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Using Twitter Bootstrap with Grails to make beautiful applications

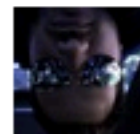
Twitter Bootstrap

- v1.0 - August 2011
- v2.0 - January 2012
- From the Twitter design team



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Bootstrap from Twitter



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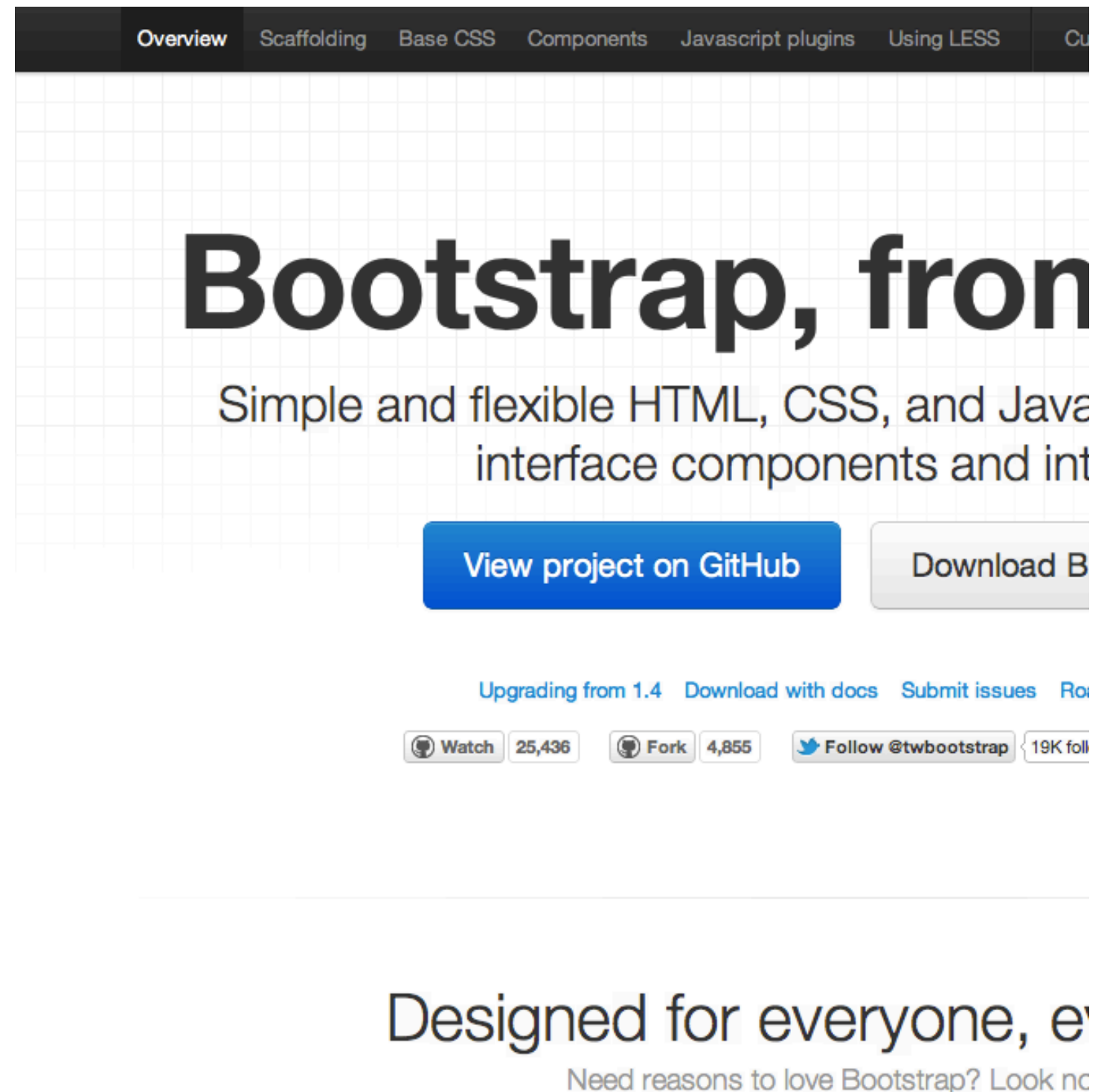
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We are happy to announce Bootstrap, a front-end toolkit for rapidly developing a collection of CSS and HTML conventions. It uses some of the latest browser technologies, including stylish typography, forms, buttons, tables, grids, navigation and everything else you need (only 6k with gzip) resource. Check out [Bootstrap on Github](#).



