Bootstrap & Other CSS Frameworks

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Overview

Aim to:

- Discuss CSS frameworks

- Look at CSS framework Bootstrap

- Features of Bootstrap

- Answer questions

CSS Frameworks

Library of pre-defined styles setting standard font, colour and layout.

Often include basic templates to work from.

Advantages

- Work out-of-the-box
- Very useful for rapid prototyping
- Usually cross-browser compatible
- Maintained by others
- Can be modified to look more unique
- Makes layout extremely easy
- Usually very well documented

Disadvantages

- Websites can look very similar

- Relying on others for maintenance, features and updates

- May be limited with layout and colours

- May be difficult to integrate your customisations

Bootstrap
- A CSS framework example

Twitter Bootstrap (often called Bootstrap) is a very popular CSS framework popularised by the Twitter website.

It is maintained by GitHub developers.

Contents

```
bootstrap/
├── css/
│       ├── bootstrap.css
│       ├── bootstrap.min.css
│       ├── bootstrap-theme.css
│       ├── bootstrap-theme.min.css
├── js/
│       ├── bootstrap.js
│       ├── bootstrap.min.js
└── fonts/
        ├── glyphicons-halflings-regular.eot
        ├── glyphicons-halflings-regular.svg
        ├── glyphicons-halflings-regular.ttf
        └── glyphicons-halflings-regular.woff
```

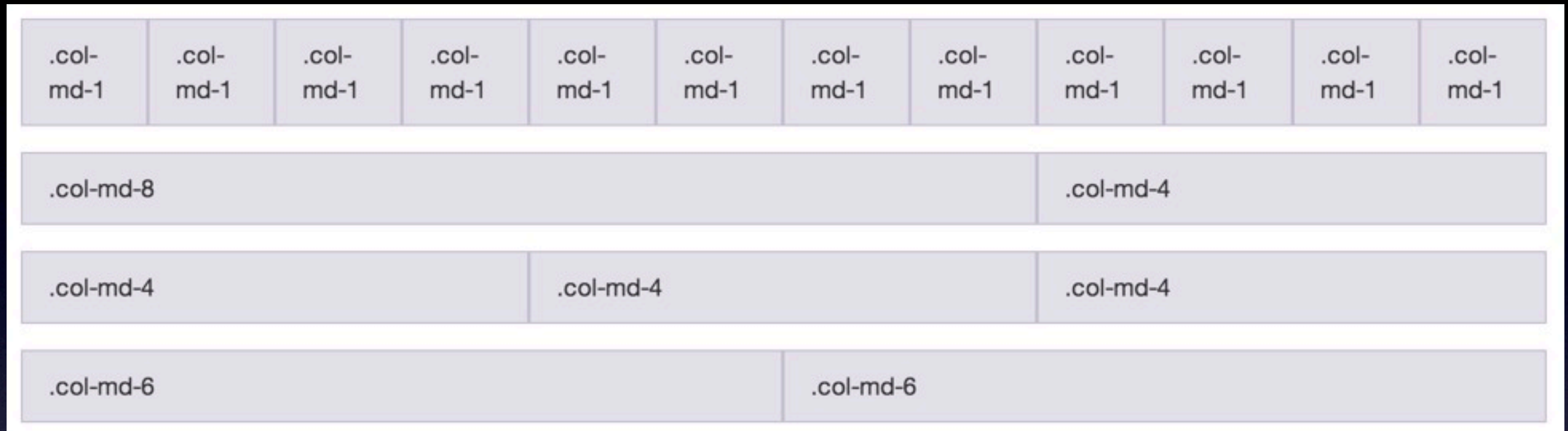(we will look at the JS in the future - requires jQuery)

Features

Look at different features of using the Bootstrap CSS framework

There are many and are all documented on the Bootstrap site

Layout

.col- md-1	.col- md-1	.col- md-1	.col- md-1	.col- md-1	.col- md-1	.col- md-1	.col- md-1	.col- md-1	.col- md-1	.col- md-1	.col- md-1

