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# Tool Tips

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## Visual Specifications

A tooltip is used to provide a small amount of mainy explanatory information to the user that is not critical to taking an action on the page.

Do not have users perform actions inside a tooltip.

Use tooltips sparringly as they can cause usability issues on mobile devices.

The tool tip is opened by tapping the icon. The tooltip is closed by either tapping the close corner or by tapping outside the container

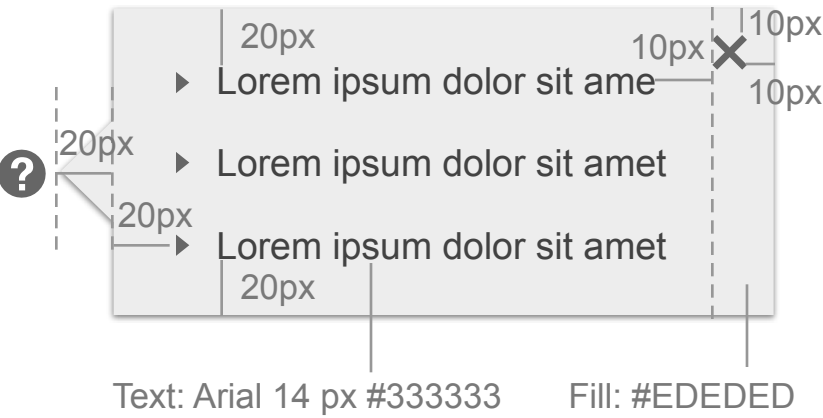
There is no tool tip hover state (cannot be accessed using touch hardware).

The tooltip can open in any direction depending on where the target is placed. (In this case the target is the “?” icon.)

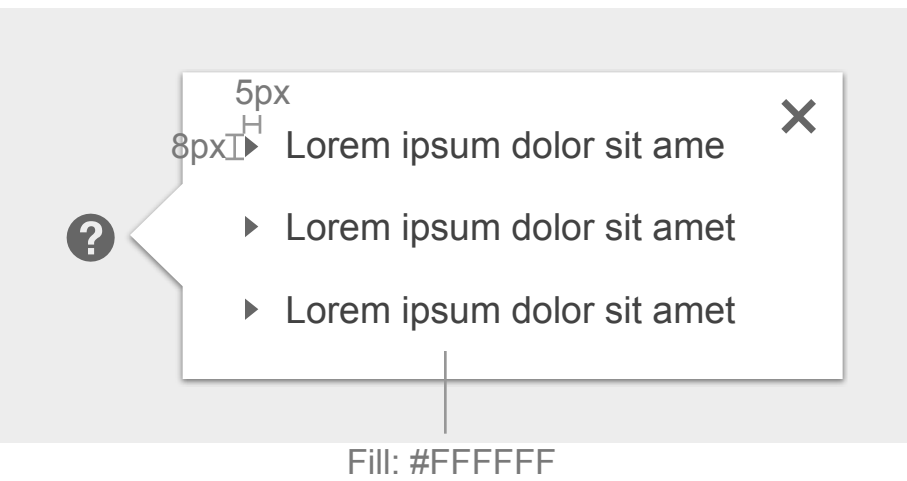
The tooltip fill can be gray if it is placed on a white background or white if placed on a gray background.

In the XS screen size, consider making the tooltip a full page as it can cause usability issues on touch devices.

