

Tab Completion

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Why I Abandoned @apply

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Some time ago, I created the modern spec for CSS Variables, which lets you store uninterpreted values into "custom properties", then substitute those values into real properties later on.

This worked great, and was particularly convenient for Shadow DOM, which wanted a simple, controllable way to let the outside page twiddle the styling of a component, but without giving them full access to the internals of the component. The component author could just use a couple of `var()` functions, with default values so that

@mixin

```
// SCSS Multi line clamp
```

```
@mixin line-clamp($lines: 1, $font-size: 1rem, $line-height: 1.3) {  
  display: -webkit-box;  
  -webkit-box-orient: vertical;  
  -webkit-line-clamp: $lines;  
  
  font-size: $font-size;  
  line-height: $line-height;  
  max-height: $font-size * $line-height * $lines;  
  
  overflow: hidden;  
  text-overflow: ellipsis;  
}
```