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Basic button

A basic button triggers a single action. We use primary, secondary, and tertiary buttons in various combinations to guide users to continue or complete tasks.

Resources

- Zeplin specs (https://app.zeplin.io/project/5bfc7
- IDS Component Gallery (https://designsystem.intuit.com/co

Related Guidelines

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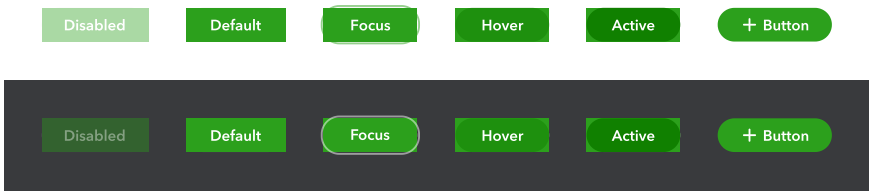
Primary buttons usage

Primary buttons are the most prominent action on the screen. They guide users to and through the happy path in a task flow. Use primary buttons to:

- Submit a form or mark the completion of a task (Send, Save, Done).
- Indicate the next step in a multistep process (Review, Next, Buy now).
- Create a new entity (Create a project, Create a new customer, Create a new employee, Create a new report).



Secondary buttons usage

- Use the secondary button style for buttons that offer users additional action they can take in their task flow (examples: Cancel, Back).
- You can have only one primary-styled button on a screen, but you can have more than one secondary-styled button. If you need to offer more than one alternate action, consider using text links instead of multiple secondary buttons.

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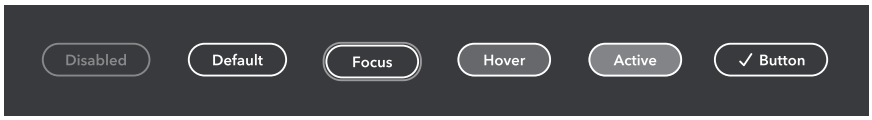

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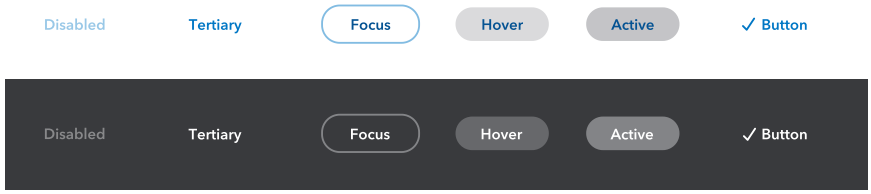
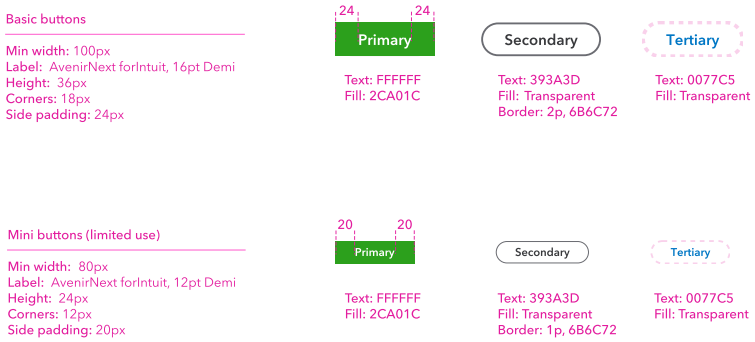
Tertiary buttons usage

- Use when there is a need to dramatically de-emphasize the action within a grouping or within the context of the purpose of the screen.
- Always paired with other actions (never as the only actions on the screen). Often used to represent a dismissive action (back, cancel, etc).



Appearance and behavior

Each basic button uses the same specs for interactions, and shape, but uses a different color scheme, sizes, and spacing.



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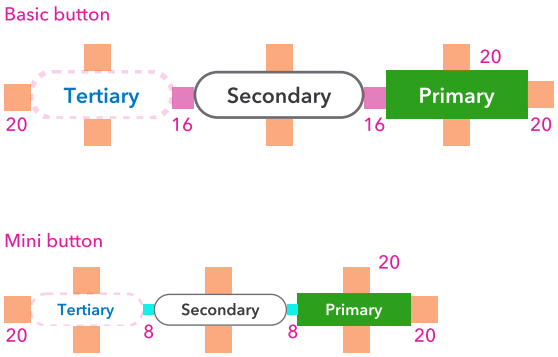
Spacing is based on the IDS Typescale and Spacing guide to ensure a cohesive product layout. Buttons should fit in with other components based on the button size used.



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Content guidelines for basic buttons

- Be straightforward.
- Use sentence case. It's okay to use title case for proper nouns (Brad Smith), branded products (QuickBooks ProAdvisor), and official things like Board of Equalization.
- Don't use punctuation.
- Start with an action verb.
- Keep it short. Two words is optimal (verb + noun = Create project / Start now / Send email).
- Describe what actually happens when people use the button. Avoid Next or Continue when a more specific word will do (Send, Start, Sign up). Never say Submit.
- Never write "click here." If instructional text is needed, use the verb "select."

Examples

Coming soon! Examples of basic buttons…

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