Best practices in a can

- CSS Framework
- Grid System
- Widgets
- JavaScript Coolness
- Based on LESS
- Hosted on GitHub



The screenshot shows the Bootstrap website. At the top is a dark navigation bar with links: Overview, Scaffolding, Base CSS, Components, Javascript plugins, Using LESS, and Custom. The main content area has a light gray grid background. The heading "Bootstrap, from" is in large, bold, black font. Below it, the text "Simple and flexible HTML, CSS, and JavaScript interface components and utilities" is displayed. Two buttons are present: a blue "View project on GitHub" button and a gray "Download Bootstrap" button. Below these are links for "Upgrading from 1.4", "Download with docs", "Submit issues", and "Report a bug". Social media links for "Watch" (25,436), "Fork" (4,855), and "Follow @twbootstrap" (19K followers) are also shown. At the bottom, the text "Designed for everyone, everywhere" is visible, followed by the tagline "Need reasons to love Bootstrap? Look no further."

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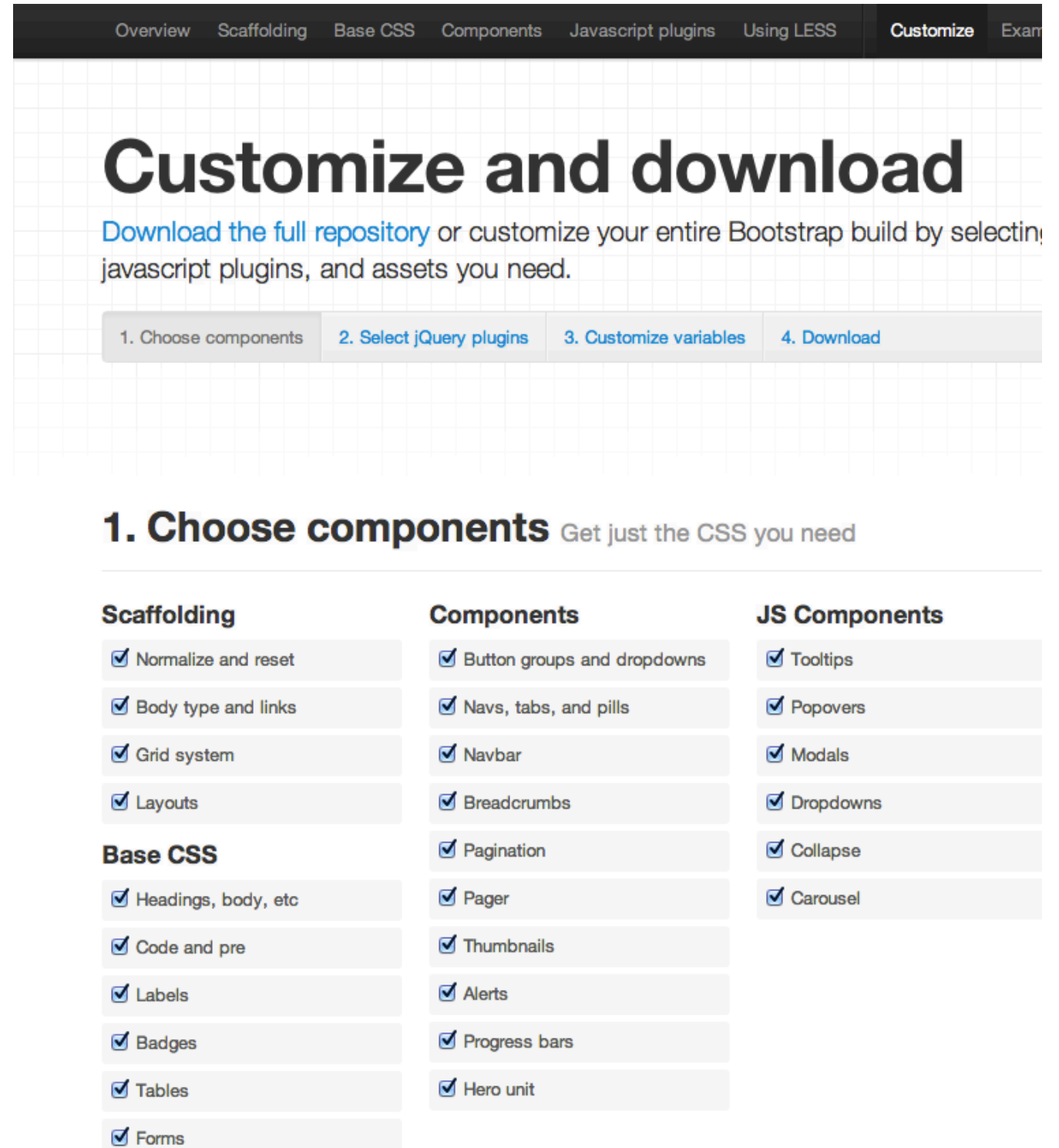
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Customize to fit