.col-md-8	.col-md-4

.col-md-4	.col-md-4	.col-md-4

.col-md-6	.col-md-6

```
<div class="row">
  <div class="col-md-8">Fat column</div>
  <div class="col-md-4">Thinner column</div>
</div>
```

(Plus 15px gutter width)

http://getbootstrap.com/css/#grid

Layout - multi layered

```html
<div class="row">

    <div class="col-md-8">
        <h1>Header level 1</h1>
        <p>Content level 1</p>
    </div>

    <div class="row">
        <h2>Header level 2</h2>

        <div class="col-md-6 pull-left">
            <p>Content level 2 left</p>
        </div>

        <div class="col-md-6 pull-right">
            <p>Content level 2 right</p>
        </div>
    </div>

</div>
```

Menu


```html
<ul class="nav nav-tabs">
   <li class="active"><a href="#">Home</a></li>
   <li><a href="#">Profile</a></li>
   <li><a href="#">Messages</a></li>
</ul>
```

Menu

"Classic" Bootstrap fixed top menu
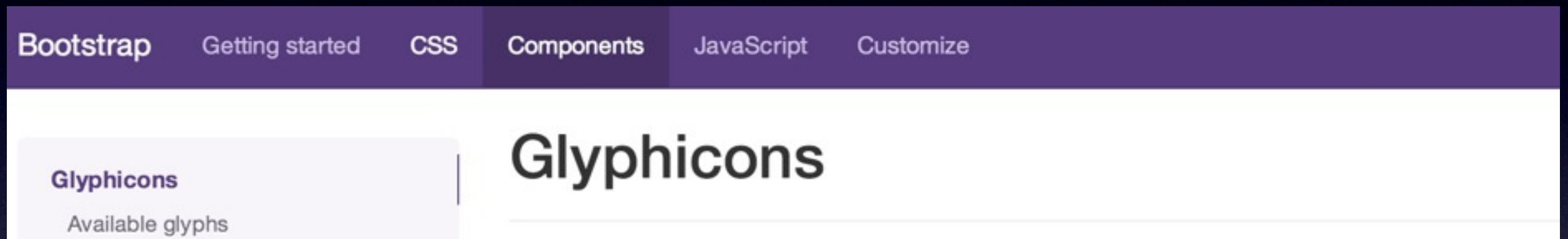

```html
<header class="navbar navbar-inverse navbar-fixed-top bs-docs-nav"
    role="banner">
    <div class="container">
        <div class="navbar-header">
            ...
            <a href="../" class="navbar-brand">Bootstrap</a>
        </div>
        <nav class="collapse navbar-collapse bs-navbar-collapse"
        role="navigation">
            <ul class="nav navbar-nav">
                ...
            </ul>
        </nav>
    </div>
</header>
```

Icons

Most CSS frameworks come with an icon set.

Bootstrap uses Glyphicons, a vector image set. In Bootstrap 3.0 they are now in the form of a font rather than sprite.

Icons

```html
<span class="glyphicon glyphicon-home"></span>
```

The icon is a font and is inserted using CSS

```css
.glyphicon {
    position: relative;
    top: 1px;
    display: inline-block;
    font-family: 'Glyphicons Halflings';
    -webkit-font-smoothing: antialiased;
    font-style: normal;
    font-weight: normal;
    line-height: 1;
}

.glyphicon-home:before {
    content: "\e021";
}
```

Menu with Icons
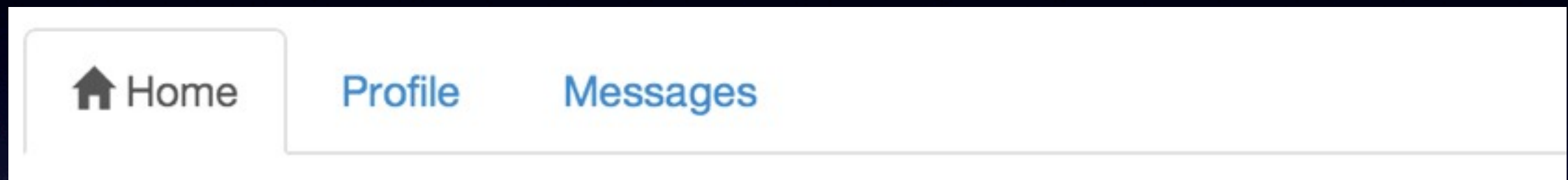

```
<ul class="nav nav-tabs">
  <li class="active"><a href="#"><span class="glyphicon
    glyphicon-home"></span> Home</a></li>
  <li><a href="#">Profile</a></li>
  <li><a href="#">Messages</a></li>
</ul>
```

