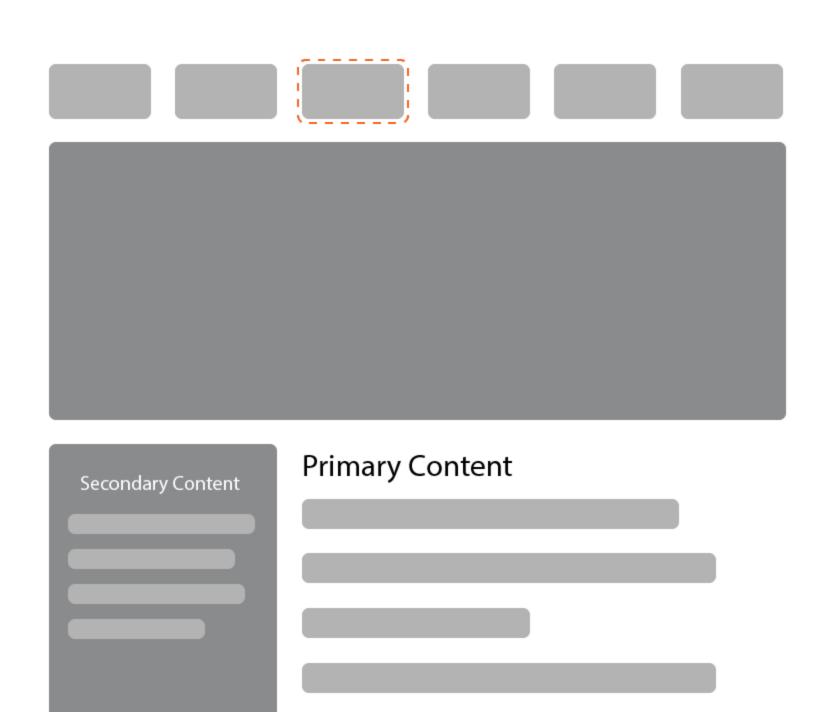


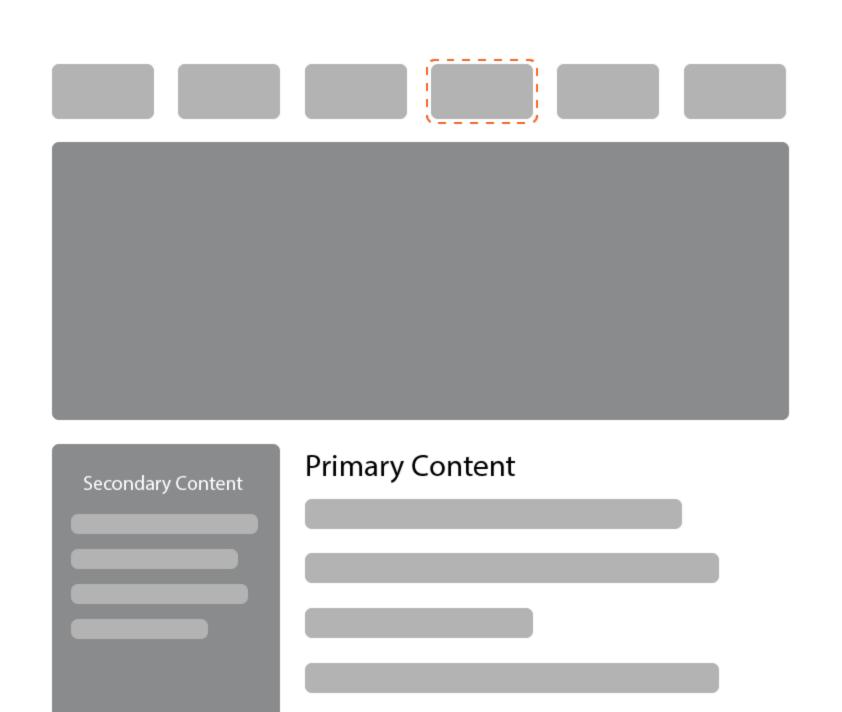


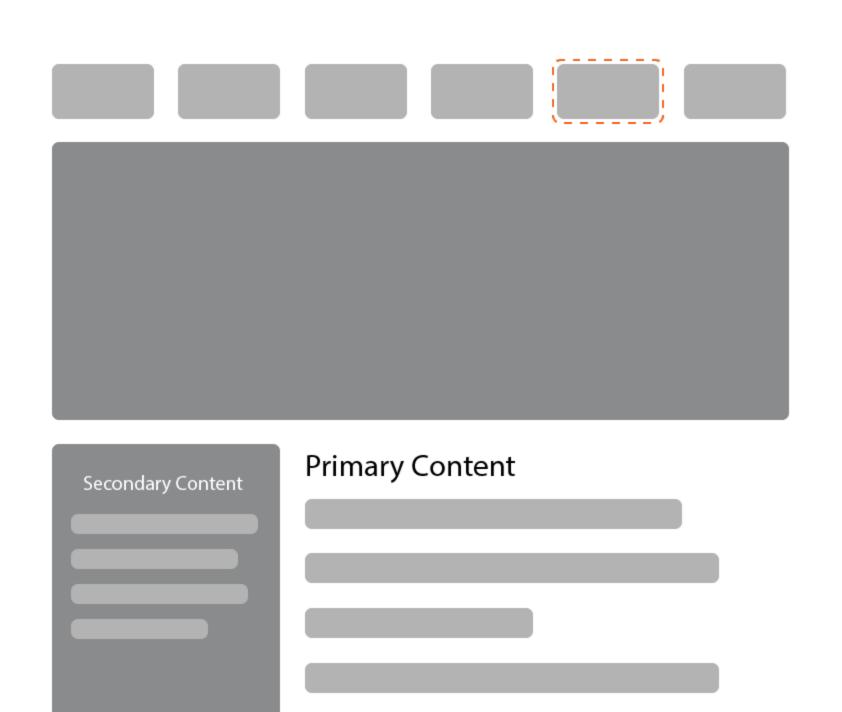


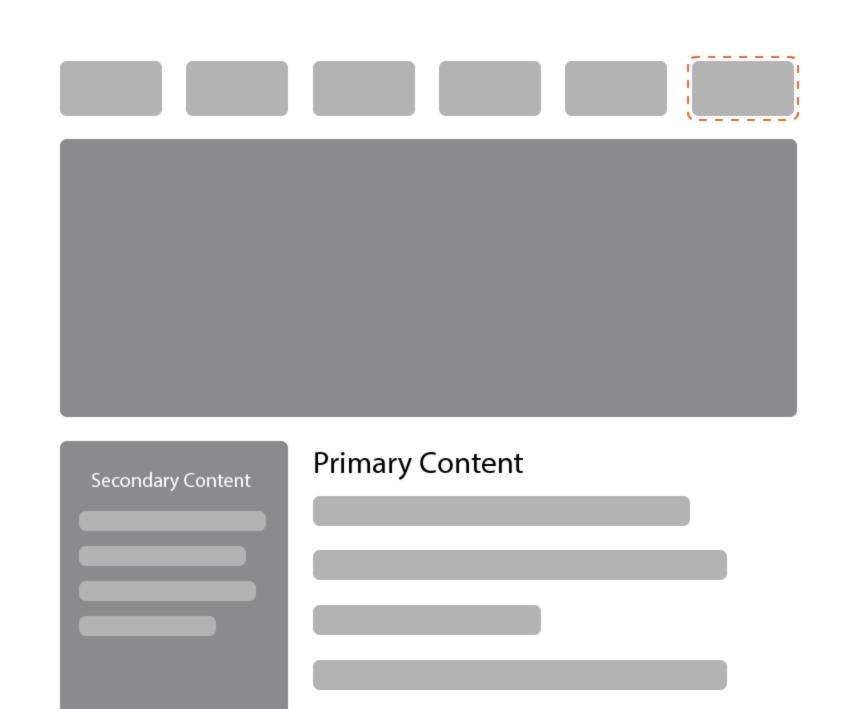


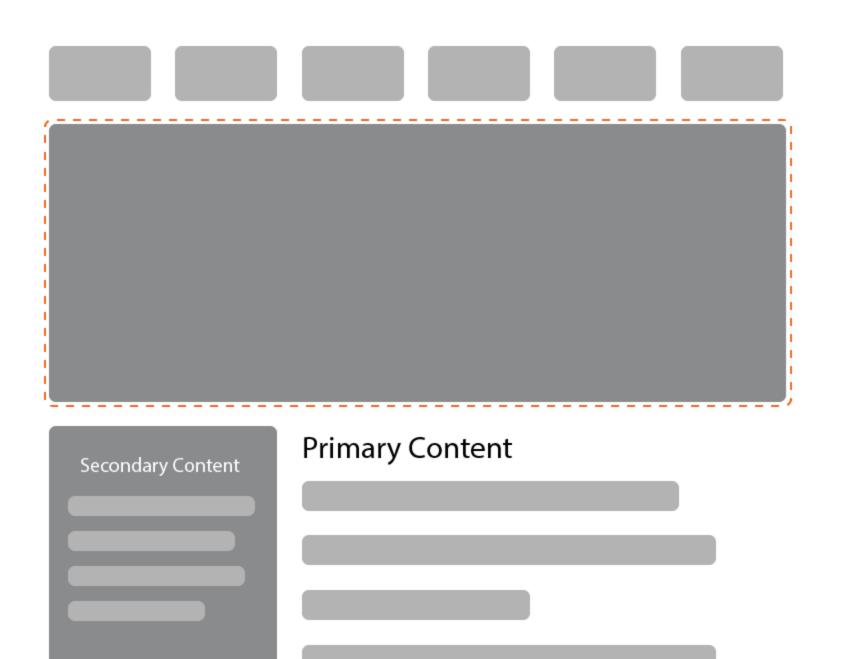


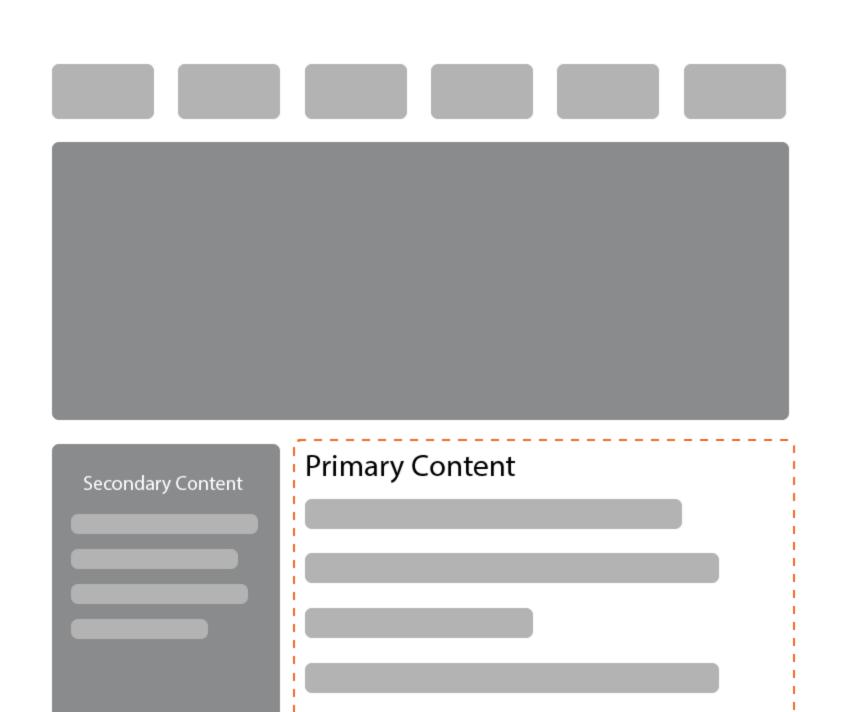


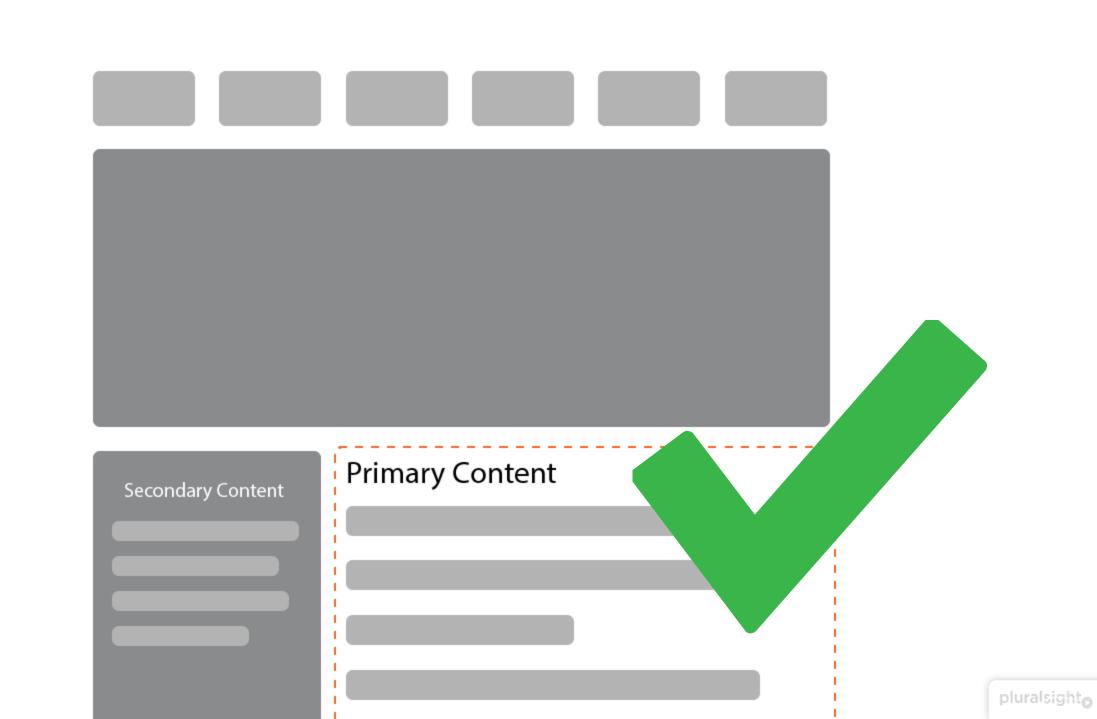










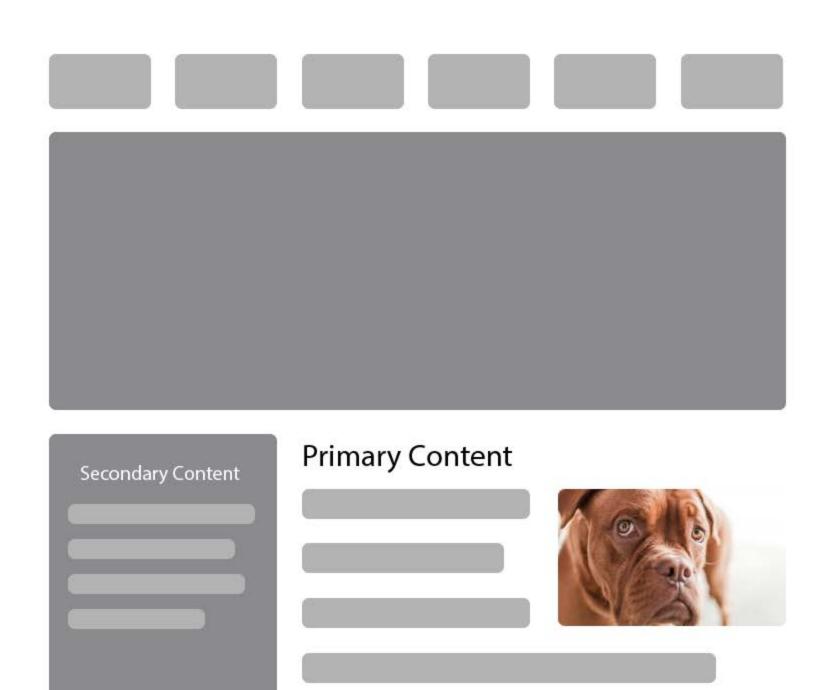


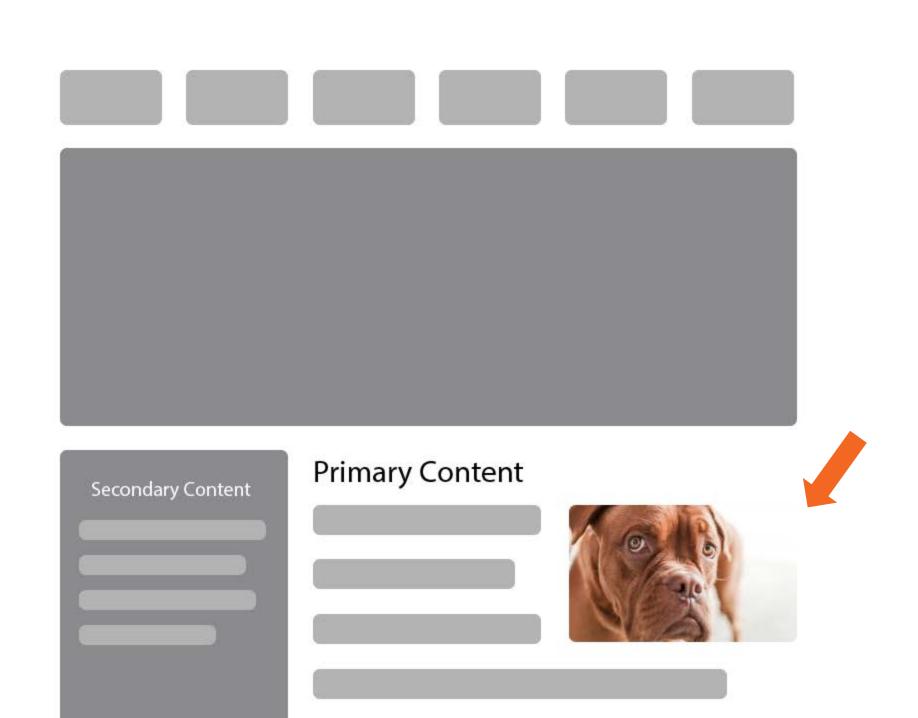
It's Pretty Straight Forward!