- Full custom download
- Select components
- Set colors
- Minified files

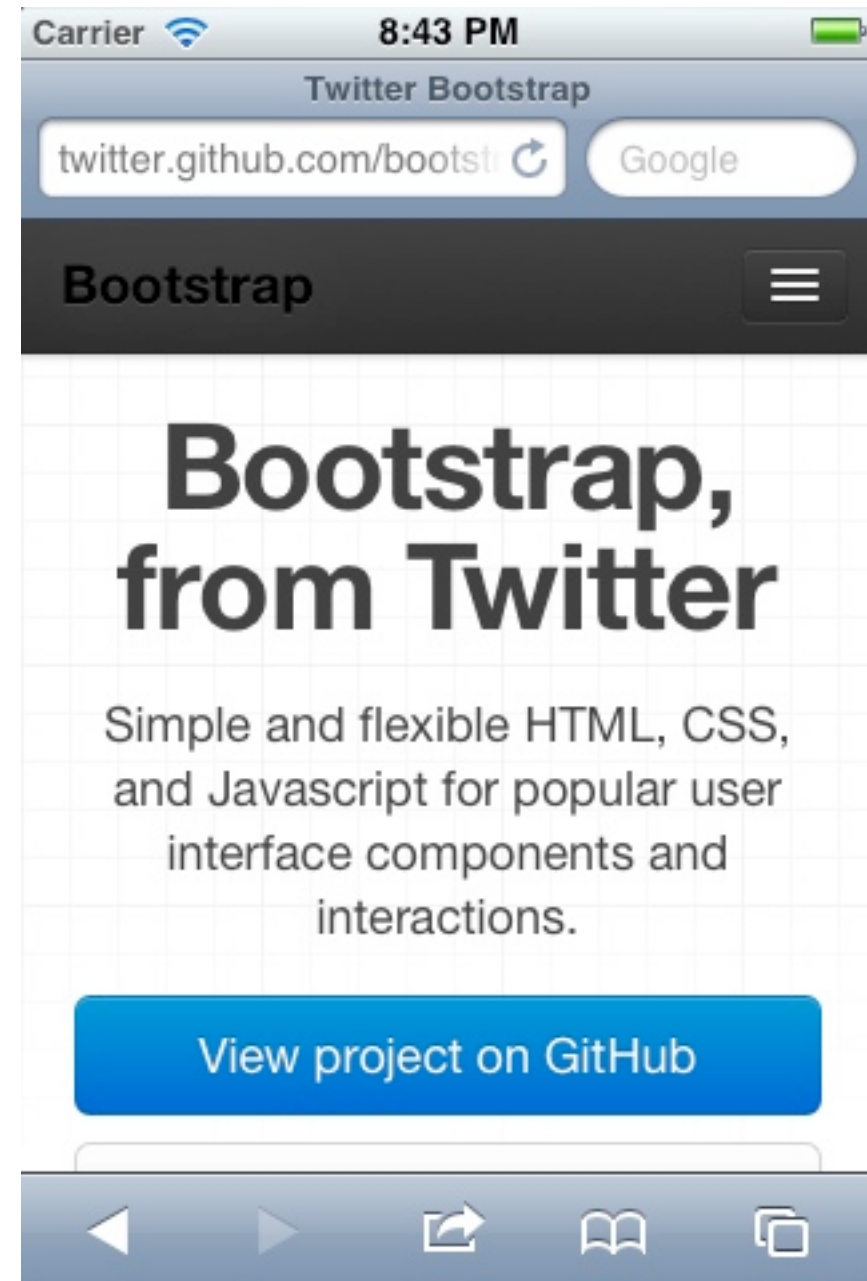


The screenshot shows the Bootstrap Customizer interface. At the top is a dark navigation bar with links: Overview, Scaffolding, Base CSS, Components, Javascript plugins, Using LESS, Customize (active), and Examples. Below the navigation bar is a large heading 'Customize and download' followed by a subheading 'Download the full repository or customize your entire Bootstrap build by selecting javascript plugins, and assets you need.' Below this is a progress bar with four steps: 1. Choose components (active), 2. Select jQuery plugins, 3. Customize variables, and 4. Download. The main content area is titled '1. Choose components' with a subtitle 'Get just the CSS you need'. It is divided into three columns: Scaffolding, Components, and JS Components. Each column contains a list of items with checkboxes, all of which are checked.

