Overlays

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Overlays are content that appears on top of other content. They can be used to display information, or capture it.

[TOC Component - Interactive React component]

Common Use Cases

Overlays are useful in a variety of situations. They can be used to supplement the information found in your primary content or to capture input from a user. For example, they can be used to present a confirmation dialog, details about a selected item, or actions that can be taken on a page.

The most common overlays in Brightlayer UI applications are:

- Confirmation dialogs
- Information sidebars
- Navigation menus
- Add / Edit dialogs

Variations

Overlay elements come in a variety of shapes and sizes depending on their purpose and can be either blocking (i.e., the user must interact with the overlay before they can do anything else) or non-blocking.

Modal Dialog

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[MaterialDesignDescription Component - Interactive React component]

The modal dialog appears in the center of the screen in front of the primary content. They present critical information to users or ask them to make a decision, such as confirming the deletion of an item.

Simple modals should have a title, a descriptive message, and action buttons for users to respond to the prompt or dismiss the dialog. These modals should be no larger than is necessary to contain their contents.

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Modals are also great for presenting single-screen tasks to user, such as changing a password.

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Modal dialogs are always blocking — they must be dismissed before the user can interact with the rest of the application content, typically by clicking a dismiss / close button or by clicking elsewhere on the screen.

If you are collecting a lot of information, it may be better to move this form to a separate page in your application rather than trying to place too much content into a

Sidebar

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Sidebars (Side Sheets in the Material documentation) are used to present supplemental information to users. Most commonly, they display information about a selected item in the main interface (e.g., selecting an item in a list would open a sidebar on the right with additional details about the selected item). However, they can also be used as permanent UI elements, such as the legend for a chart or map.

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They can also present simple form data and inputs, such as radio buttons, checkbox, dropdown menus, etc. for editing a selected item. This type of sidebar should be dismissible, such that the user can easily close it with a close button or clicking elsewhere on the screen.

Sidebars should always appear on the opposite side of the screen as the main navigation.

In general, modals should be used when creating new data, and sidebars should be used for viewing and editing existing data.

Bottom Sheet

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Bottom sheets are content surfaces that slide in from the bottom of the screen, primarily used in mobile applications. These typically contain a list of options or actions and are usually activated via an action button in the app bar.

There are three types of bottom sheet: **Standard**, **Modal**, and **Expandable**.

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Design Specifications

Dialog

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Bottom Sheet

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Developers

Use the following components to implement this pattern:

Angular:

- Angular Material - Dialog - Bottom Sheet - Sidenav

React:

- MUI - Drawer - Dialog

React Native:

- React Native Paper Dialog Modal
- React Native Modal
- React Native Bottom Sheet