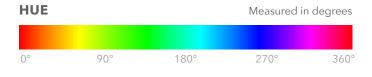
UI COLOR CHEATSHEET

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Work in the HSB color system

Hue-Saturation-Brightness is more intuitive than RGB





Saturation refers to **richness** of the color:

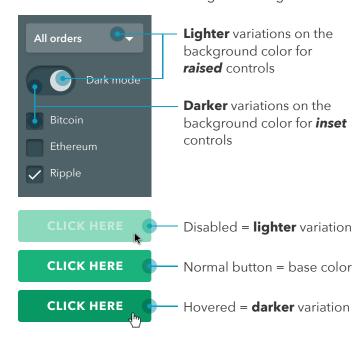
- 0% saturation (left edge) is always a flat gray.
- 100% saturation (right edge) is always a rich color or black, depending on brightness

Brightness is "how on the light bulb is":

- 0% brightness (bottom edge) is always black
- 100% brightness (top edge) is a bright color or white, depending on saturation

Variations are Everything

The core skill of color in UI design is making variations



To Make a Color Variation...

Color adjustments are either lighter or darker

LIGHTER VARIATIONS

- **Increase** brightness
- **Decrease** saturation
- Hue towards red, green, or blue

DARKER VARIATIONS

- **Decrease** brightness
- **Increase** saturation
- Hue towards cyan, magenta, or yellow

How to Shift Hues

Different hues have different luminosities, which complement them being used as darker or lighter variations