Scaffolding	Components	JS Components
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Normalize and reset	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Button groups and dropdowns	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tooltips
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Body type and links	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Navs, tabs, and pills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Popovers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grid system	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Navbar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modals
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Layouts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breadcrumbs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dropdowns
Base CSS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pagination	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collapse
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Headings, body, etc	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carousel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Code and pre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thumbnails	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Labels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alerts	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Badges	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Progress bars	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tables	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hero unit	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forms		

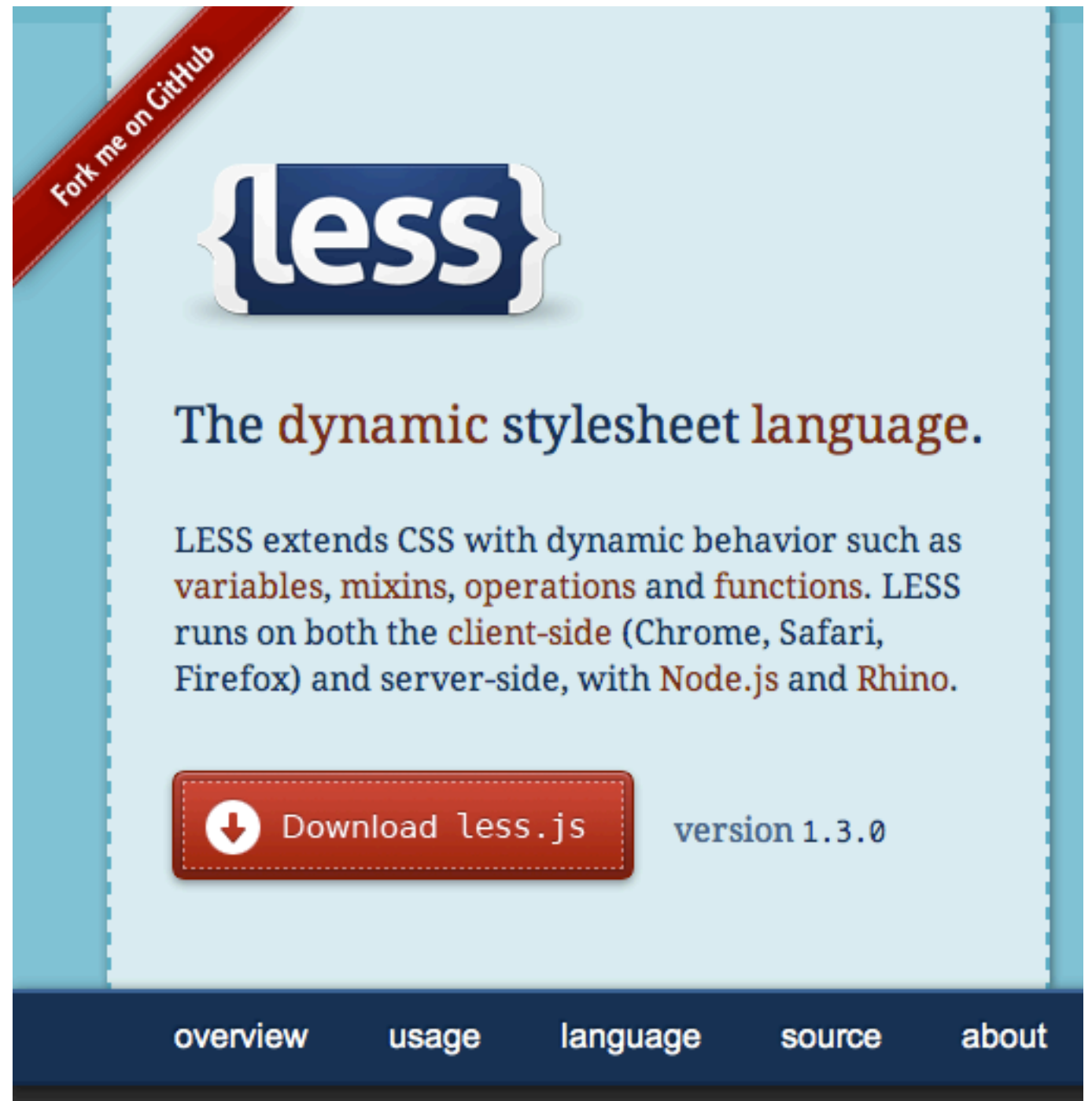
Shrink to fit

- Responsive design
- One page, many devices



LESS is more

- <http://lesscss.org/>
- Meta-language on top of CSS
- Feels “code-y”
- Client or Server Side compile