Images & Accessibility

Images by Default Are Inaccessible

They Need Descriptions



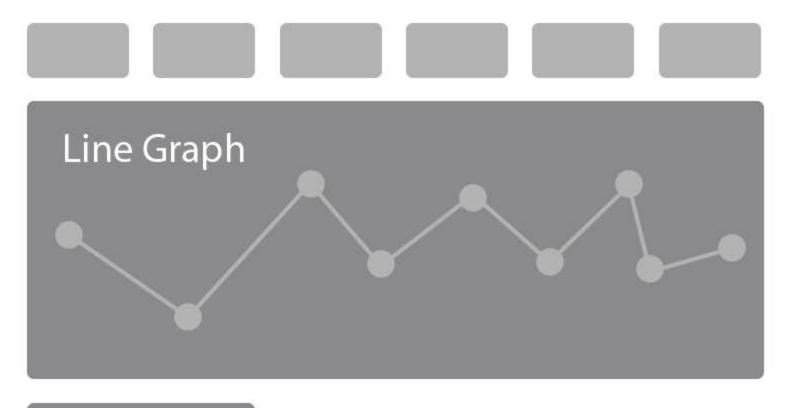


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<img src="dog.jpg" alt="Brown Dog" />
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Alternate Text

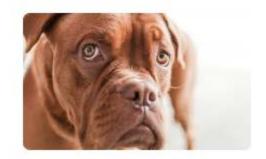
A succinct description of the content of the image

Don't overwhelm with a superfluous wordy description



Secondary Content

Primary Content





Secondary Content

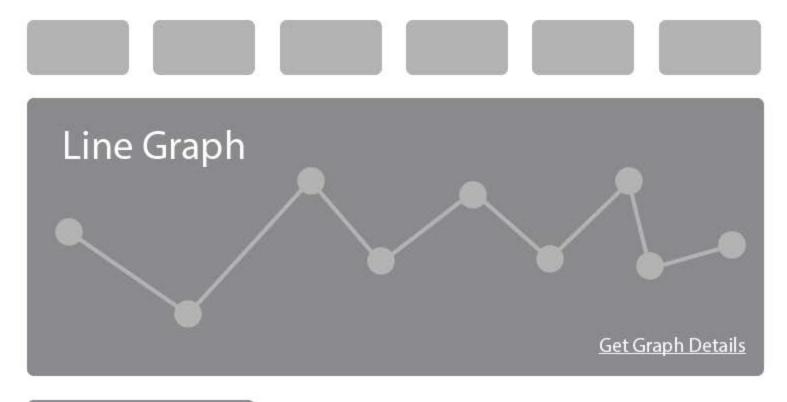
Primary Content



```
<img src="graph.jpg" longdesc="GraphDesc.txt" />
```

Long Description

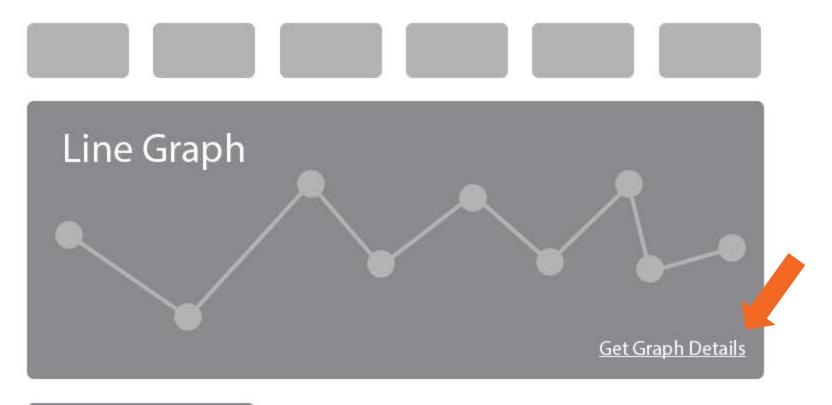
Can be a URL to a different page or can link to an ID on the current page Browser support is almost non-existent



Secondary Content

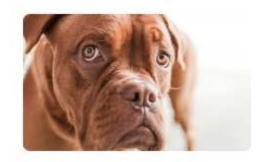
Primary Content







Primary Content



```
<img src="graph.jpg" aria-describedby="desc" alt="Graph" />
<a href="GraphDesc.html" id="desc" }
   Get Graph Details
</a>
```

Use a Link Instead!

What if We Don't Need a Description?

```
<img src="image.jpg" alt=""]/>
```

No Description Needed?

Add an empty alt attribute

This tells screen readers to ignore it

Content & Accessibility

It Doesn't Matter...

What device they're using

If they have disabilities

If they're using assistive technologies

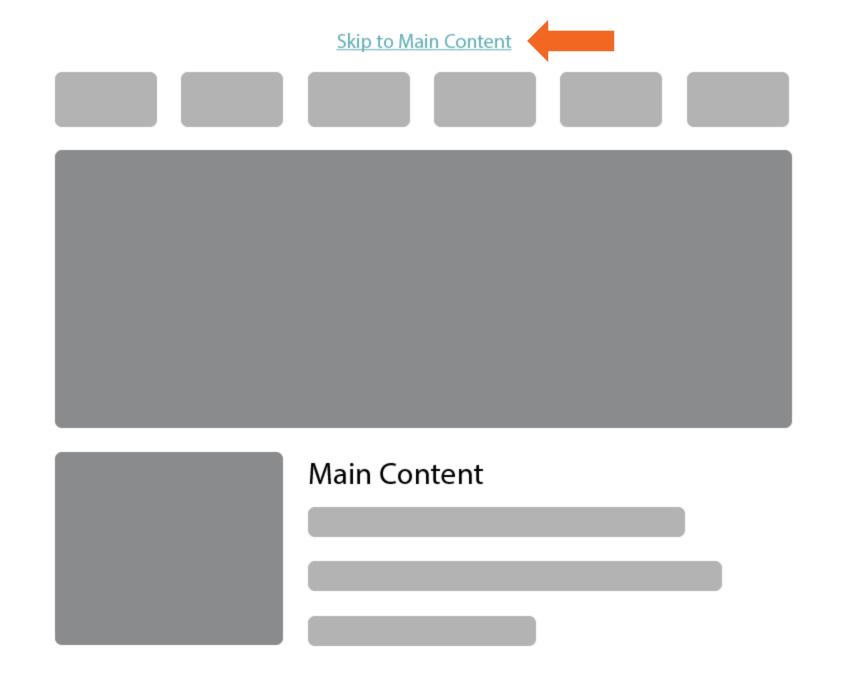
If they're losing abilities due to aging

If they have vestibular or reading disorders

They Came for the Content

They Should Be Able to Get It!

Skip to Main Content Main Content





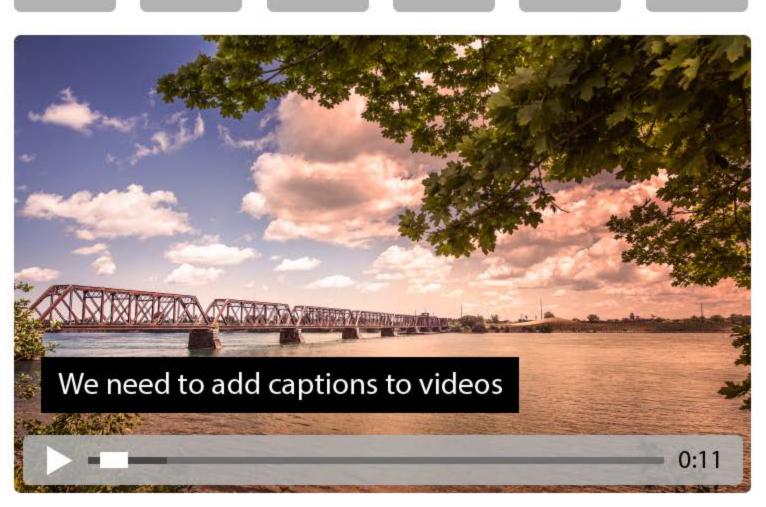
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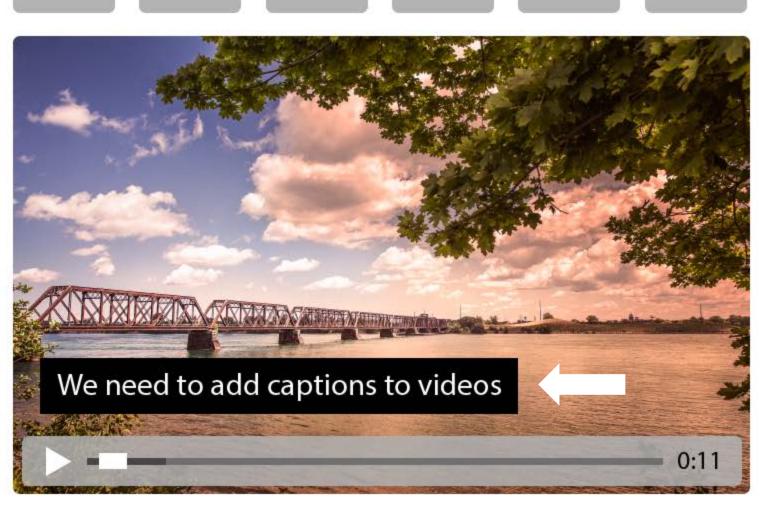


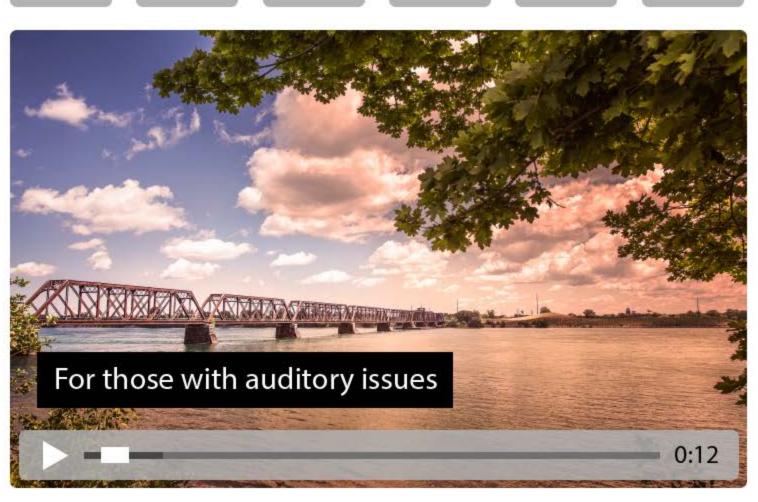


Audio File









Adding Text in Images...



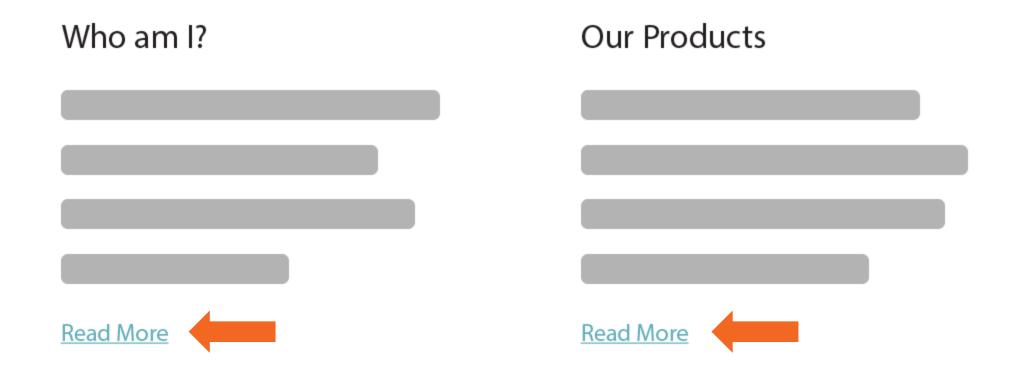
No Bueno

Who am I?

Our Products

Read More

Read More

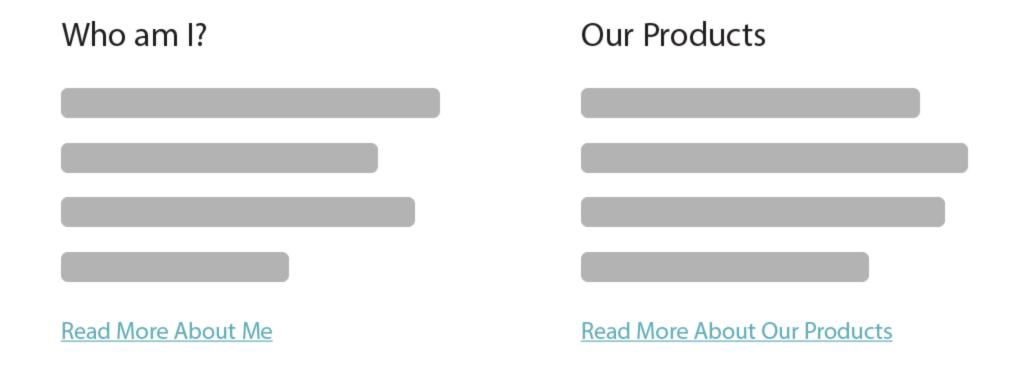


<a href="about.htm."
Read More

Generic Text

Screen readers remead More, Read More, Read More"

No further amation about the section is available





```
<a class="about-link" href="about.html">
    Read More About Me
</a>
```

Use CSS Generated Content

```
.about-link:after {
    content: "Read More";
}
```

Use CSS Generated Content

HTML Attributes & Accessibility

<html lang="en"

Language Attributes

let the browser or assistive technology know what language the site is using

```
<blockquote lang="fr">
```

Si six scies scient six cyprès, six cents scies scient six cent cyprès.

