

Orange Open-Source Design System and Its Bootstrap Fork

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And 10 years ago, they were already **repeating over and over the same things during the audits.**

Stuff like:

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- Studied the existing open-source UI libraries and frameworks
 - Reuse something and not reinvent the wheel
 - Bootstrap started to be a reference



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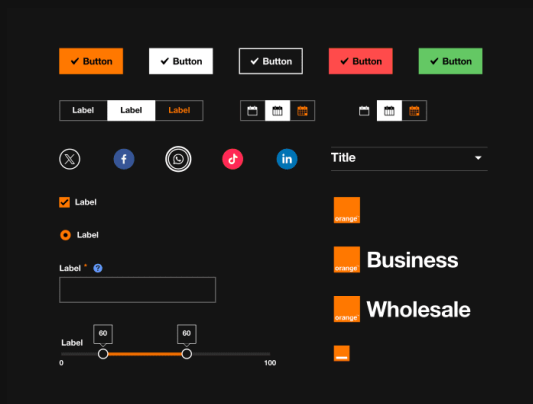
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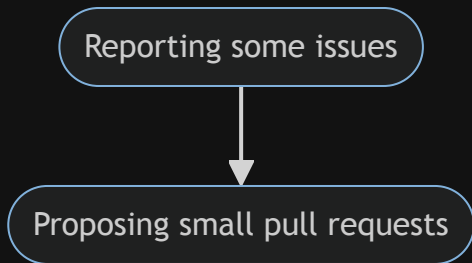
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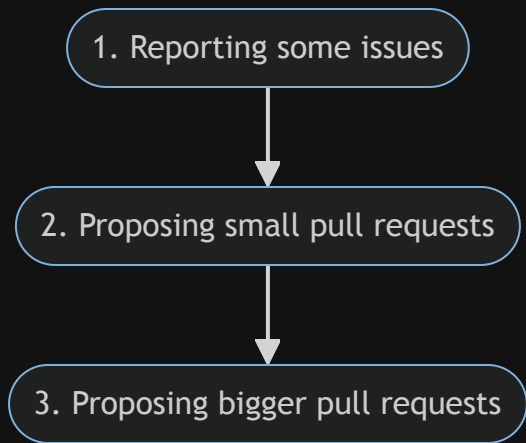
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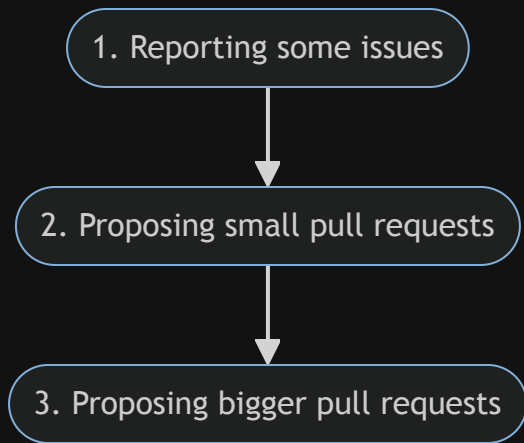
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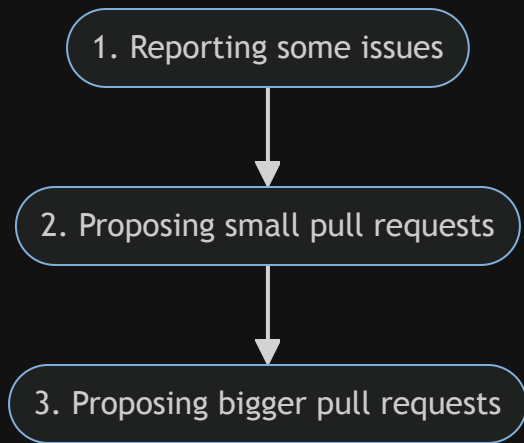


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Thanks to his great contributions, Gaël Poupard (@ffoodd) was invited to join the Bootstrap core team.

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i What's a design system? It's a big toolbox containing all the elements one needs to build a digital product such as a website or an application. It's a set of design guidelines, assets, icons, components, tech libraries, accessibility guidelines, etc. Everything for a consistent great user experience for a brand or a company.

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Same upstream contributions pattern was followed by another member of the current Boosted core team months later who also became Bootstrap's core team member.

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- 10 developers linked to Orange have contributed to Bootstrap along the years
- 4 developers linked to Orange are in the Bootstrap's core team (not all of them are still active)
- 2 developers linked to Orange are in the top 8 contributors of all time (4 in the top 20)

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- "Linked to Orange" because:
 - some are not Orange employees anymore,
 - some are still working at Orange,
 - and some contribute on their spare time

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△ There's a subtlety here as my contributions started on Orange time, but now are mostly done on my spare time.

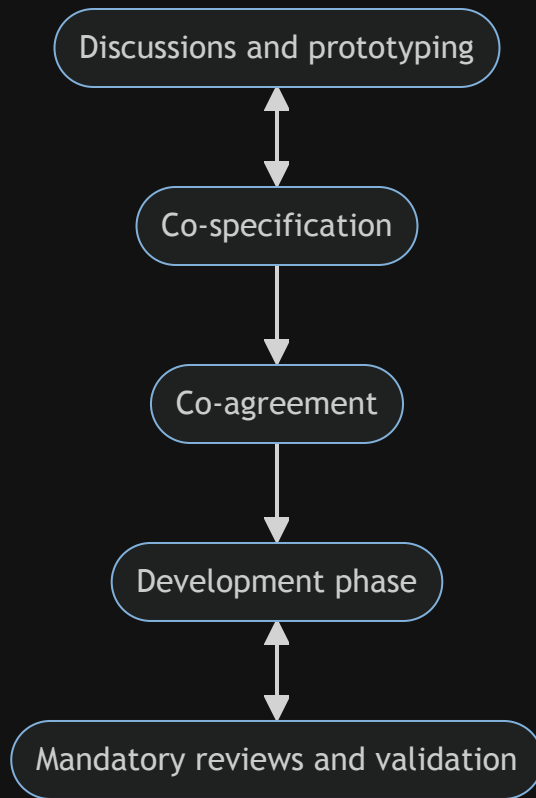
Open-Source Design System

Each tech repository is open-source with an MIT license.

- **1 web framework:** our fork of Bootstrap, Boosted
- **2 web libraries**
 - a map/cartography library based on Leaflet
 - a charts library based on Apache ECharts
- **3 mobile libraries** for Android, iOS, and Flutter
- **3 Orange themes** for Jekyll, MkDocs, and Storybook

ODS Simplified Development Process

Designers, developers, and accessibility experts meet weekly



Julien Déramond

Now, let me introduce myself without spoiling the presentation



Orange Design System tech lead



Maintainer of Boosted and Orange Design System web libraries, and tools



Bootstrap core team member



openresource.dev creator



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