

# Pagination

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**Pagination is a way of dividing a large amount of content that cannot easily fit on a single page into several smaller numbered pages. The user can browse through this content using the pagination links.**

**This document sets out how such a component should be incorporated in your designs.**

**GEL design patterns have been developed to help create simple, reskinnable components on the web (and eventually across platforms). They are an aid to design rather than a design standard; a starting point for your own exploration.**

**Standard pagination provides 2 ways for the user to navigate.**

**Numbered links allow the user to jump to specific pages with ease while previous and next links let the user browse page by page.**



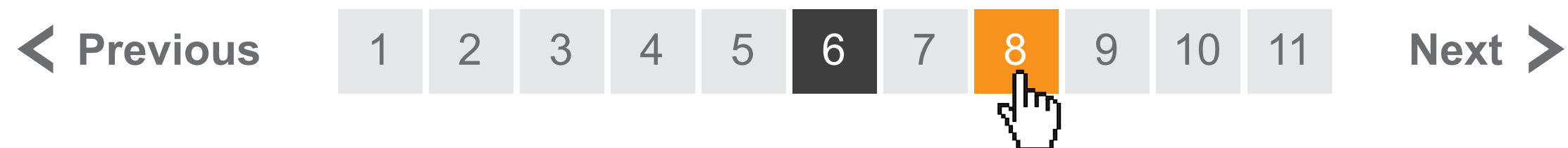
**The numbered links also serve to inform the user where they are in the list of pages and how big the list is.**

**Standard pagination is recommended for 11 pages or less. For a large amount of pages or where page space is restricted consider using the truncated pagination component.**

The current page should be highlighted and must not be clickable.



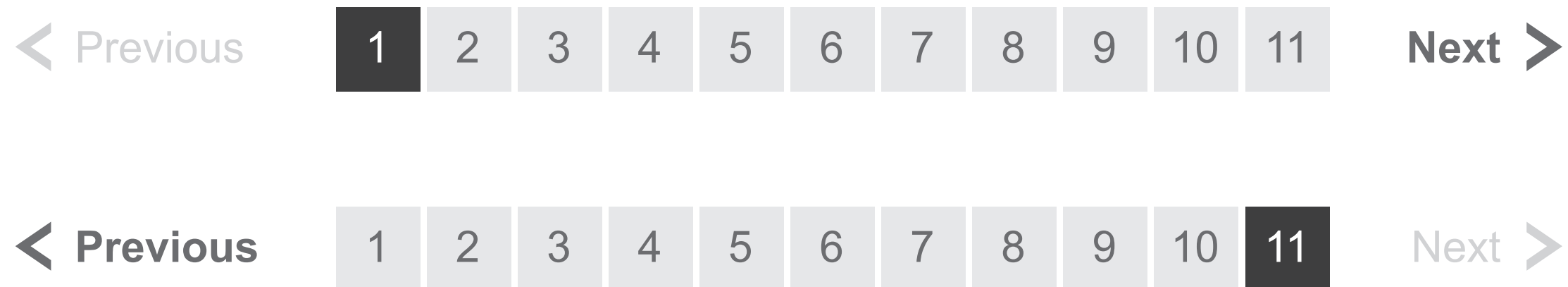
All other page links should have a large clickable area and may have a hover state but it should be considerably different from the current page highlight.



Previous and next links should include the words 'Previous' and 'Next'.

Previous and next GEL icons should also be used in conjunction with the links.

When the user is on the first page the previous link should be inactive and when the user is on the last page the next link should be inactive.

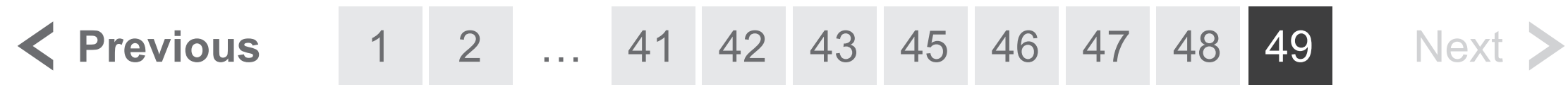


**By default the previous and next links sit to the left and right of the page links but positioning is flexible depending on context and audience.**

**An optional hover state is available for previous and next if desired.**

For a large amount of pages or where page space is limited, truncation may be required.

Ellipses are used to indicate hidden pages and their position is dependent on the current page.



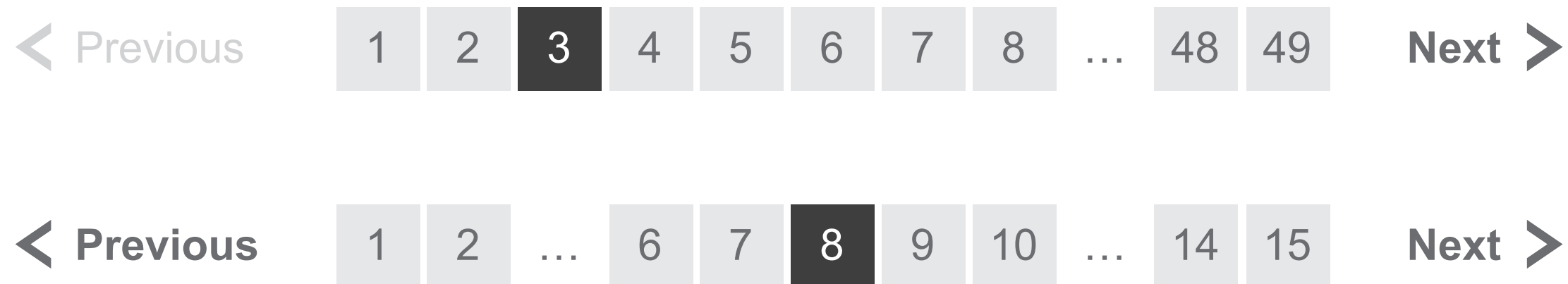
Pages in the middle of the list have ellipses on either side to signify the hidden pages before and after the current page.





## When truncating the pagination component:

- Do not use ellipses when there are less than 2 hidden pages.
- Ensure the first and last 2 links are always visible.
- Ensure the highlighted page has 2 active links on either side except when you are at the beginning or end of the list of pages.



**The default position for the pagination component is at the bottom of the page however it may be duplicated at the top if the page requires a lot of scrolling or has a large page weight.**



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