</blockquote>

Language Attributes

if displaying something in a different language within the page, add the "lang" attribute

```
<img src="dog.jpg" alt="Brown Dog" />
```

Alternate Text

A succinct description of the content of the image

Don't overwhelm with a superfluous wordy description

```
<abbr title="Hyper Text Markup Language"
HTML
</abbr>
```

Abbreviations Need a Title

Used to show the full description of the abbreviated word Must contain the description for the word and nothing else

For Forms...

```
<label for="firstName"

First Name

</label>
<input type="text" id="firstName" />
```

For Attribute

Connect labels with their associated form fields

```
<label for="firstName">
    First Name
</label>
<input type="text" id="firstName" required />
```

Required Attribute

Provide more information for required fields

Tab Index...

```
<span class="button" tabindex="5"
Submit
</span>
```

Tabindex Attribute

Forces non-standard controls into the tab order for keyboard navigation

Web Forms & Accessibility

Logical Groupings With Fieldsets & Legends



| Address | | | Required |
|-------------|----------|-------|----------|
| City | Required | State | Required |
| Postal Code | Required | | |



| Address | Illing Add | aress – | Required | |
|-------------|------------|---------|----------|---------|
| City | Required | State | Required | fieldse |
| Postal Code | Required | | | |

| CVV2 Code | Required | |
|-----------|----------|--|
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| Bi | lling Add | dress 4 | |
|-------------|-----------|---------|----------|
| Address | | | Required |
| City | Required | State | Required |
| Postal Code | Required | | |
| | | | |

```
</fieldset>
<fieldset>
   <legend>Billing Address</legend>
   <label for="billingAddress">Address</label>
   <input type="text" id="billingAddress" />
   <label for="billingCity">City</label>
   <input type="text" id="billingCity" />
```

Fieldsets & Legends

Use them to logically group form fields

Labels

Contact Us Your Name Required Your Email Required Your Message Required I would like to recieve product updates and news



```
<fieldset>
   <legend>Contact Us</legend>
   <label for="name">Your Name</label>
   <input type="text" id="name" />
   <label for="email">Your Email</label>
   <input type="text" id="email" />
   <label for="name">Your Message</label>
```

Labels

Every field should have an associated label using the "for" attribute

Contact Us Required Your Name Required Your Email Required Your Message ✓ I would like to recieve product updates and news



Submit

```
<fieldset>
   <legend>Contact Us</legend>
   <input type="text" id="name" placeholder="Your Name" />
   <input type="text" id="email" placeholder="Your Email" />
   <textarea id="message" placeholder="Your Message" />
   <label>
        <input type="checkbox" id="updatesAndNews" checked />
```

Placeholder Text

SHOULD NOT be used as a replacement for labelsSHOULD be used to provide hints and tips

```
<fieldset>
    legend>Contact Us</legend>
    <inp type="text" id="name" placeholder="Your ine" />
    <input ty, -"text" id="email" placeholder .our Email" />
    <textarea id= sage" placeholder=" ar Message" />
    <label>
        <input type="checkbo,</pre>
                                .a="updatesAndNews" checked />
```

Placeholder Text SHOULD NOT be a as a replacement for labels SHOULD be sed to provide hints and tips

Hidden Labels Are Ok Sometimes

Hidden Labels Are Ok Sometimes

Search this site

Go

```
<form id="sitesearch">
    <label for="s" class="hidden">
        Search This Site
    </label>
    <input type="text" id="s" placeholder="Search this site">
    <input type="button" value="Go">
</form>
```

Hidden Labels

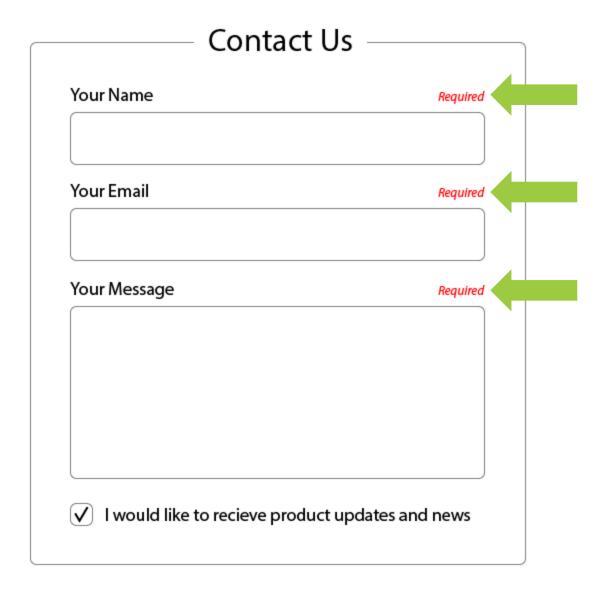
It's ok to visually hide labels where it makes sense to do so

```
/* Visually Hide Content */
.hidden {
    position: absolute;
    left: -9999px;
}
```

CSS Used to Visually Hide the Label

Required

Contact Us Your Name Required Your Email Required Your Message Required I would like to recieve product updates and news



```
<fieldset>
   <legend>Contact Us</legend>
   <label for="name">Your Name</label>
   <span class="required">Required</span>
   <input type="text" id="name" required />
   <label for="email">Your Email</label>
   <span class="required">Required</span>
```

Required

This attribute should be added to all required fields

| Enter Your Email Address | Required |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| | |
| Choose A Password | |
| Must be at least 8 characters | Required |
| | |
| Whats Your Occupation? | Optional |
| | |
| | |

Create Account

| Enter Your Email Address | Required |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| | |
| | |
| Choose A Password | |
| | |
| Must be at least 8 characters | Required |
| | |
| Whats Your Occupation? | Optional |
| | |
| | |

Create Account

```
<form id="createAcount">
   <label for="e">Enter Your Email Address</label>
   <input type="email" id="e" />
   <label for="p">Choose a Password</label>
   <em>Must be at least 8 characters
   <input type="email" id="p" />
   <label for="o">What's Your Occupation?</label>
```

Add Helper Text Where Needed

This helps make it easier for everyone to fill out the form

Tab Order



| Address | | | Required |
|-------------|----------|-------|----------|
| | | | |
| City | Required | State | Required |
| | | | |
| Postal Code | Required | | |
| | | | |



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Accessible Keyboard Control





Who Doesn't Use a Mouse?

Blind people

People with fine motor control issues

People with little or no use of their hands

People that don't have hands

People that find it easier

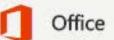


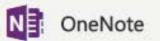
Focus & Active Indicators

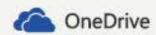
Help people see where they are











Show Ad 🔀

▶ AdChoices

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Make MSN my homepage

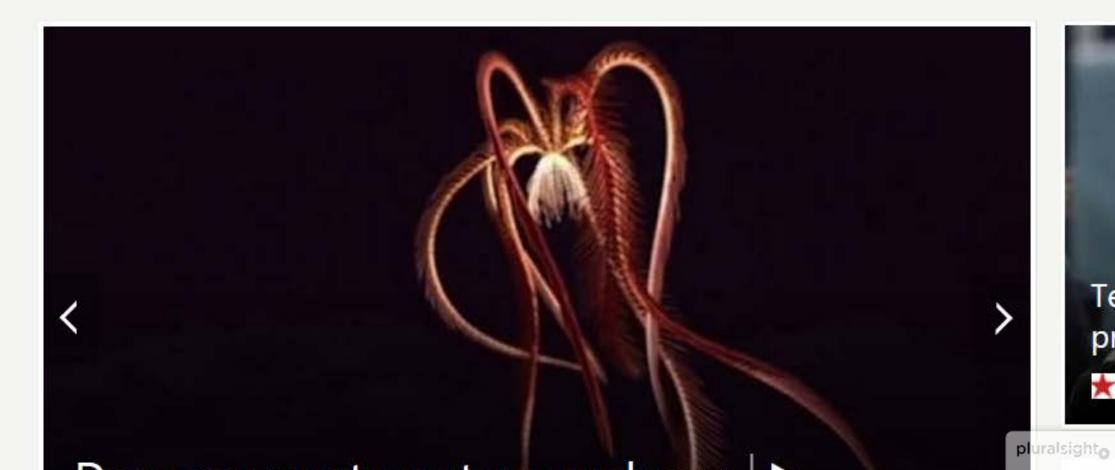
NEWS WEATHER

ENTERTAINMENT

SPORTS

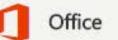
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LIFESTYLE

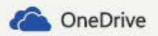
















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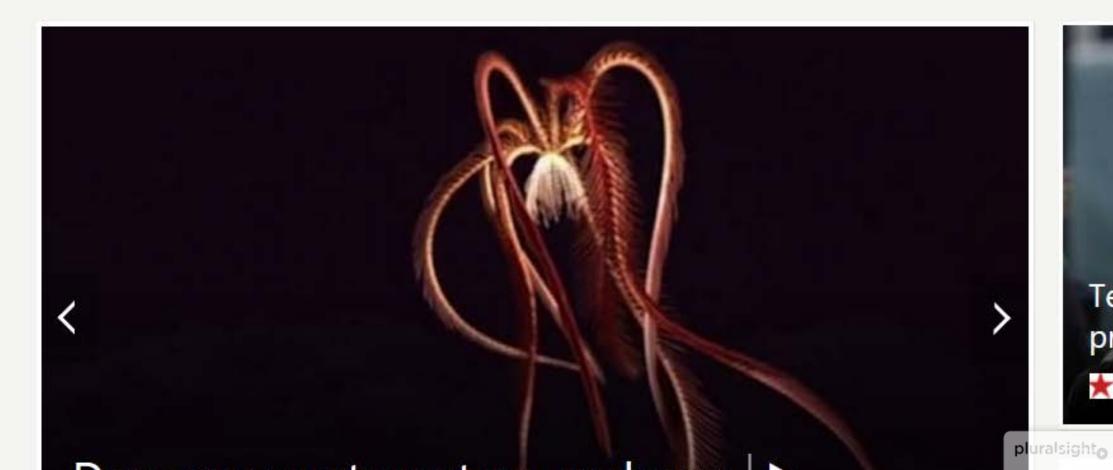


NEWS WEATHER **ENTERTAINMENT**

SPORTS

MONEY

LIFESTYLE



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.hidden {
    display: none;
}
```

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.hia. {
    disr none;
}
```

```
input:focus {
   outline: solid 1px #98C741;
   box-shadow: 0px 0px 5px 0px rgba(152,199,65,1);
}
```



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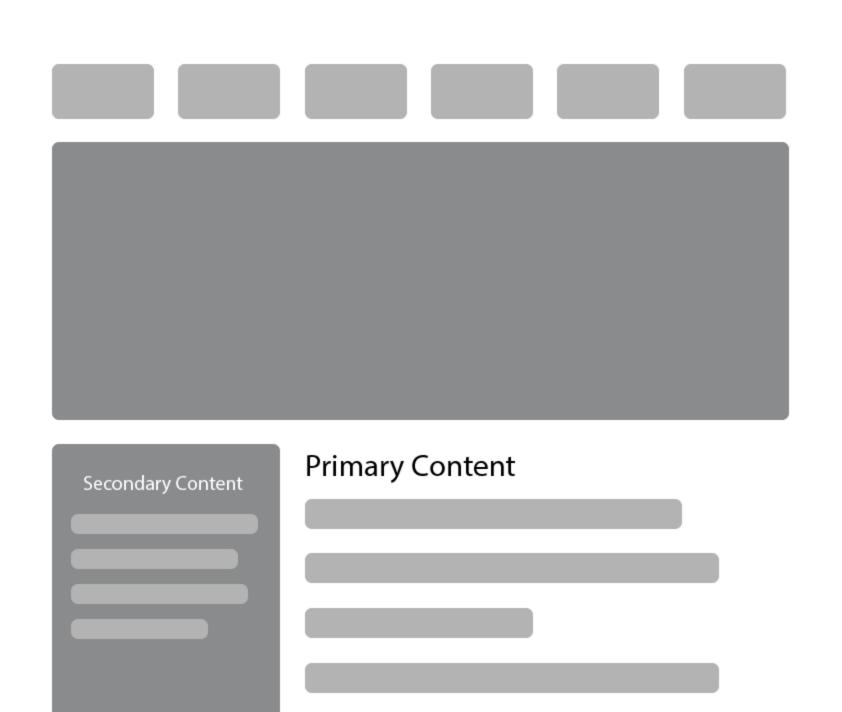
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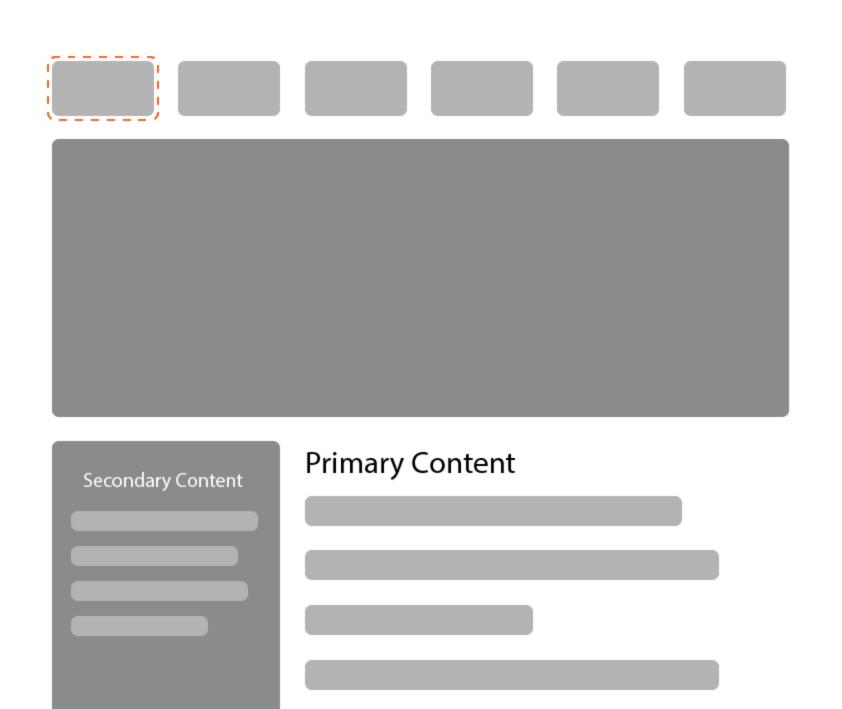


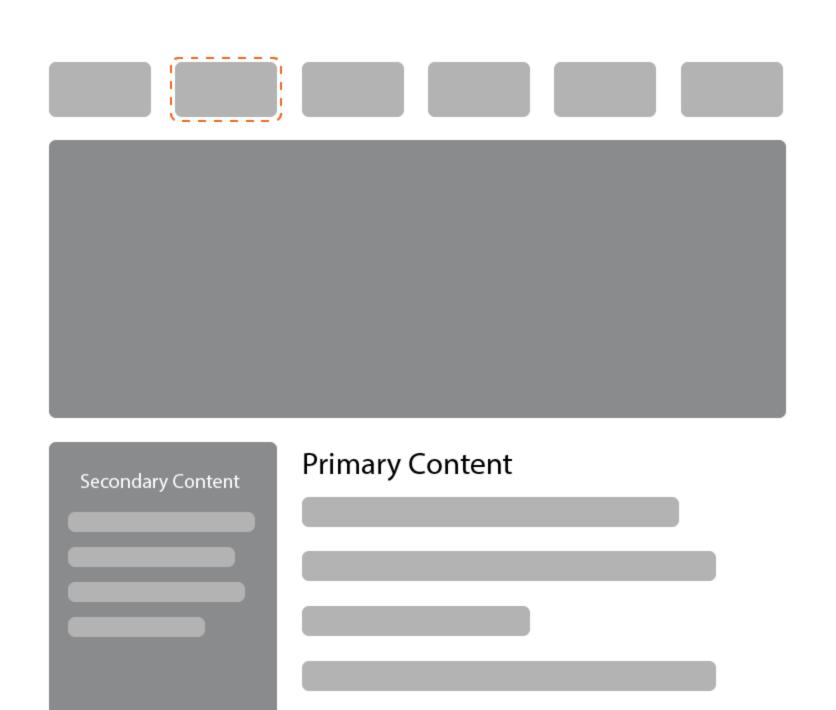
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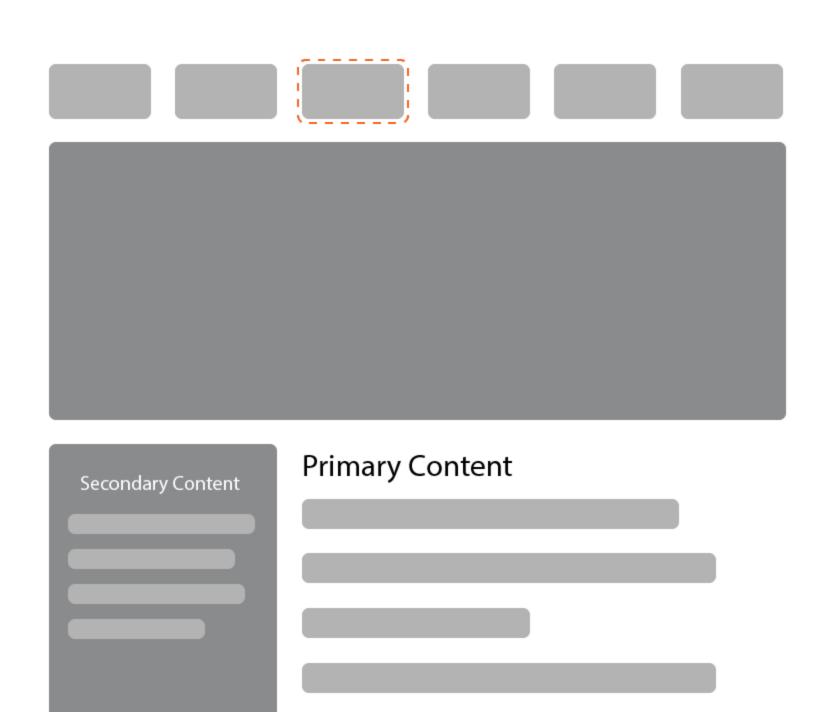