Mixing it up

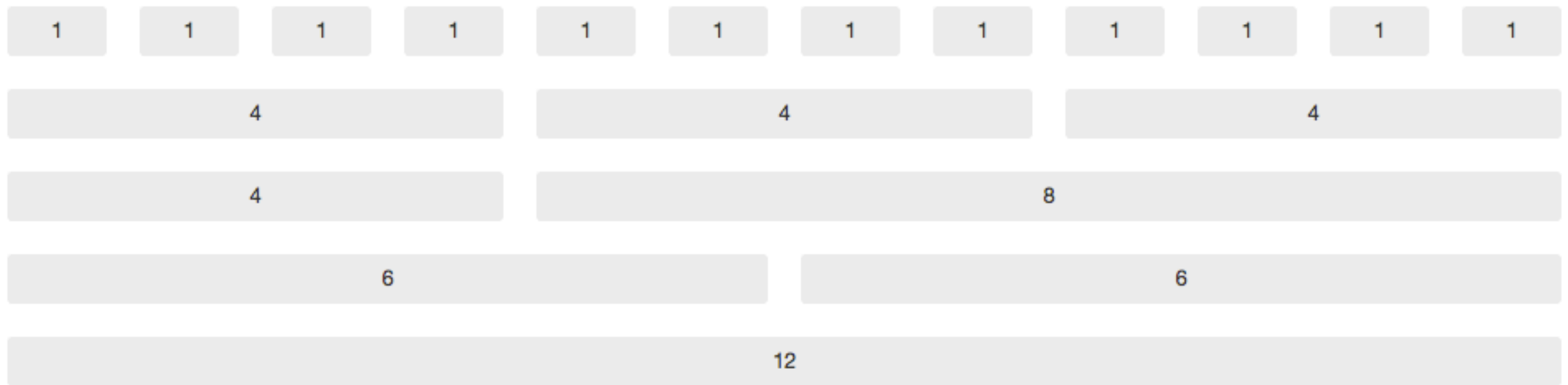
```
// LESS                                     /* Compiled CSS */

@color: #4D926F;                             #header {
#header {                                     color: #4D926F;
  color: @color;                             }
}                                             h2 {
h2 {                                         color: #4D926F;
  color: @color;                             }
}
```

```
// LESS                                     /* Compiled CSS */

.rounded-corners (@radius: 5px) {           #header {
  border-radius: @radius;                    border-radius: 5px;
  -webkit-border-radius: @radius;            -webkit-border-radius: 5px;
  -moz-border-radius: @radius;               -moz-border-radius: 5px;
}                                             }
#header {                                    #footer {
  .rounded-corners;                          border-radius: 10px;
}                                             -webkit-border-radius: 10px;
#footer {                                    -moz-border-radius: 10px;
  .rounded-corners(10px);                    }
}
```

Getting on the grid



The default grid system provided as part of Bootstrap is a **940px-wide, 12-column grid**.

It also has four responsive variations for various devices and resolutions: phone, tablet portrait, tablet landscape and small desktops, and large widescreen desktops.

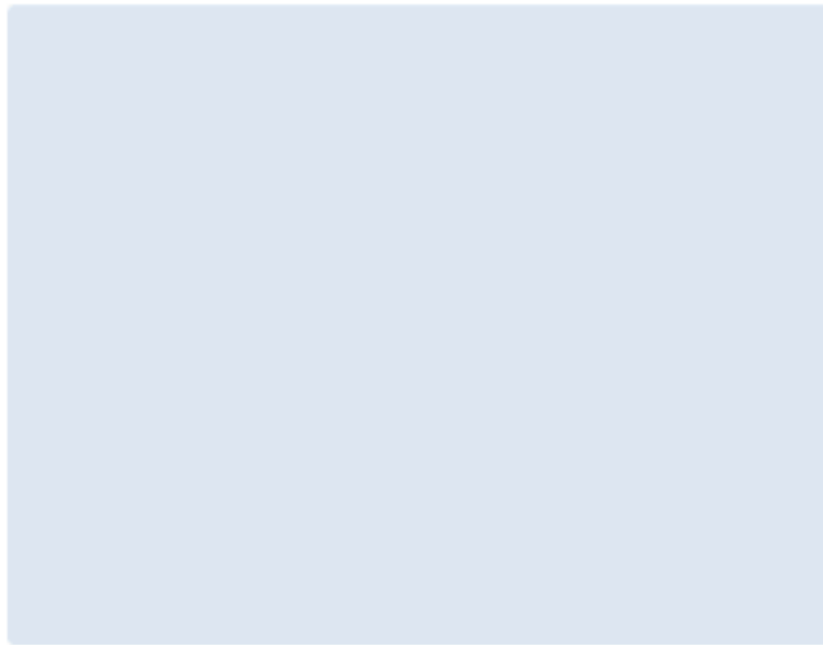
```
1. <div class="row">
2.   <div class="span4">...</div>
3.   <div class="span8">...</div>
4. </div>
```

As shown here, a basic layout can be created with two "columns," each spanning a number of the 12 foundational columns we defined as part of our grid system.

