

Hunt down deprecated classes from your browser

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Who had to deal with complex migrations of major versions?

Upgrading frameworks and libraries is never as simple as it looks.



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Patch version

Fixes, docs typos (non-breaking)

It's not always that simple.

Let's dive into one Bootstrap example.

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Customizing primary color.

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// Overriding the semantic token  
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Customizing primary color **with custom property**.

```
// Defining a custom property for the primary color  
:root {  
  --ds-primary: red;  
}  
  
// Overriding the semantic token  
$primary: var(--ds-primary);
```

```
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- What if all your modifications are like that?
- Do we stay with a minor version 0 forever?

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 v0.139.3 Latest
last week

+ 302 releases



Imagine maintaining a library with thousands or millions of users where every change is a potential landmine.

- Some users want rapid innovation
- Others demand absolute stability
- And everyone uses your library differently



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**If a tool automatically migrates your code, do
version numbers still matter?**



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Scripts or IDE extensions

- Create tools to spot **and fix** breaking changes

Automated migrations (e.g., Storybook or Angular)

However, automated migrations tools:

- are not always perfect,
- can be costly to create, and maintain,
- and are hard to craft.

Especially when your core team is small and working on the project in their spare time.



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julien-deramond/
**bootstrap-deprecated-classes-
extension**



Browser extension highlighting Bootstrap deprecated classes in websites

Buttons - Bootstrap v4.6

https://getbootstrap.com/docs/4.6/components/buttons/

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Input group
Jumbotron
List group
Media object
Modal
Navs
Navbar

.btn-group-toggle Checked

```
<div class="btn-group-toggle" data-toggle="buttons">
  <label class="btn btn-secondary active">
    <input type="checkbox" checked=""> Checked
  </label>
</div>
```

Copy

.btn-group-toggle Active Radio Radio

```
<div class="btn-group btn-group-toggle" data-toggle="buttons">
  <label class="btn btn-secondary active">
    <input type="radio" name="options" id="option1" checked=""> Active
  </label>
  <label class="btn btn-secondary">
    <input type="radio" name="options" id="option2"> Radio
  </label>
  <label class="btn btn-secondary">
    <input type="radio" name="options" id="option3"> Radio
  </label>
</div>
```

Copy

Helpers

Toasts

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Helpers

Clearfix

Color & background

Colored links

Focus ring

Icon link

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Link

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Opacity

.text-body

.text-body-emphasis

.text-body-secondary

.text-body-tertiary

.text-black

.text-white

.text-black-50 .text-black-50

.text-white-50 .text-white-50

HTML

```
<p class="text-primary">.text-primary</p>
<p class="text-primary-emphasis">.text-primary-emphasis</p>
<p class="text-secondary">.text-secondary</p>
<p class="text-secondary-emphasis">.text-secondary-emphasis</p>
<p class="text-success">.text-success</p>
<p class="text-success-emphasis">.text-success-emphasis</p>
<p class="text-danger">.text-danger</p>
<p class="text-danger-emphasis">.text-danger-emphasis</p>
<p class="text-warning bg-dark">.text-warning</p>
<p class="text-warning-emphasis">.text-warning-emphasis</p>
<p class="text-info bg-dark">.text-info</p>
<p class="text-info-emphasis">.text-info-emphasis</p>
<p class="text-light bg-dark">.text-light</p>
<p class="text-light-emphasis">.text-light-emphasis</p>
<p class="text-dark bg-white">.text-dark</p>
<p class="text-dark-emphasis">.text-dark-emphasis</p>

<p class="text-body">.text-body</p>
<p class="text-body-emphasis">.text-body-emphasis</p>
<p class="text-body-secondary">.text-body-secondary</p>
```

On this page

Colors

Opacity

How it works

Example

Specificity

CSS

Sass variables

Sass maps

Sass utilities API



Technical breakdown

Here's how the extension works.

1. Fetch the latest Bootstrap CDN versions of Bootstrap 4 and 5 CSS files.

Bootstrap 4

```
/*!  
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 * Copyright 2011-2022 The Bootstrap Authors  
 * Copyright 2011-2022 Twitter, Inc.  
 * Licensed under MIT (https://github.com/twbs/bootstrap,  
 */  
:root {  
  --blue: #007bff;  
  --indigo: #6610f2;
```

Bootstrap 5

```
@charset "UTF-8";  
/*!  
 * Bootstrap v5.3.3 (https://getbootstrap.com/)  
 * Copyright 2011-2024 The Bootstrap Authors  
 * Licensed under MIT (https://github.com/twbs/bootstrap,  
 */  
:root,  
[data-bs-theme=light] {  
  --bs-blue: #0d6efd;  
  --bs-indigo: #6610f2;
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```
{  
  "classes": [  
    ".accordion",  
    ".active",  
    ".alert",  
    ".alert-danger",  
    ".alert-dark",  
    ".alert-dismissible",  
    ".alert-heading",
```

Bootstrap 5

```
{  
  "classes": [  
    ".accordion",  
    ".accordion-body",  
    ".accordion-button",  
    ".accordion-collapse",  
    ".accordion-flush",  
    ".accordion-header",  
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{
  "removed": [
    ".arrow",
    ".badge-danger",
    ".badge-dark",
    ".badge-info",
    ".badge-light",
    ".badge-pill",
    ".badge-primary",
    ".badge-secondary",
    // ...
  ],
  "added": [
    ".accordion-body",
    ".accordion-button",
    ".accordion-collapse",
    ".accordion-flush",
    ".accordion-header",
    ".accordion-item",
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```
.bootstrap-browser-extension-bs-4 {  
  .arrow {  
    border: 5px solid red;  
    border-radius: 0;  
  
    &::before {  
      color: #000;  
      background-color: rgb(189, 127, 127);  
      padding: 2px;  
      border: 2px solid black;  
      z-index: 10000;  
      content: '.arrow'  
    }  
  }  
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5. Each time we click on a checkbox, we inject the

`.bootstrap-browser-extension-bs-
{number} class in page's <body> .`

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
  <head></head>
  <body
    class="bg-body bootstrap-browser-extension-bs-4"
  >
  </body>
</html>
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No source code access needed.



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(removed in Bootstrap 6)

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d'un nouveau mobile ?**
C'est par là



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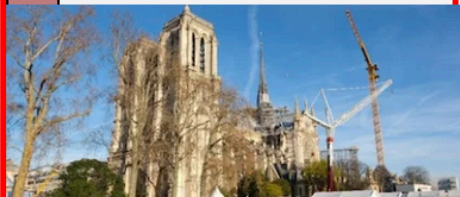
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- Do the same thing in a **Storybook addon**



Open Source is `code` , but is also *ideas, sharing and collaboration.*

Hope it'll inspire you to **create your own tools** with other ideas for your library, your design system, or your favorite framework.

Together, let's make the migration process easier for everyone. ♡



Thank you!

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