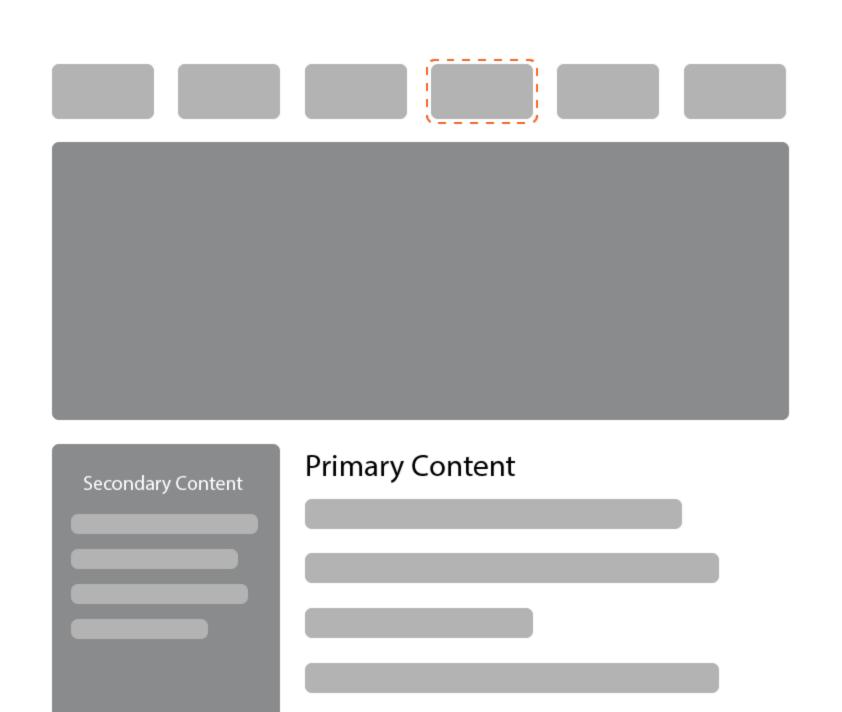


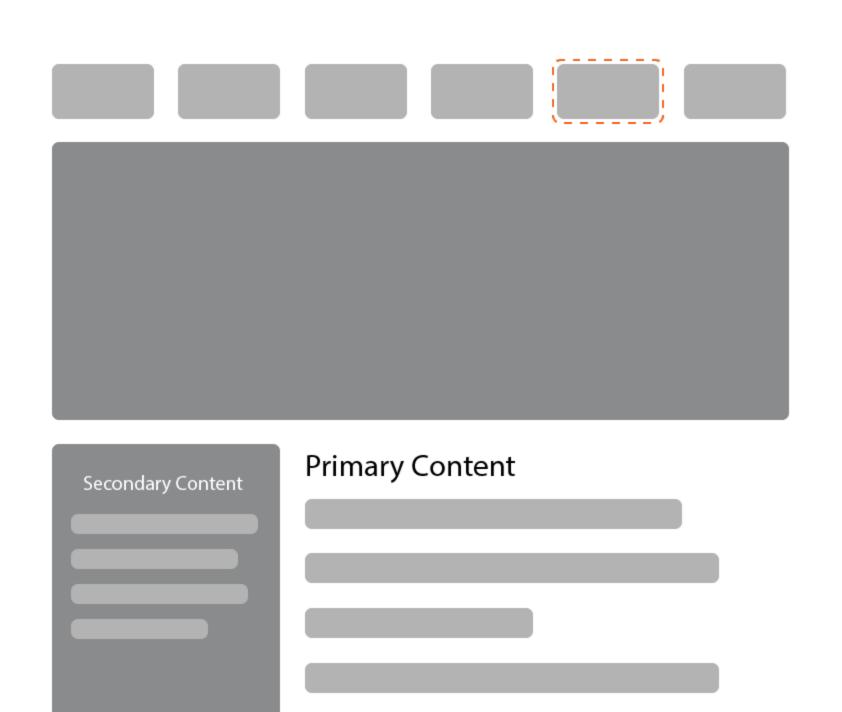


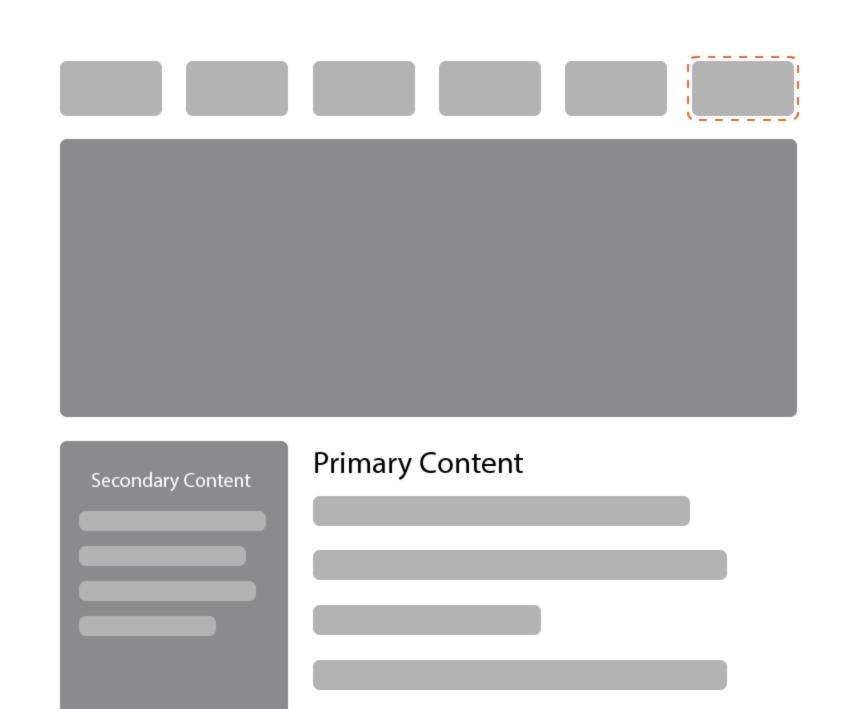


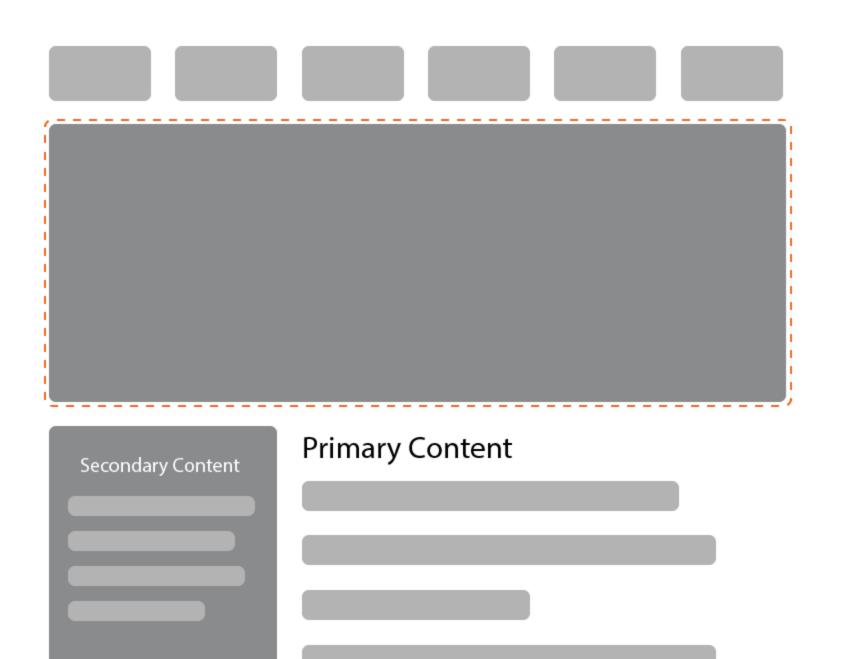


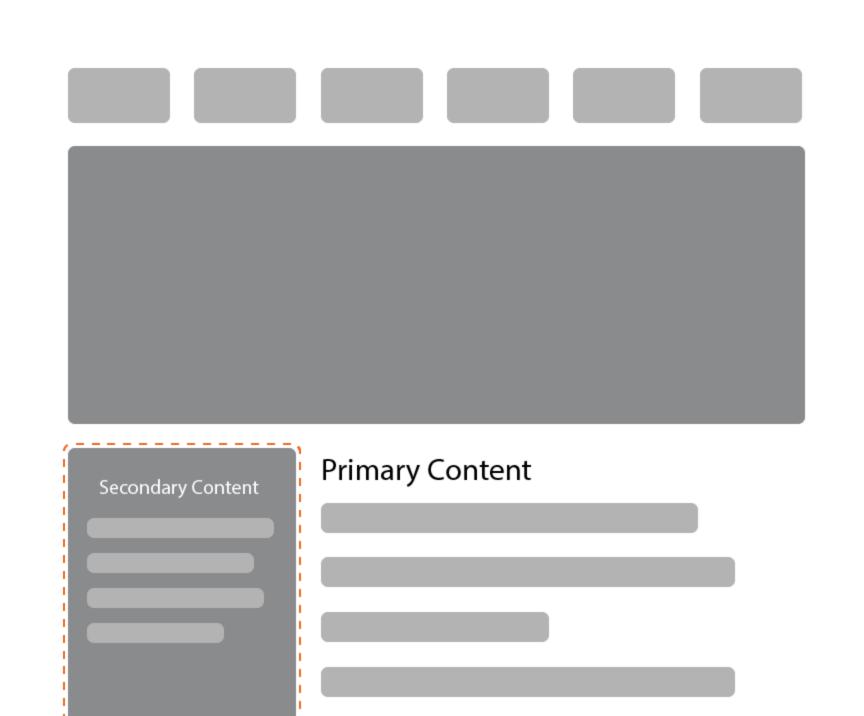


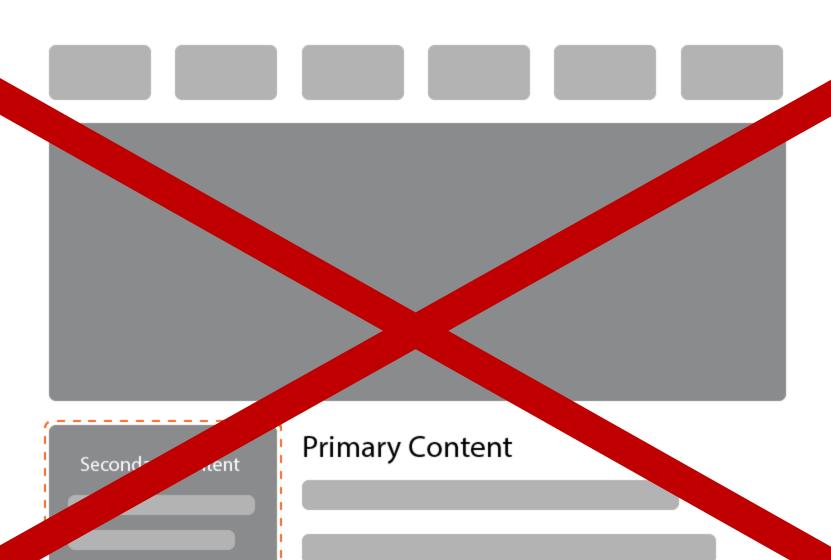


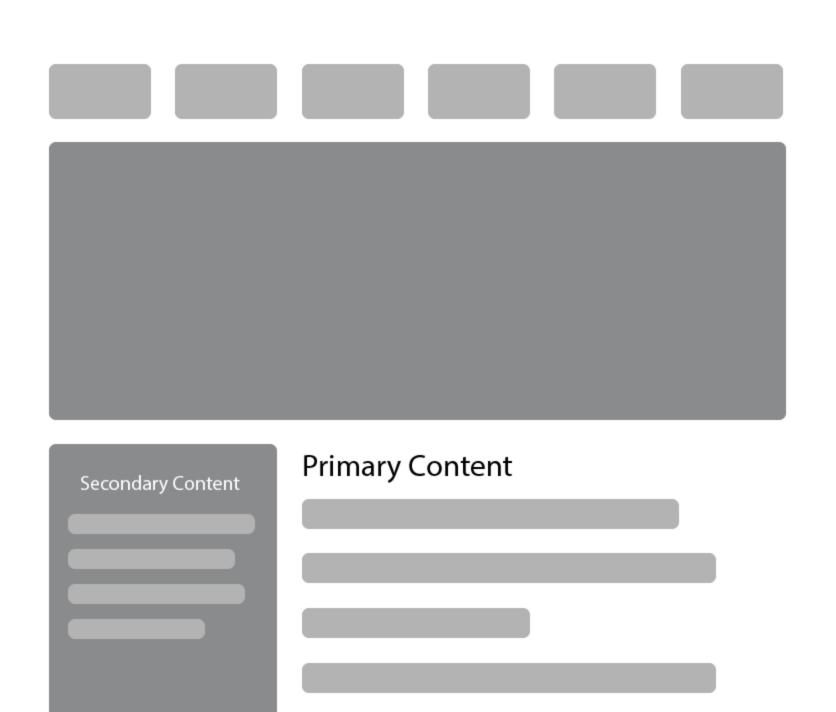


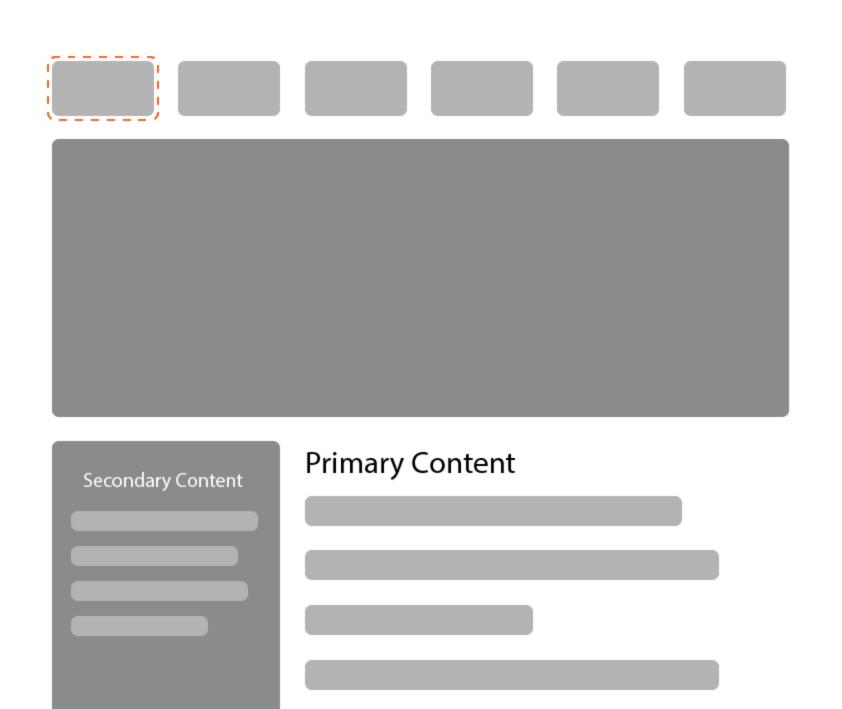


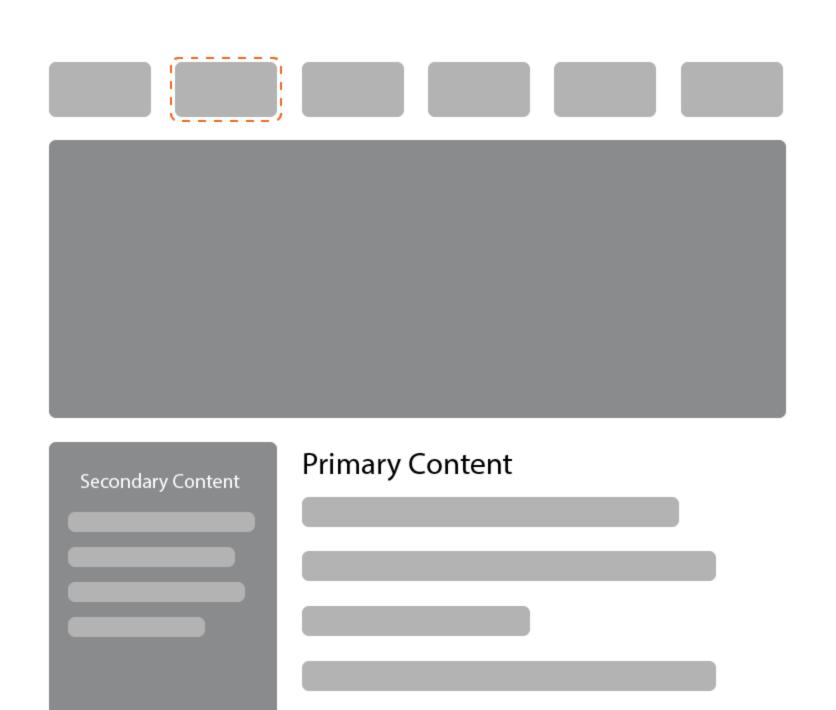


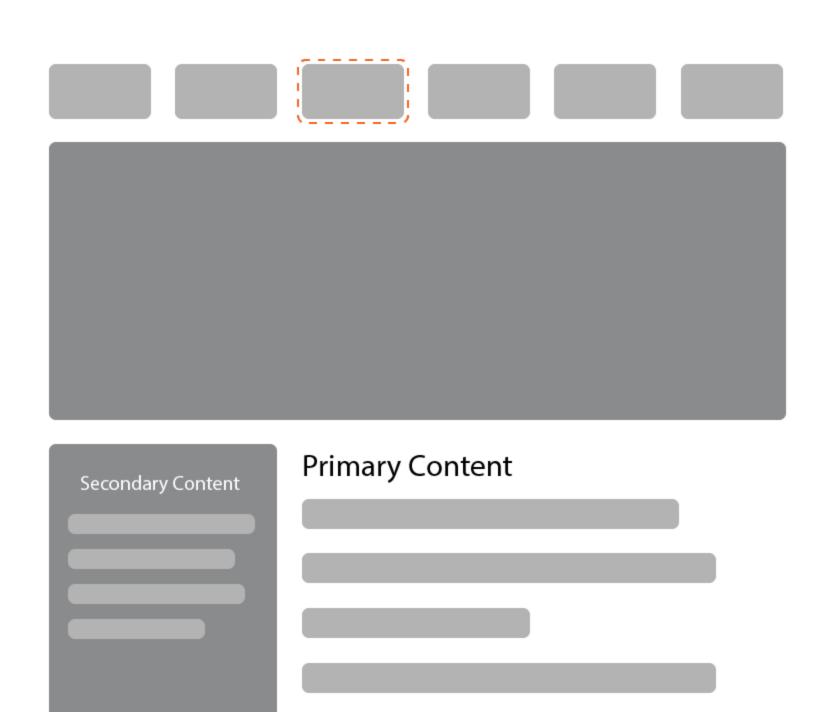


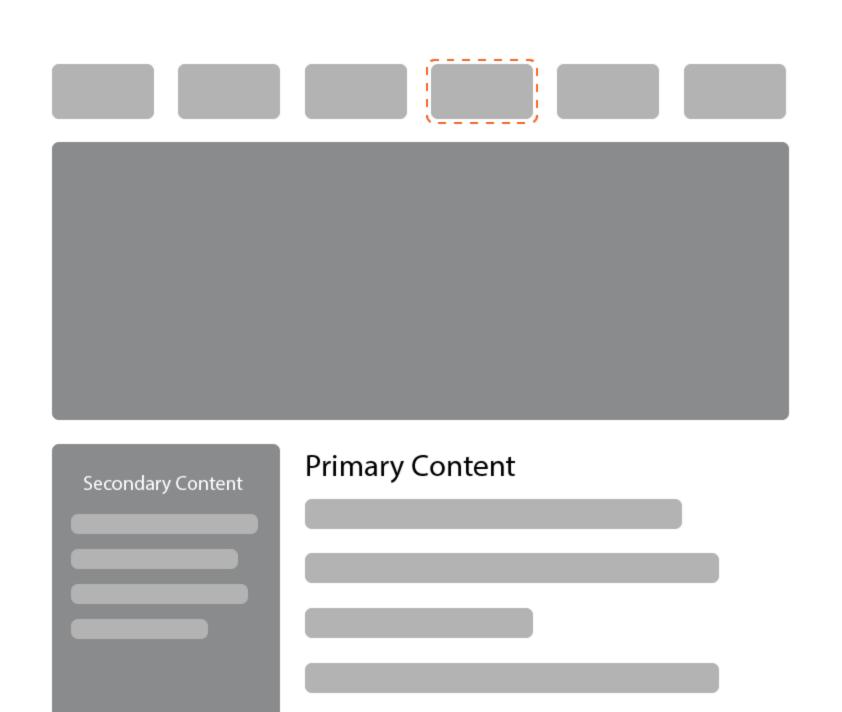