Layout made easy

Fixed layout

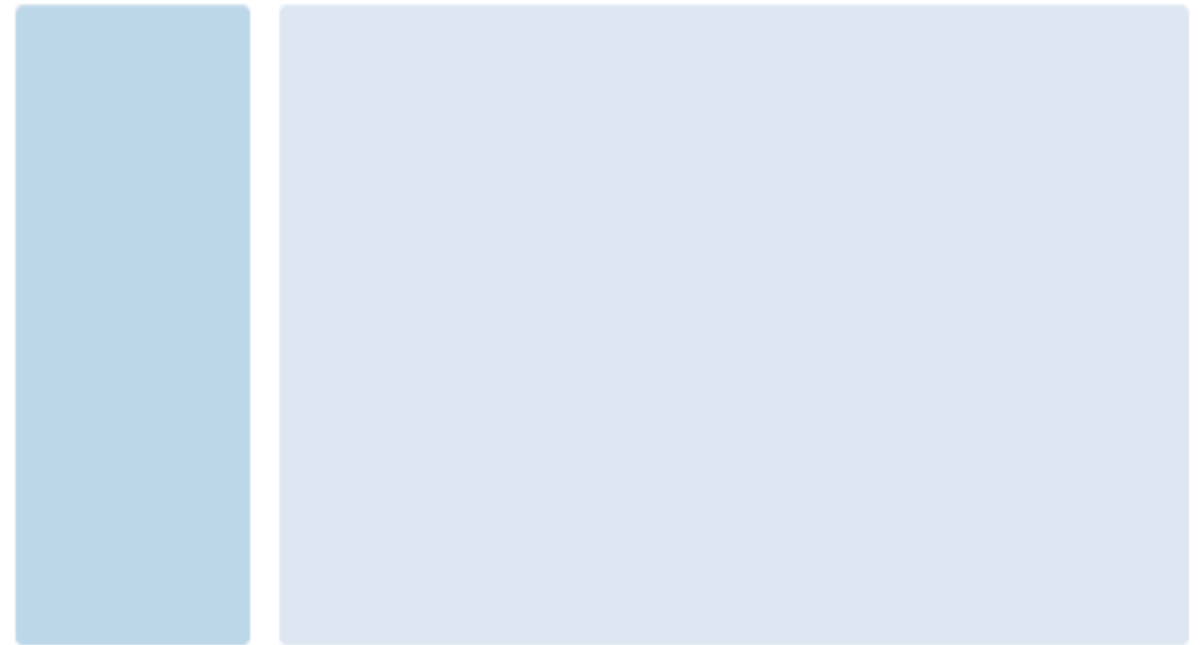
The default and simple 940px-wide, centered layout for just about any website or page provided by a single `<div class="container">`.



```
1. <body>
2.   <div class="container">
3.     ...
4.   </div>
5. </body>
```

Fluid layout

`<div class="container-fluid">` gives flexible page structure, min- and max-widths, and a left-hand sidebar. It's great for apps and docs.

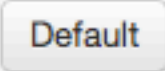
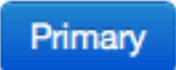




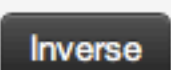


```
1. <div class="container-fluid">
2.   <div class="row-fluid">
3.     <div class="span2">
4.       <!--Sidebar content-->
5.     </div>
6.     <div class="span10">
7.       <!--Body content-->
8.     </div>
9.   </div>
10. </div>
```

Typography for dummies

- Bootstrap provides correctly formatted versions of all key HTML elements
 - Headers (h1 - h6)
 - strong, em, address, abbr, block quotes
 - Lists : ul, ol, li
 - code and pre
 - tables and forms

For the love of buttons!


Button	class=""	Description
	<code>btn</code>	Standard gray button with gradient
	<code>btn btn-primary</code>	Provides extra visual weight and identifies the primary action in a set of buttons
	<code>btn btn-info</code>	Used as an alternate to the default styles
	<code>btn btn-success</code>	Indicates a successful or positive action
	<code>btn btn-warning</code>	Indicates caution should be taken with this action
	<code>btn btn-danger</code>	Indicates a dangerous or potentially negative action
	<code>btn btn-inverse</code>	Alternate dark gray button, not tied to a semantic action or use

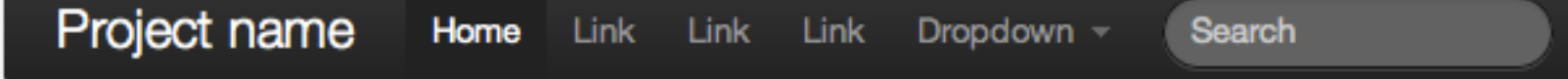
- Add a css class to any existing button or anchor tag
- Also available in other sizes and with icons