Icons

Because the icons are a font, we can apply any font attributes allowing us to change:

- Font size

- Colour

- Line spacing

- etc

Other Features

Have a look at a few features of Bootstrap which may be useful

Tables
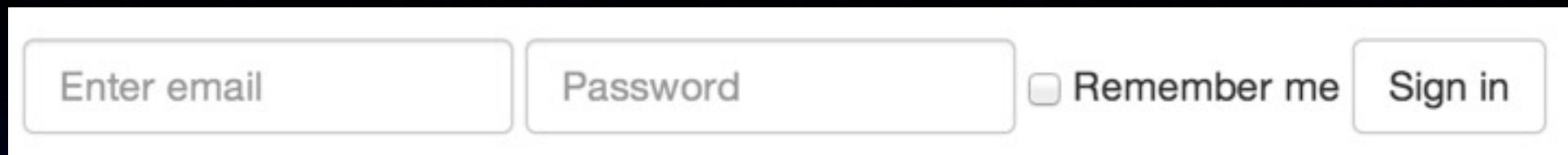
#	First Name	Last Name	Username
1	Mark	Otto	@mdo
	Mark	Otto	@TwBootstrap
2	Jacob	Thornton	@fat
3	Larry the Bird		@twitter

Tables with complex layouts.

Also include different border styles, highlighted row when hovering, coloured rows and more.
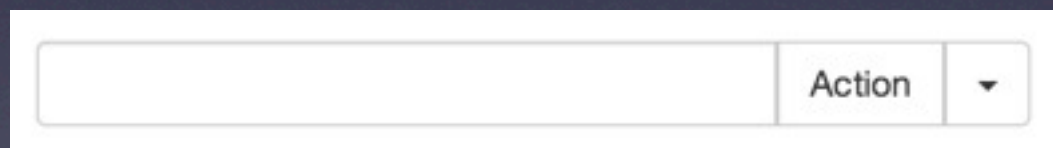
Forms & Inputs
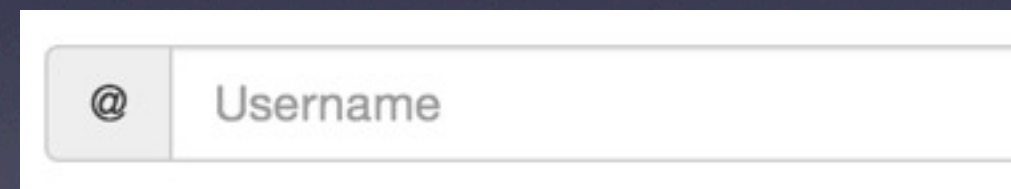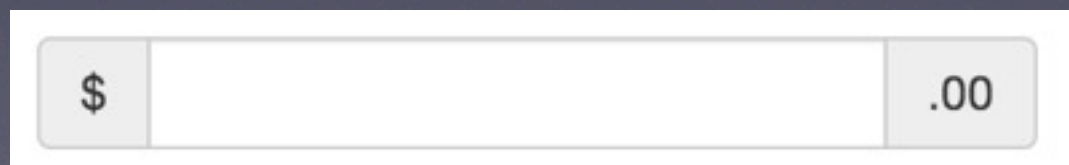
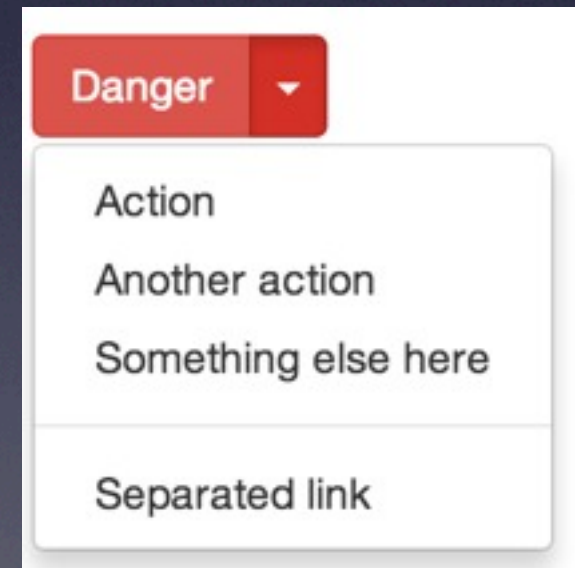Forms with clear layouts and a prefix or suffix information or buttons.
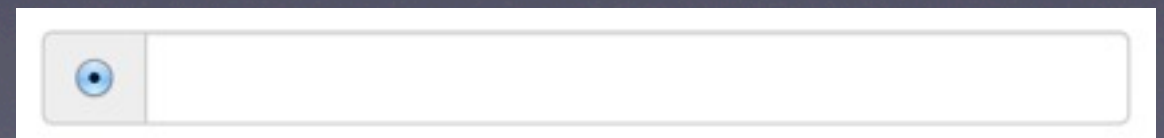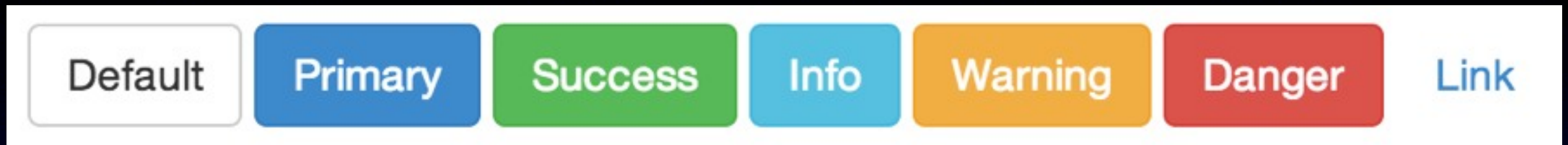