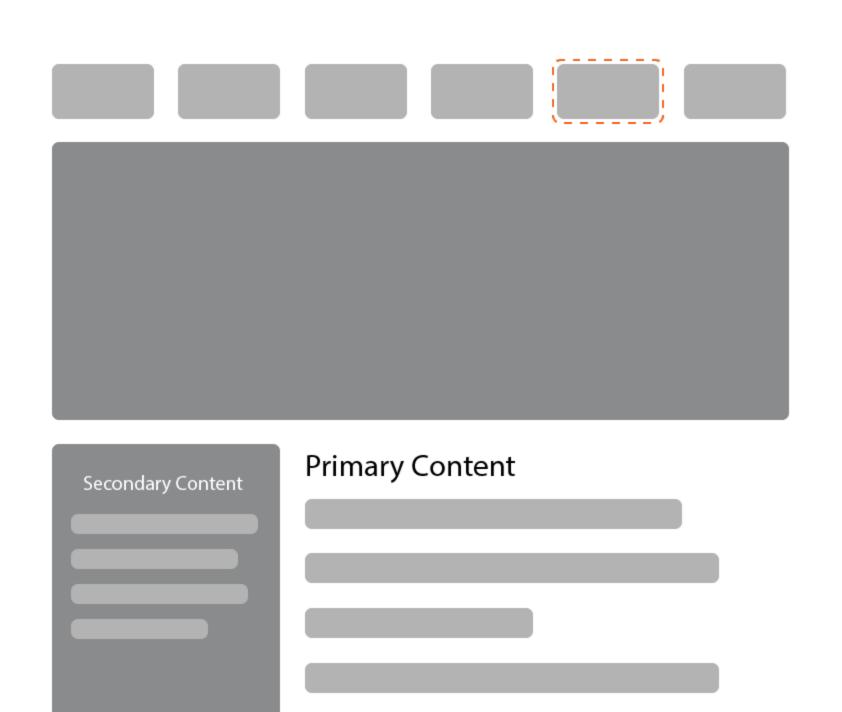


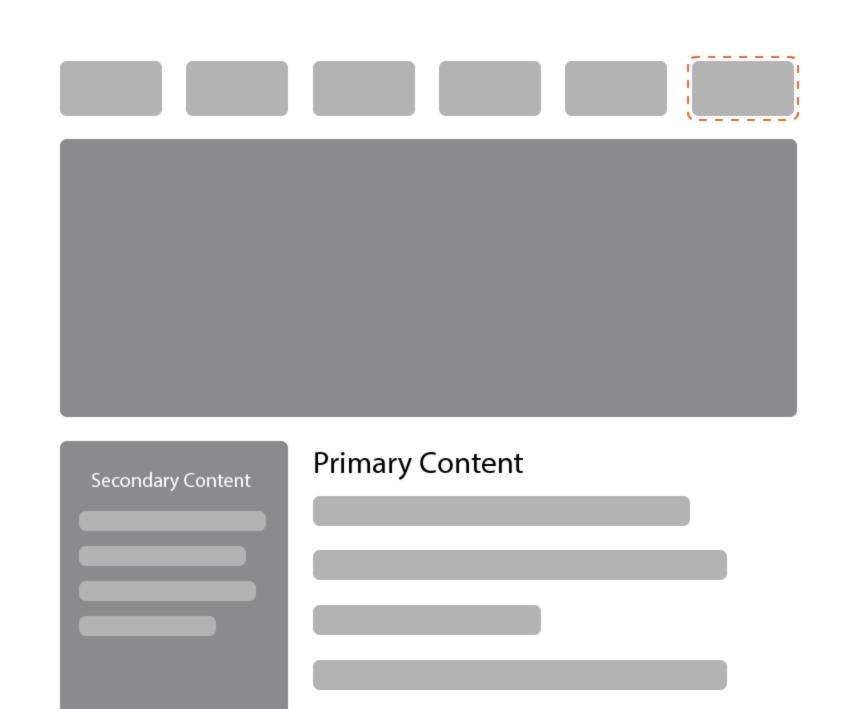


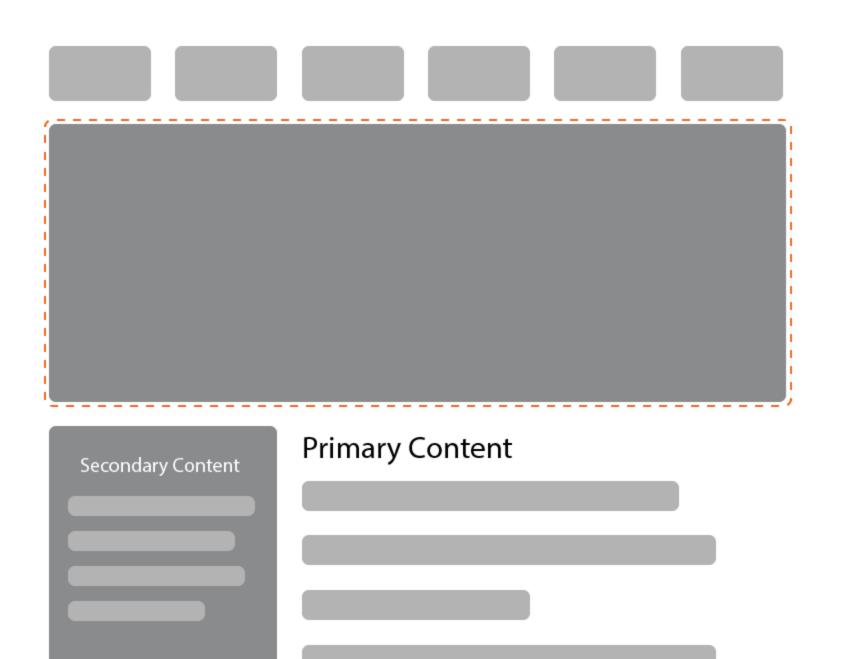


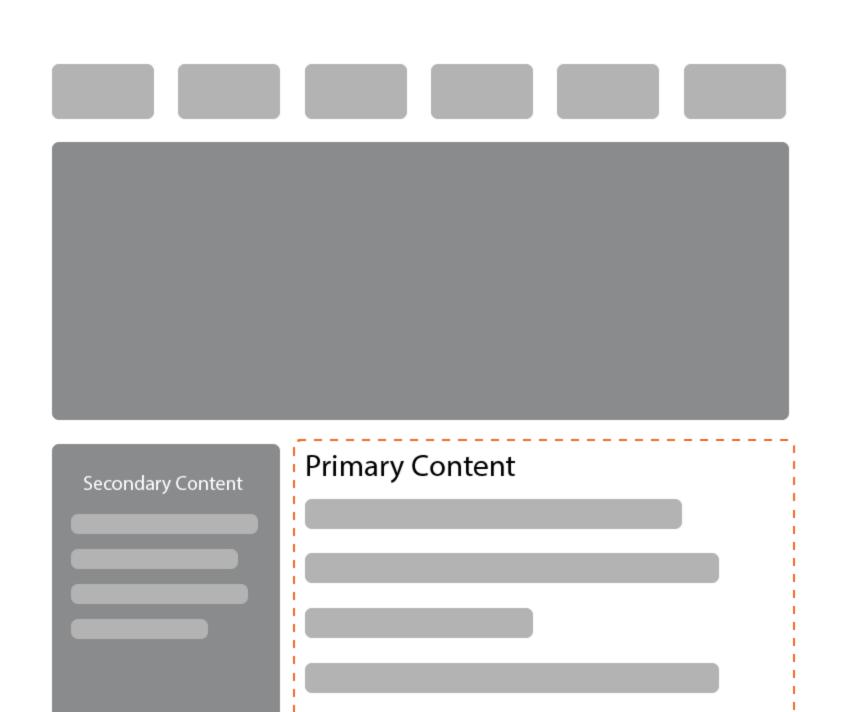


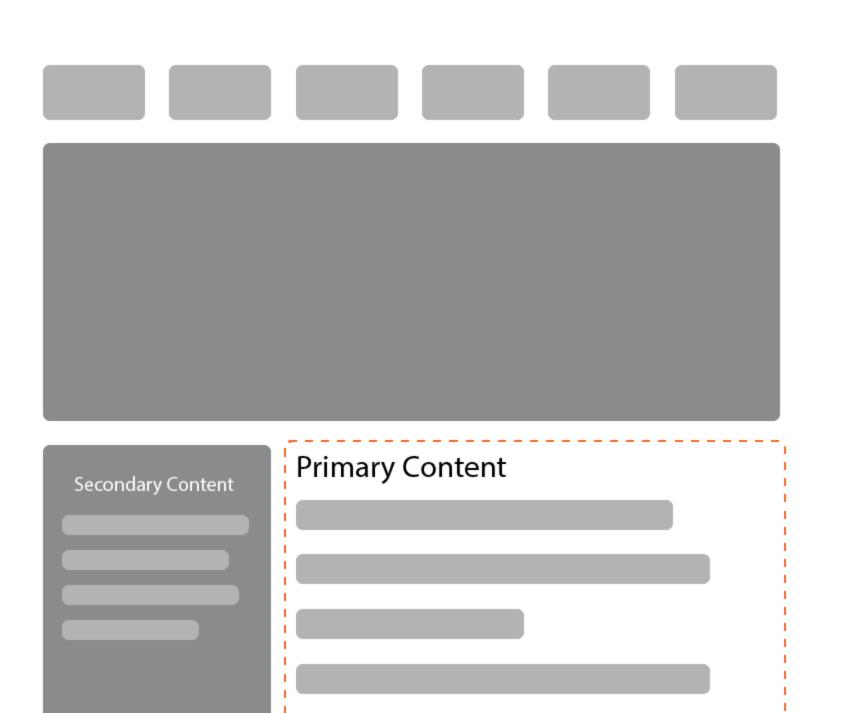










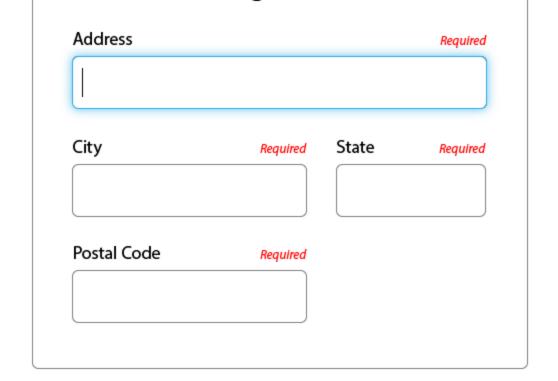




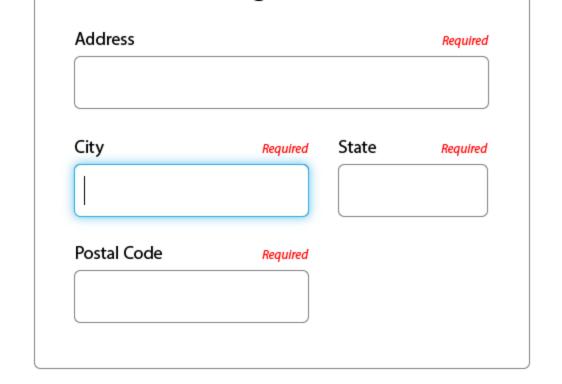
```
<body>
    <main>
        <section class="primary-content">
        </section>
        <aside class="secondary-content">
```

Main Content Comes First!