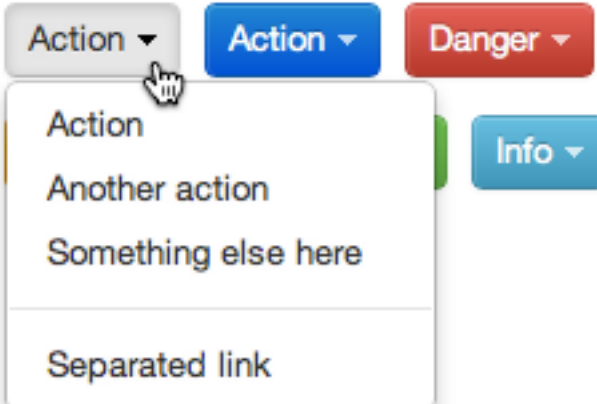
Parts are parts

- Bootstrap provides most all typical widgets via CSS and JS plugins

- Button Groups : 

- Tabs: 





- Navbar: 



- Dropdown Buttons: 



Adding to Grails

- Download Bootstrap and extract the zip file
- Copy assets to corresponding directories under web-app



Name
 bootstrap-responsive.css
 bootstrap-responsive.min.css
 bootstrap.css
 bootstrap.min.css

Name
 glyphs-halflings-white.png
 glyphs-halflings.png

Name
 bootstrap.js
 bootstrap.min.js

Configure ApplicationResources.groovy

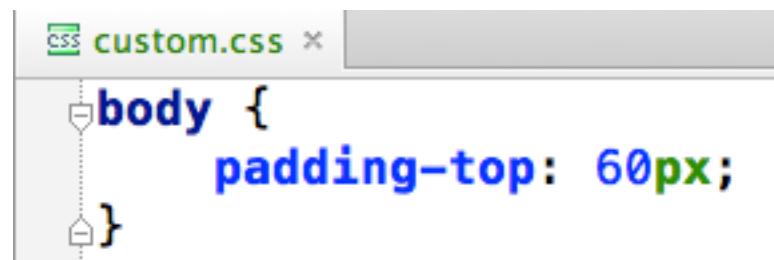


```
ApplicationResources.groovy x
modules = {
    bootstrap {
        dependsOn 'jquery'
        resource url: 'js/bootstrap.js'
        resource url: 'css/bootstrap.css'
        resource url: 'css/bootstrap-responsive.css'
        resource url: 'css/custom.css'
    }

    overrides {
        jquery {
            defaultBundle 'bootstrap'
        }
    }
}
```

Create custom.css

- Call it what you want, but you'll need it
- Add padding to the body so things don't mush together
- 40px or 60px are the norms

A screenshot of a code editor window titled 'custom.css'. The editor shows a CSS rule for the 'body' selector. The rule is: `body { padding-top: 60px; }`. The text is color-coded: 'body' is blue, '{' is black, 'padding-top:' is blue, '60px' is green, and ';' is black. The closing brace '}' is also black. There is a small icon to the left of the opening brace.

```
css custom.css x
body {
  padding-top: 60px;
}
```