Buttons

Clean consistent buttons that work in all major browsers. They are all based off of the default which allows for easy customisation.
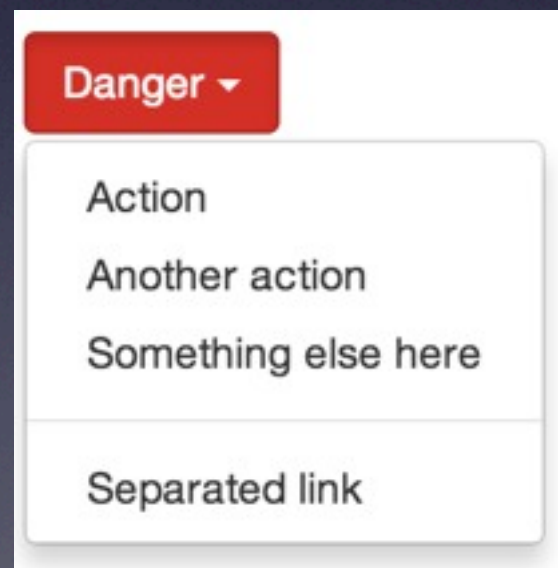
Button with menu

Button group with menu

Labels & Alerts

Default Primary Success Info Warning Danger

Highlight information and indicate meaning using colour. Uses the same naming convention as the buttons for colours.

Well done! You successfully read this important alert message.

Heads up! This alert needs your attention, but it's not super important.

Warning! Best check yo self, you're not looking too good.

Oh snap! Change a few things up and try submitting again.

Get Bootstrap

You can get all of this and the full documentation at http://getbootstrap.com

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