Even though the sidebar looks like it comes 1st the main content should come before the sidebar in the code









Address

Required

City

Required

State

Required

Postal Code

Required

Submit

Address

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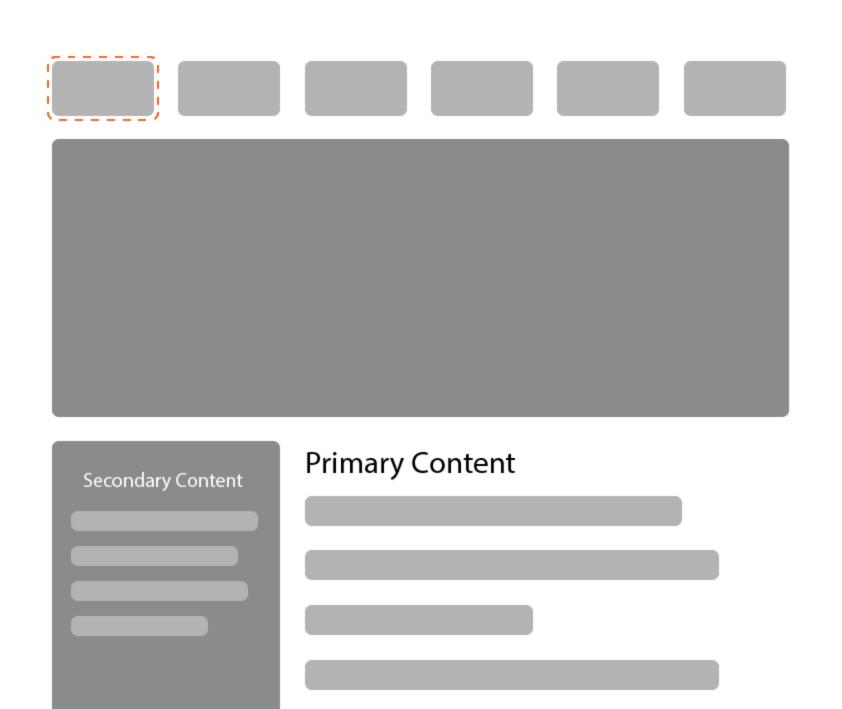
Non-Navigable Items

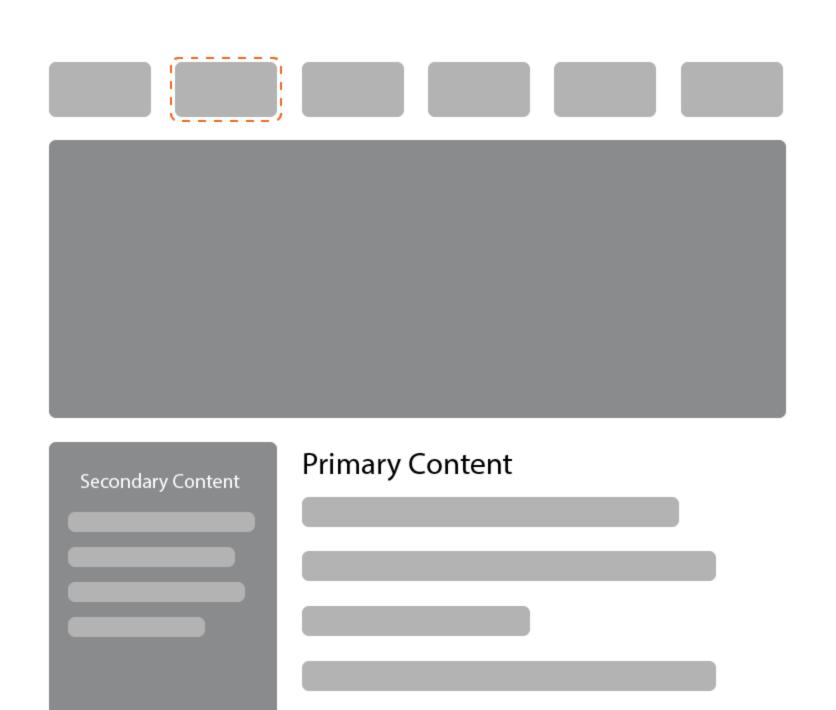
```
<span tabindex="0"
    class="button"
    onclick="document.getElementById('form-id').submit();">
    Submit
</span>
```

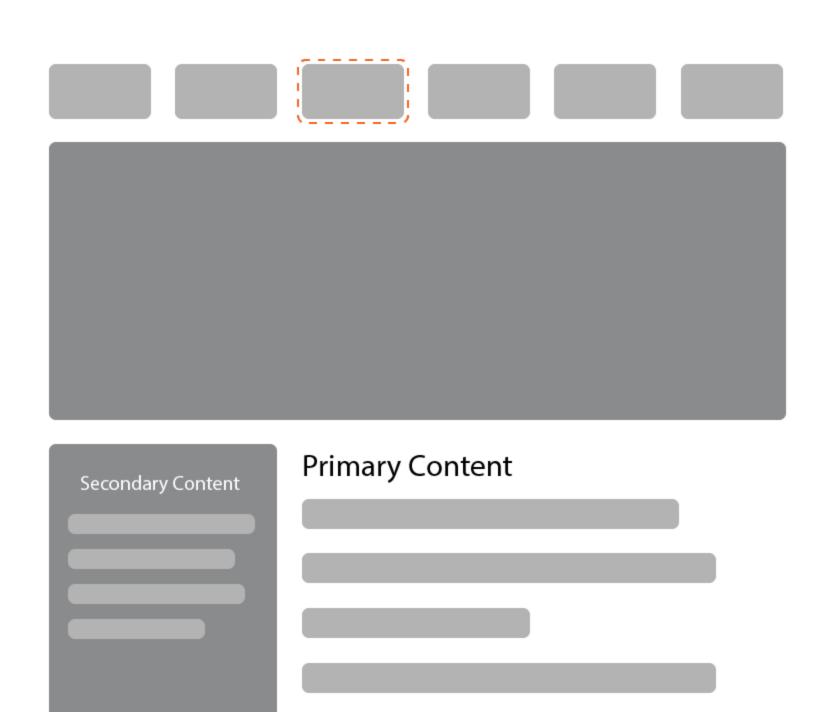
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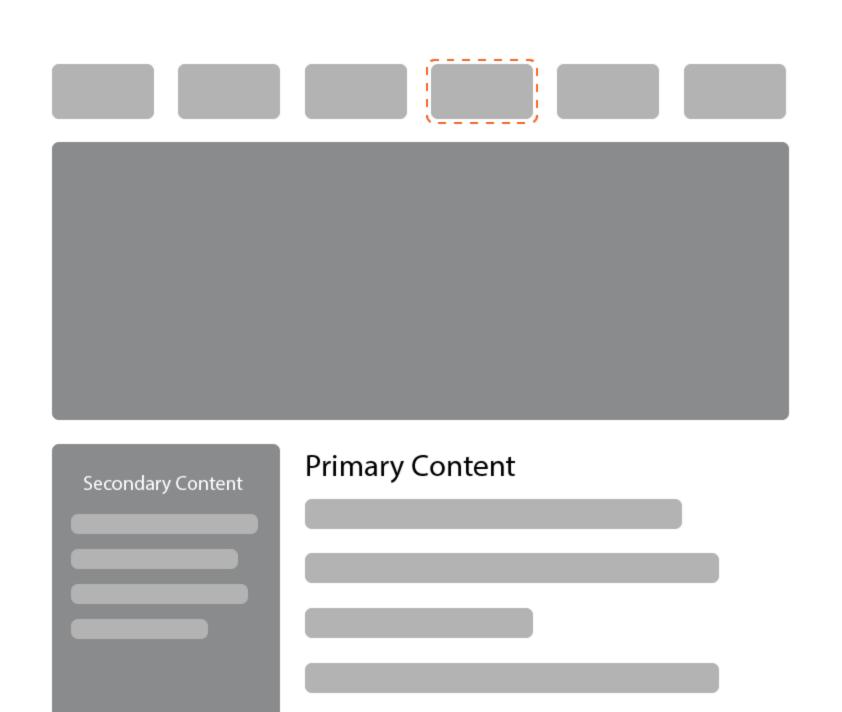
Adding a "tabindex" value of zero will insert the element into the default navigation order