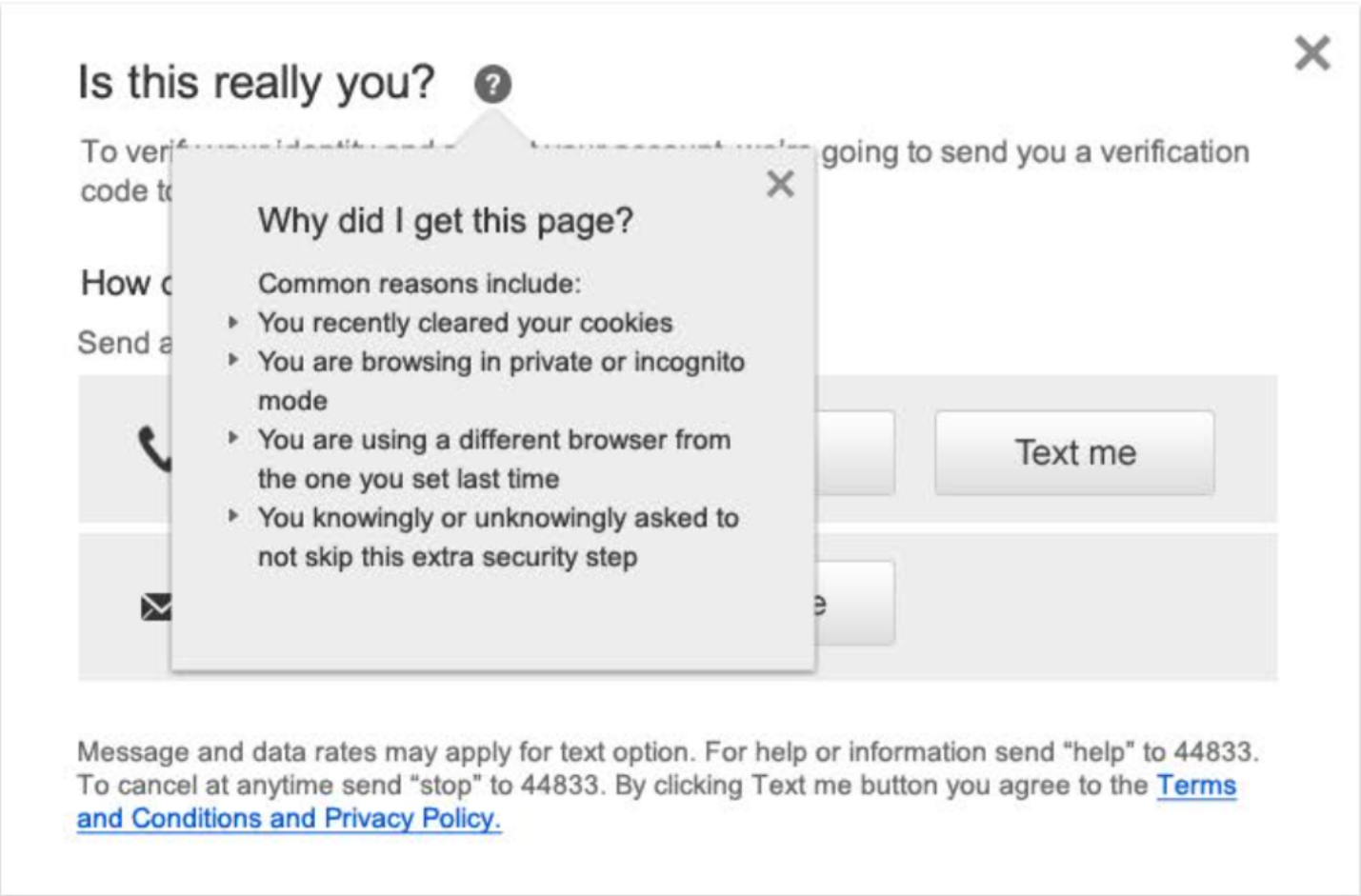
Main tool tip style (over white background)



Variation on tool tip style (over gray background)



## Examples



## Accessibility

- On close, return focus to the element that activated the tooltip.
- Close buttons: images that function as a button (such as an image of an “X” to represent “Close”) include a text equivalent. If the text equivalent is hidden from view, it must remain available for assistive technology (e.g. using text-indent to move it off screen). If it’s an img element acting as a button, it also needs a ARIA role.
- Tool tips: need ARIA role “tooltip” and and “aria-hidden” property. The element a tip pertains to needs the ARIA property “aria-describedby”.
- Style hover and focus the same way, so mouse and keyboard-only users receive consistent feedback.