Note for “Medium’s CSS is actually pretty f\*\*\*ing good”

This document refers to LESS, an alternate CSS preprocessor that is similar to SASS. This document is also one of the best I have found on managing a big CSS project using a preprocessor.

There are two relevant differences between SASS and LESS:

1. Variables in LESS are declared starting with an “@” while variables in SASS start with a “$”, so the variable “@zIndex-1” in this article would be “$zIndex-1” in SASS
2. Mixins are declared fairly differently. In LESS, the code for a vendor prefix mixin looks like this:  
     
   **.user-page-avatar {  
    .transition(width .2s ease-in);  
   }  
     
   .transition(@transition) {  
    -webkit-transition: @transition;  
    -moz-transition: @transition;  
    -ms-transition: @transition;  
    -o-transition: @transition;  
    transition: @transition;  
   }**In SASS, it looks like this:  
     
   **.user-page-avatar {  
    transition(width .2s ease-in);  
   }  
     
   @mixin transition($transition) {  
    -webkit-transition: $transition;  
    -moz-transition: $transition;  
    -ms-transition: $transition;  
    -o-transition: $transition;  
    transition: $transition;  
   }**