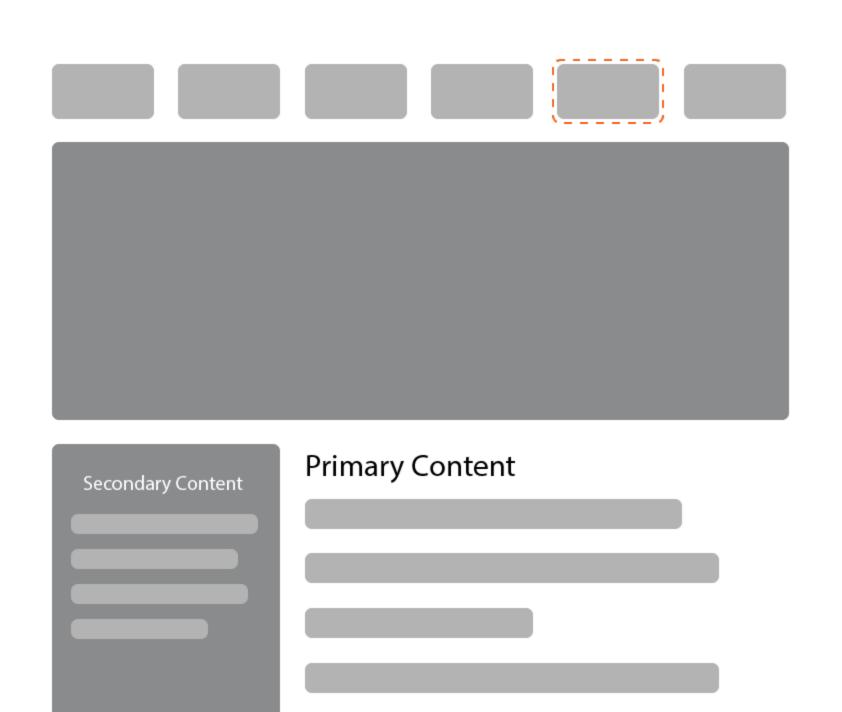
Skip Navigation Link

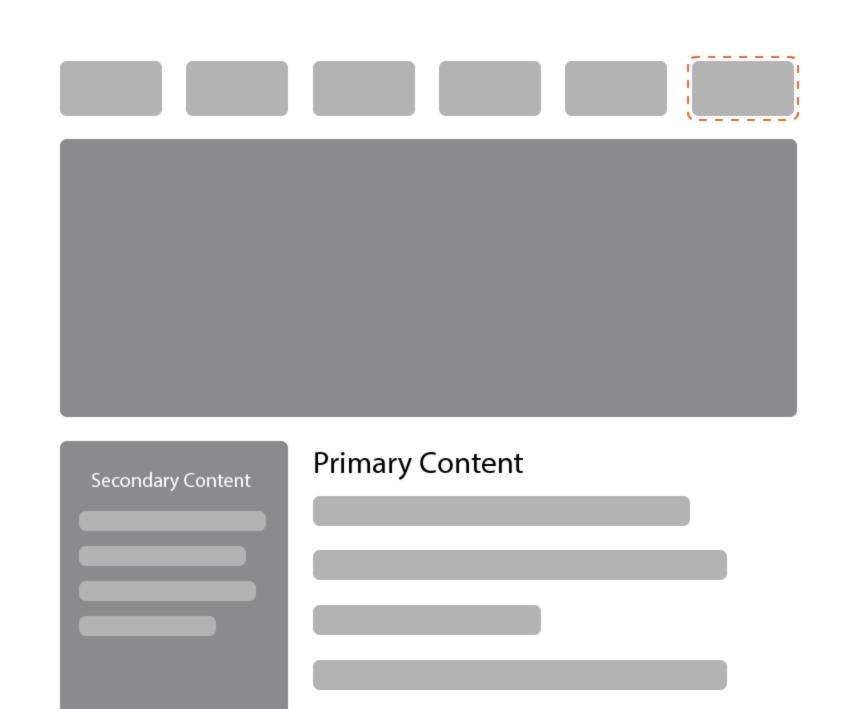


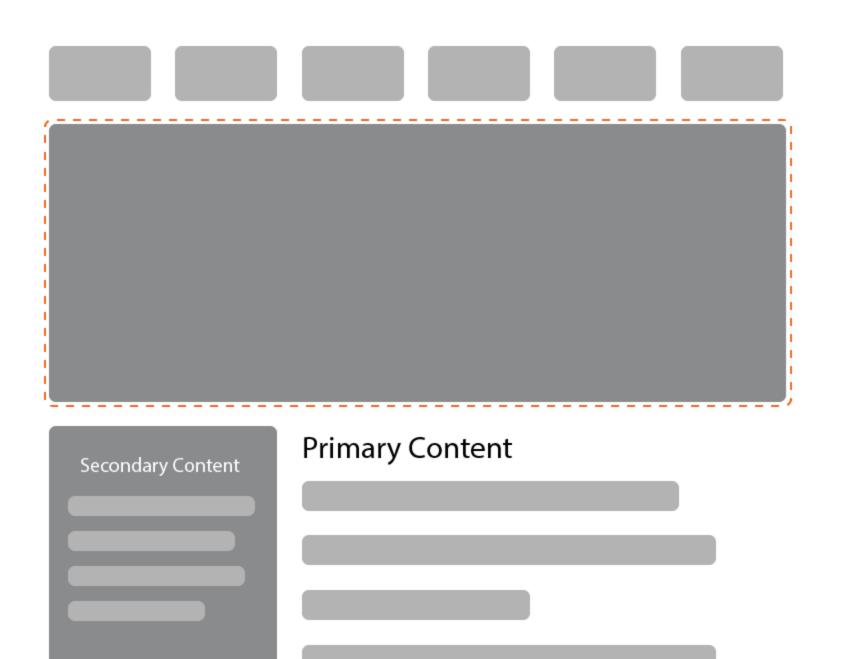


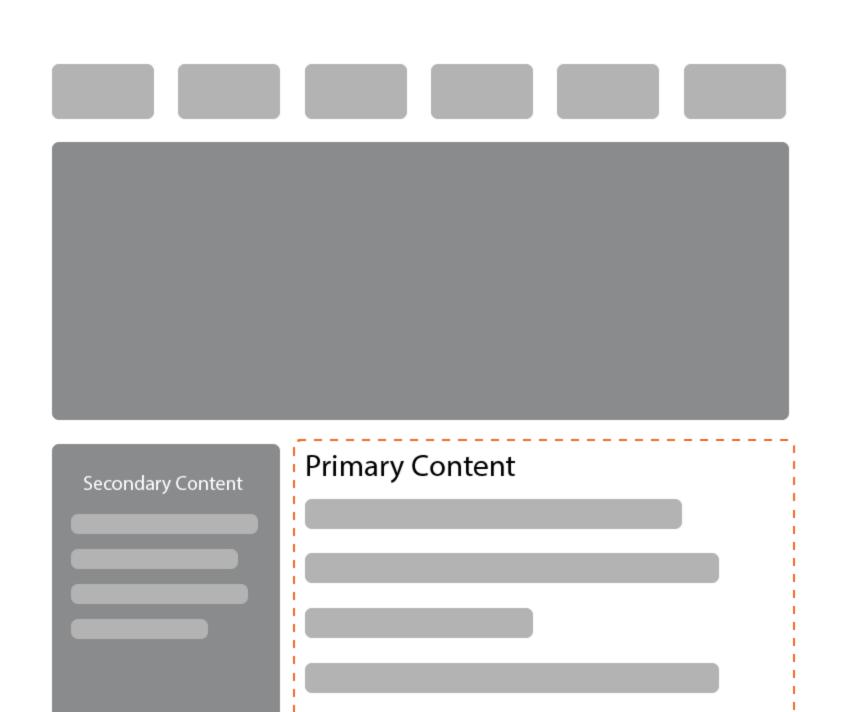


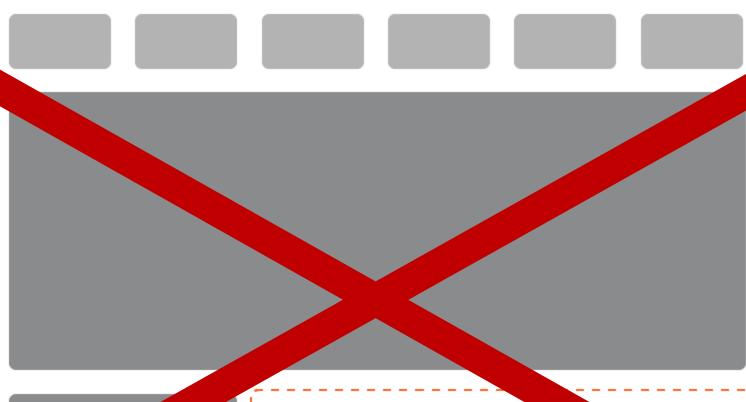












Second ent

Primary Content



Secondary Content

Primary Content



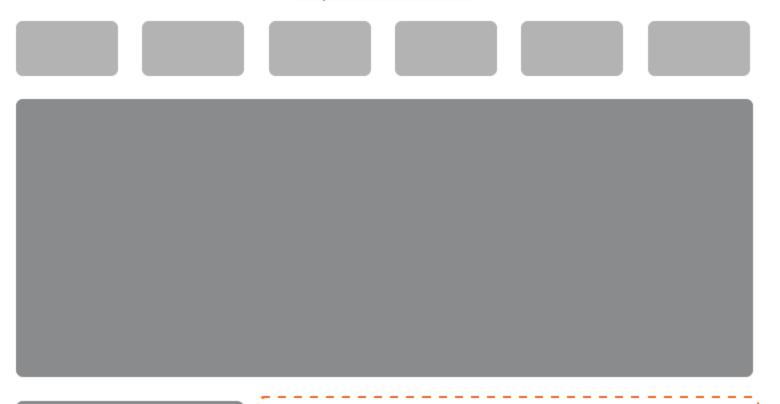
Secondary Content

Primary Content



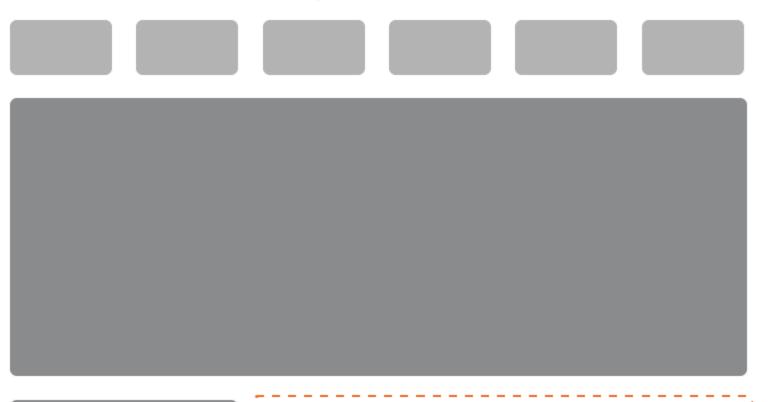
Secondary Content

Primary Content



Secondary Content

Primary Content





Secondary Content

Primary Content

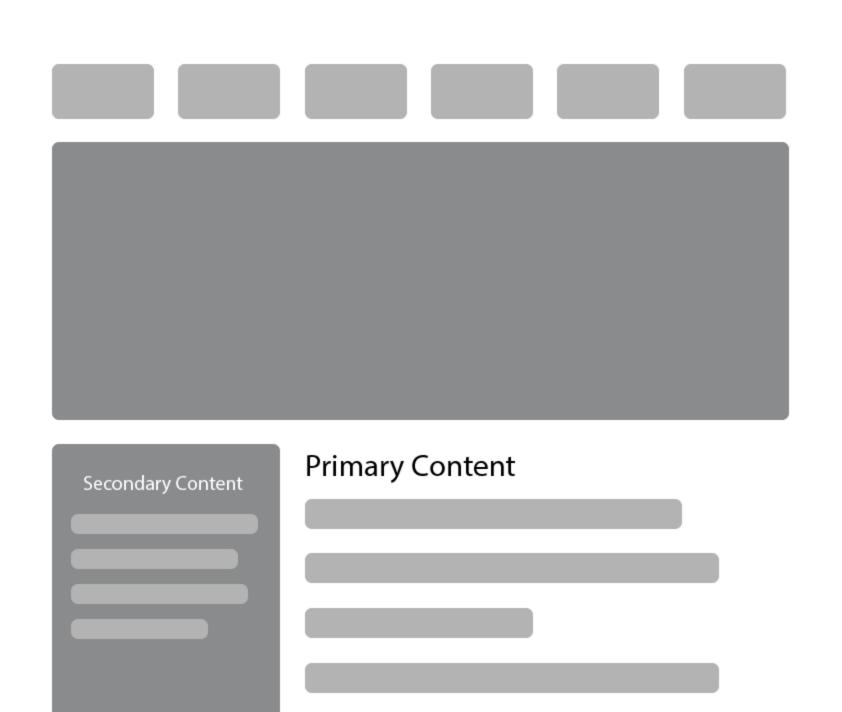
```
<head>
    <title>Skip Link Example</title>
</head>
<body>
    <a href="#primaryContent";
        Skip to Main Content
    </a>
```

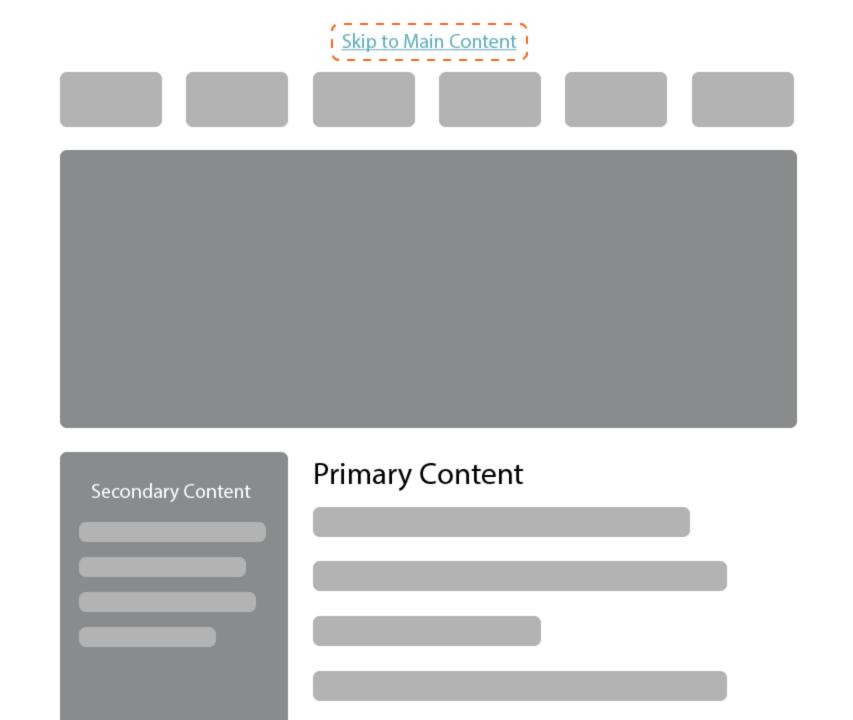
Skip Navigation Link

Make it one of the 1st elements in the document

Skip Navigation Link

Use the "id" of the main content container in the "href" of the link





CSS & Accessibility

Default Browser Styles

Our Styles

CSS Cascade Overview

- Default browser styles
- Our external CSS
- Style sheets embedded in the page
- Inline styles
- End user settings adjustments

A

Increased Font Size

Increased

Contrast

Changed Font

The End User Is in Control

What Happens If We Increase Font Size?

What Happens If We Increase Font Size?

What Jappens If We Increase For Size?



What Happens If We Change the Font?

Font

What Happens If We Change the Font?



What Happens If We Change the ont?



Make It Flexible!

So That When Font Size Increases...

Everything Is Ok!

Everything Is Ok!



And When Fonts Are Changed...

Font

Everything Is Ok!

FONT

Everything Is Ok!





CSS Gives Us Flexibility

But, Our Content Still Needs to Follow a Logical Order

Don't Rely Solely on CSS

This is a Level 1 Heading

This is a Level 2 Heading

```
<div class="heading-01">
    This is a Level 1 Heading
</div>
<div class="heading-02">
    This is a Level 2 Heading
</div>
>
   Donec pede justo,
   fringilla vel, aliquet
   nec, vulputate eget, arcu.
```

This is a Level 1 Heading This is a Level 2 Heading

```
<div class="heading-01">
    This is a Level 1 Heading
</div>
<div class="heading-02">
    This is a Level 2 Heading
</div>
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  Donec pede justo,
   fringilla vel, aliquet
   nec, vulputate eget, arcu.
```

This is a Level 1 Heading This is a Level 2 Heading

```
<div class="heading-0"</pre>
    This is a Levi
                    1 Heading
</div>
        s="heading-02">
<div <
   this is a Level 2 Heading
>
             justo,
  Donec pc
   fringilla v
                 aliquet
   nec, vulputate
                        arcu.
```

This is a Level 1 Heading

This is a Level 2 Heading

```
<h1>
    This is a Level 1 Heading
</h1>
<h2>
    This is a Level 2 Heading
</h2>
>
   Donec pede justo,
   fringilla vel, aliquet
   nec, vulputate eget, arcu.
```

This is a Level 1 Heading This is a Level 2 Heading

```
<h1>
    This is a Level 1 Heading
</h1>
<h2>
    This is a Level 2 Heading
</h2>
>
  Donec pede justo,
   fringilla vel, aliquet
   nec, vulputate eget, arcu.
```

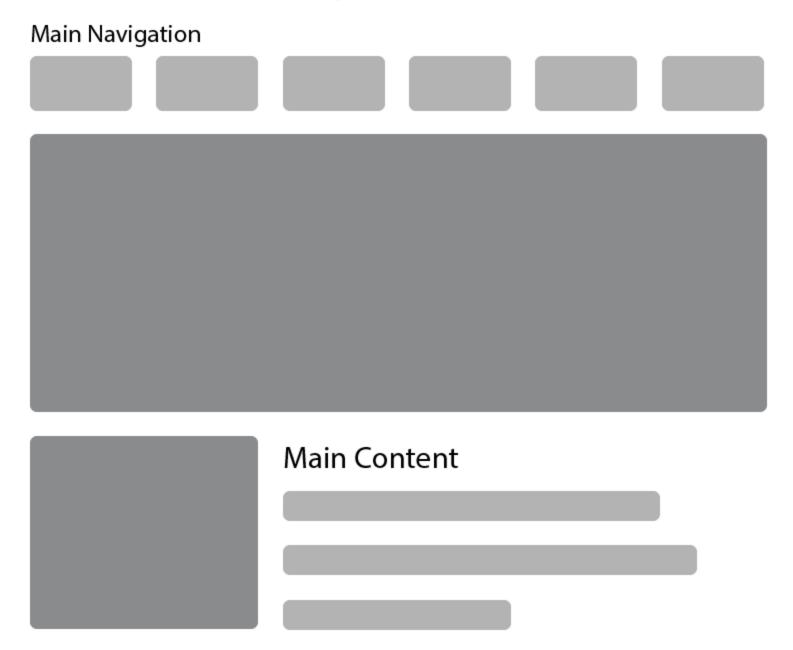


This is a Level 1 Heading This is a Level 2 Heading

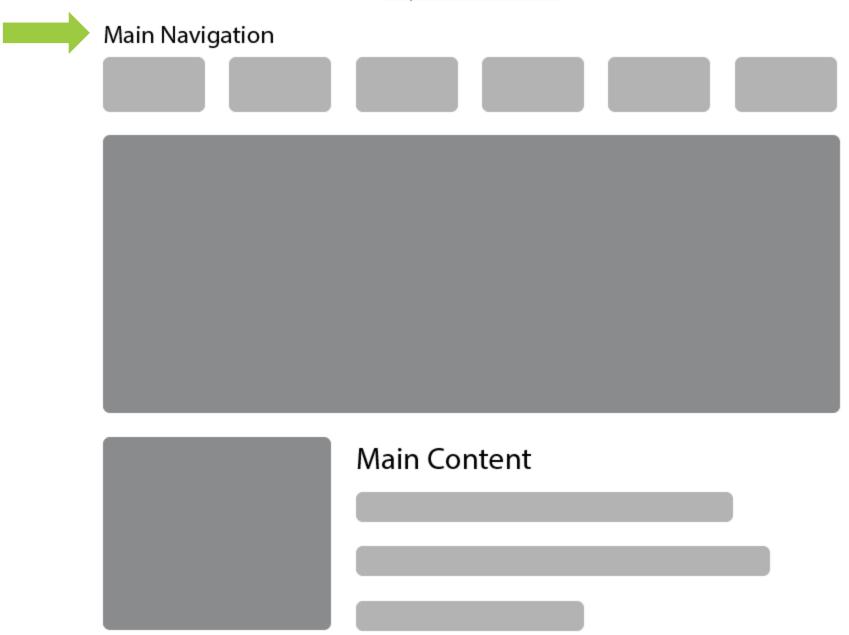
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<h1>
    This is a Level 1 Heading
</h1>
<h2>
    This is a Level 2 Heading
</h2>
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  Donec pede justo,
   fringilla vel, aliquet
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```

Visually Hidden CSS

Skip to Main Content



Skip to Main Content



```
<body>
    <header>
       <a href="#content">Skip to Main Content</a>
       <nav>
           <h2 class="hidden">Main Navigation</h2>
           <l
               <1i>>
```

Can Be Visually Hidden With CSS

```
.hidden {
     visibility: hidden;
}
```

```
.hidden {
    -display: none;
    -visibility: hidden;
}
```

```
.hidden {
    -height: 0;
    -display: none;
    -visibility: hidden;
}
```

```
.hidden {
    width: 0;
    height: 0;
    display: none;
    visibility: hidden;
}
```

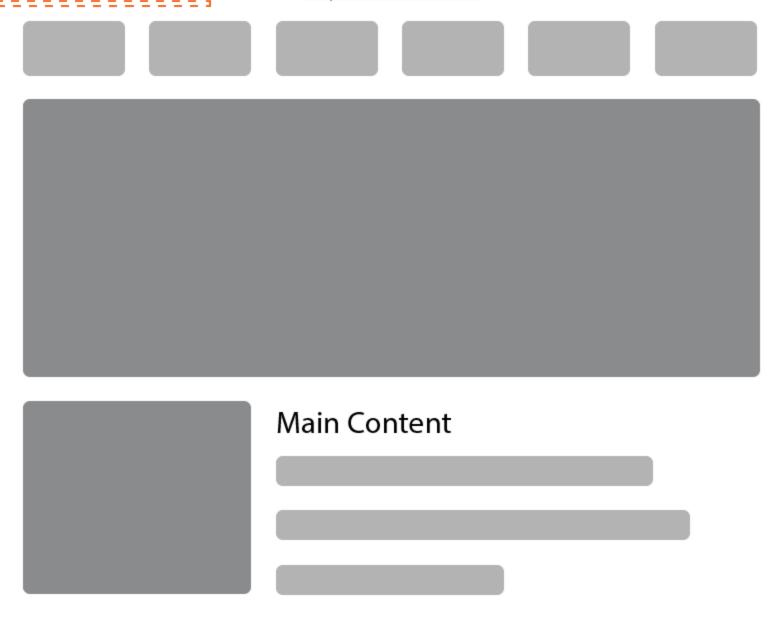
These Won't Work

They prevent assistive technologies from reading their contents

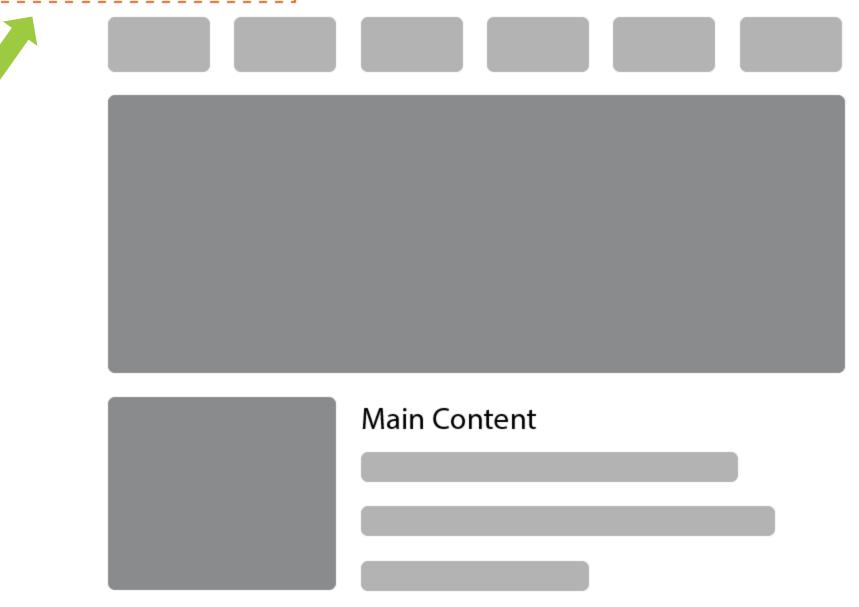
```
.hidden {
    text-indent: -9999px;
}
```

Skip to Main Content Main Content

Skip to Main Content



Skip to Main Content



```
.hidden {
   position: absolute;
   left: -9999px;
   top: auto;
   width: 1px;
   height: 1px;
   overflow: hidden;
```

Absolute Positioning

Positions the content off of the page

```
.hidden {
    position: absolute;
   left: -9999px;
   top: auto;
   width: 1px;
   height: 1px;
   overflow: hidden;
```



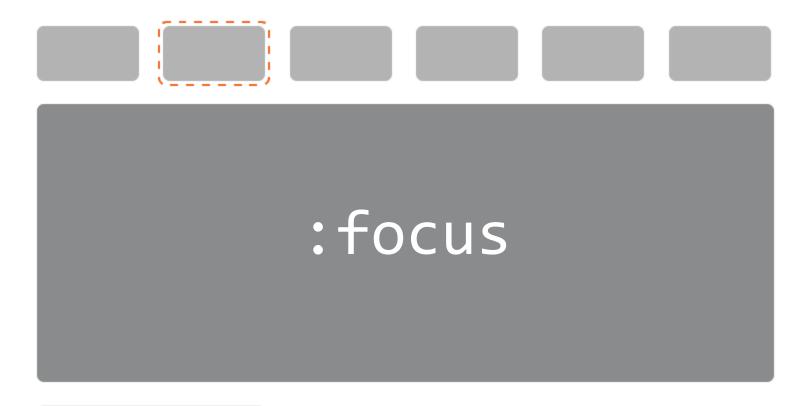
Absolute Positioning

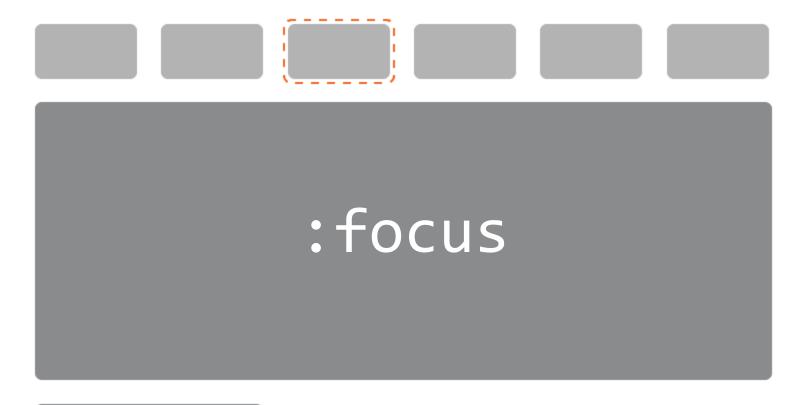
Positions the content off of the page

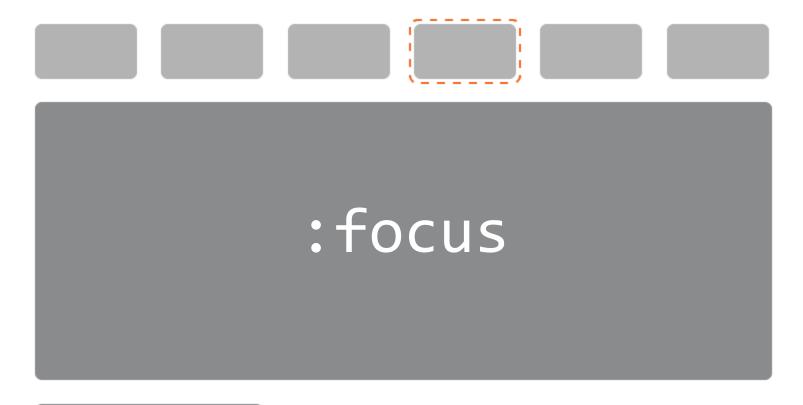
```
.hidden {
    position: absolute;
    clip: 1px 1px 1px 1px; /* For ie6 & ie7 */
    clip: 1px, 1px, 1px, 1px;
}
```

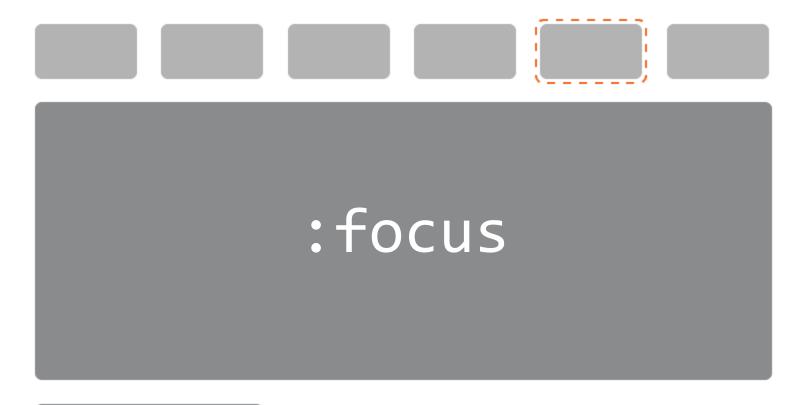
CSS Clip Property

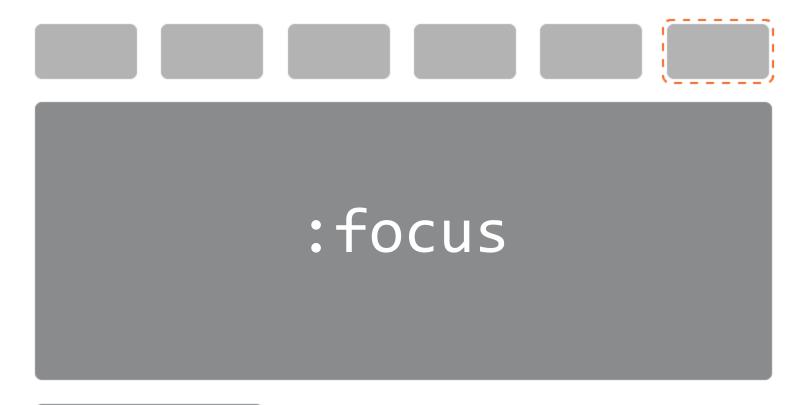
















```
:focus {
   outline: dotted 2px #f06924;
:active {
   outline: dotted 2px #39b54a;
   transform: scale(0.8);
```

Focus & Active Indicators

Performance & Accessibility





Web Performance

- Keep file sizes small
- Limit http requests
- Optimize images

http://jpegmini.com/



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Your Photos on a Diet

Reduce image size by up to 80%, without compromising quality

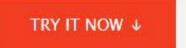
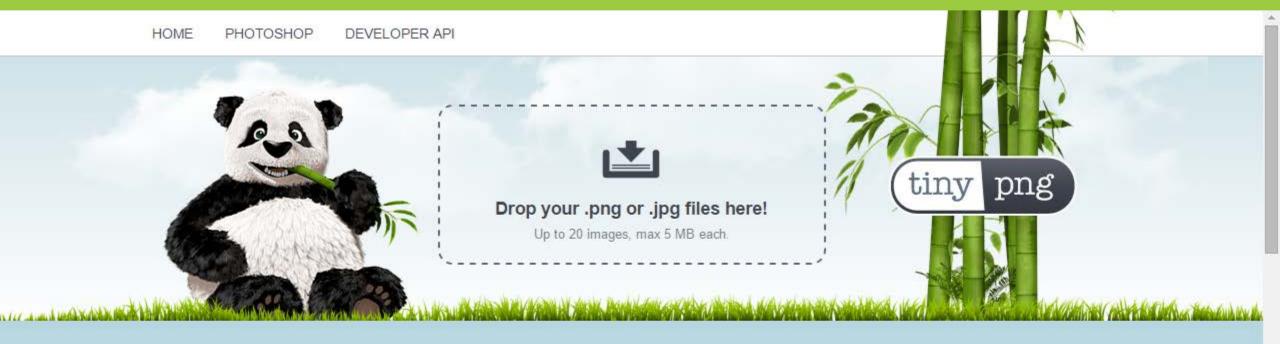




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https://tinypng.com/



Shrink PNG files

Advanced lossy compression for PNG images that preserves full alpha transparency.

What does TinyPNG do?

TinyPNG uses smart lossy compression techniques to **reduce the file size** of your PNG files. By selectively decreasing the number of colors in the image, fewer bytes are required to store the data. The effect is

Why should I use TinyPNG?

PNG is useful because it's the only widely supported format that can store partially transparent images. The format uses compression, but the files can still be large.

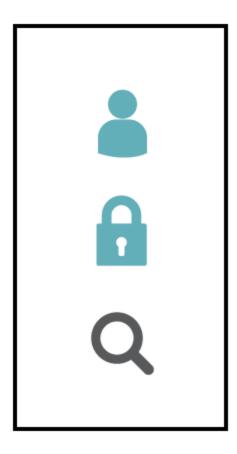
Use TinyPNG to shrink images for your apps.

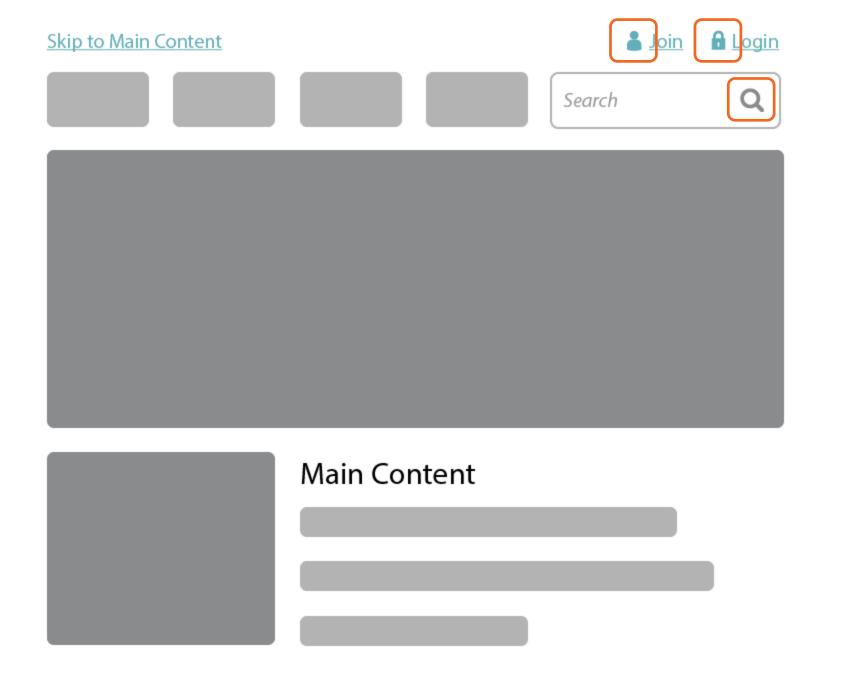
Developer API improved!

We have added multiple image resizing, all new PHP & Rails development libraries and custom upload to S3 buckets. Let us know what you think of the changes!

Image Sprites

Sprite.png





Reduces HTTP Requests

One File to Cache

SVG



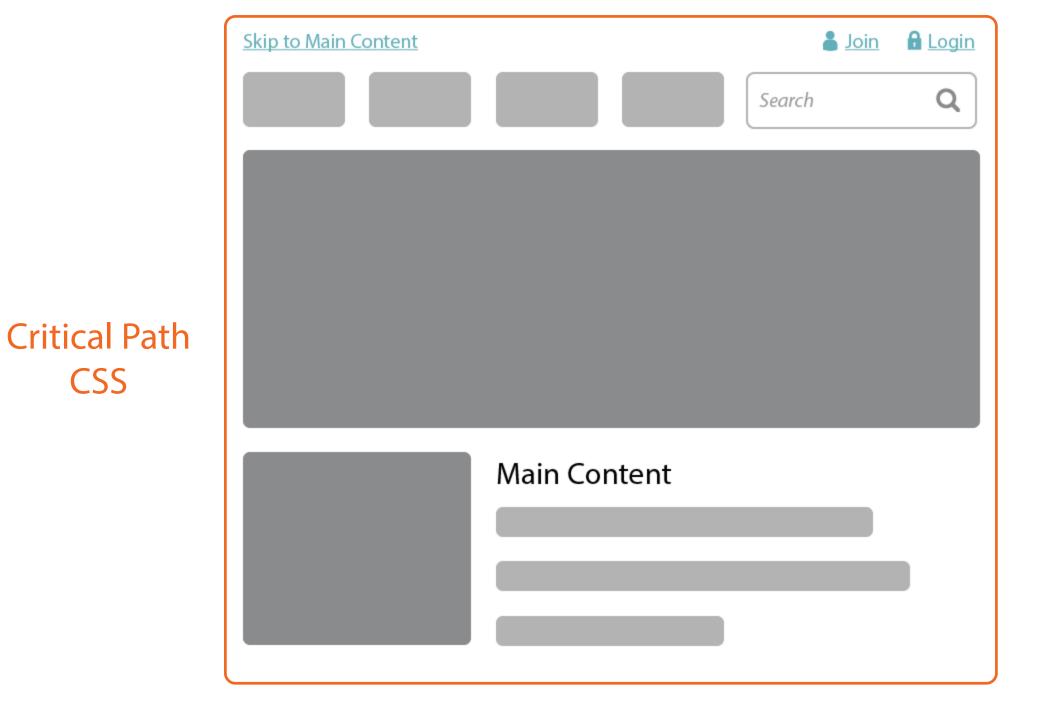
versus



SVG Benefits

- Relatively small file sizes
- Can be embedded directly into HTML
- Can be styled with CSS
- Greater flexibility
- Scalable without loss in quality

Inlining "Critical Path" CSS



CSS

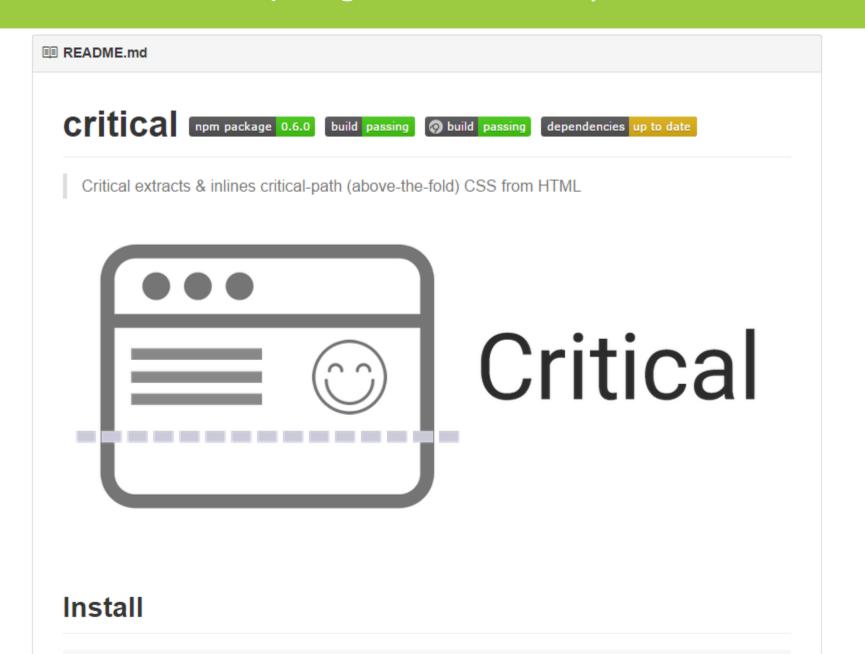
Above the Fold

```
<head>
    <!-- Critical Path CSS -->
    <style type="text/css">
        html, body {
            background: #fff;
            font-family: Arial, sans-serif;
        a {
```

Inlined "Critical Path" CSS

Added in the <head> tag

https://github.com/addyosmani/critical



All of These Things Help Everyone

Progressive Enhancement & Accessibility

Not assuming with which technology a site is consumed is a key component in accessible web development, as assistive technology is so diverse.

— W3C



Without Progressive Enhancement...

- 1. Build for high-end devices
- 2. Add in fallbacks to fill gaps



With Progressive Enhancement...

- 1. Start with the lowest common denominator
- 2. Well-structured HTML
- 3. Add in well-supported CSS
- 4. Add in more advanced CSS
- 5. Add in JavaScript to further enhance the experience

Summary



Proper document structure makes sense without CSS

Images are inaccessible by default and need descriptions

The content is the most important piece and it should be accessible to everyone

Various HTML attributes enhance accessibility

Summary



Forms should be simple, logical, navigable, and well labeled

Navigable via the keyboard

Certain CSS properties affect accessibility

Performance enhancements help accessibility

Progressive enhancement helps accessibility