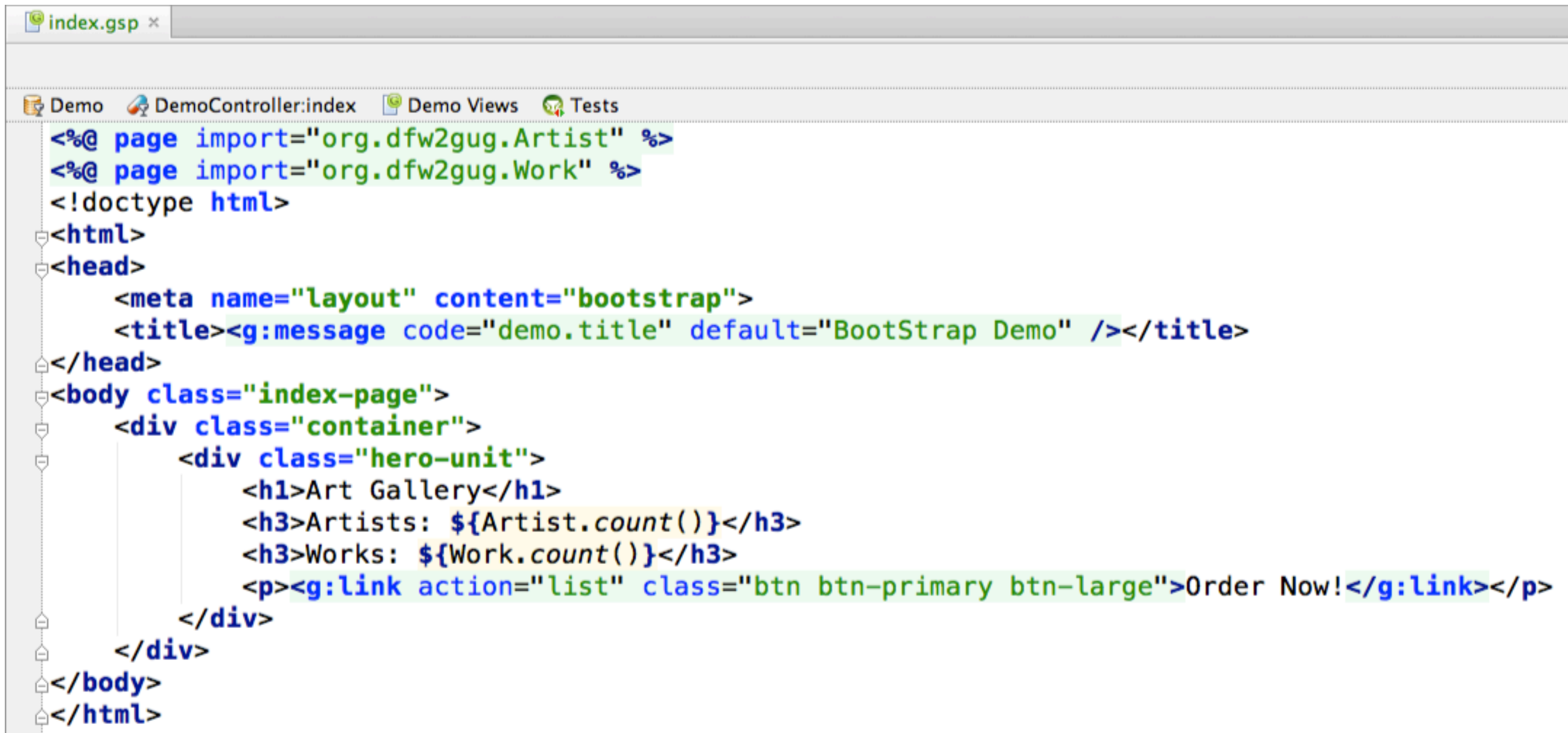
Update images URL in bootstrap.css

```
[class^="icon-"],
[class*=" icon-"] {
  display: inline-block;
  width: 14px;
  height: 14px;
  line-height: 14px;
  vertical-align: text-top;
  background-image: url("../img/glyphicons-halflings.png");
  background-position: 14px 14px;
  background-repeat: no-repeat;
  *margin-right: .3em;
}
[class^="icon-"]:last-child,
[class*=" icon-"]:last-child {
  *margin-left: 0;
}
.icon-white {
  background-image: url("../img/glyphicons-halflings-white.png");
}
```


Create the bootstrap.gsp layout

```
bootstrap.gsp x
<!doctype html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="utf-8">
  <title><g:layoutTitle default="DFW Groovy Grails"/></title>
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
  <r:require module="bootstrap" />
  <g:layoutHead/>
  <r:layoutResources />
</head>
<body class="{pageProperty(name: 'body.class')}">
  <div class="navbar navbar-fixed-top">
    <div class="navbar-inner">
      <div class="container">
        <g:link action="index" class="brand">Groovy!</g:link>
        <div class="nav-collapse">
          <ul class="nav">
            <li id="homePage" class="active"><g:link controller="demo" action="index">Home</g:link></li>
            <li id="tablePage"><g:link controller="demo" action="table">Table</g:link></li>
            <li id="listPage"><g:link controller="demo" action="list">List</g:link></li>
            <li id="formPage"><g:link controller="demo" action="form">Form</g:link></li>
          </ul>
        </div>
      </div>
    </div>
  </div>
  <g:layoutBody/>
  <r:layoutResources />
</body>
</html>
```

Create a content page



```
index.gsp x
Demo DemoController:index Demo Views Tests
<%@ page import="org.dfw2gug.Artist" %>
<%@ page import="org.dfw2gug.Work" %>
<!doctype html>
<html>
<head>
  <meta name="layout" content="bootstrap">
  <title><g:message code="demo.title" default="BootStrap Demo" /></title>
</head>
<body class="index-page">
  <div class="container">
    <div class="hero-unit">
      <h1>Art Gallery</h1>
      <h3>Artists: ${Artist.count()}</h3>
      <h3>Works: ${Work.count()}</h3>
      <p><g:link action="list" class="btn btn-primary btn-large">Order Now!</g:link></p>
    </div>
  </div>
</body>
</html>
```

Hello Bootstrap!

Groovy!

Home

List

Show

Form

Art Gallery

Artists: 10

Works: 41

Order Now!

The code...

Suggestions

- Forget about centering; embrace the grid
- Use the joda-time plugin
- Use the less-resource plugin
- Bootstrap plugin is available
- “Another Bootstrap site”

Resources

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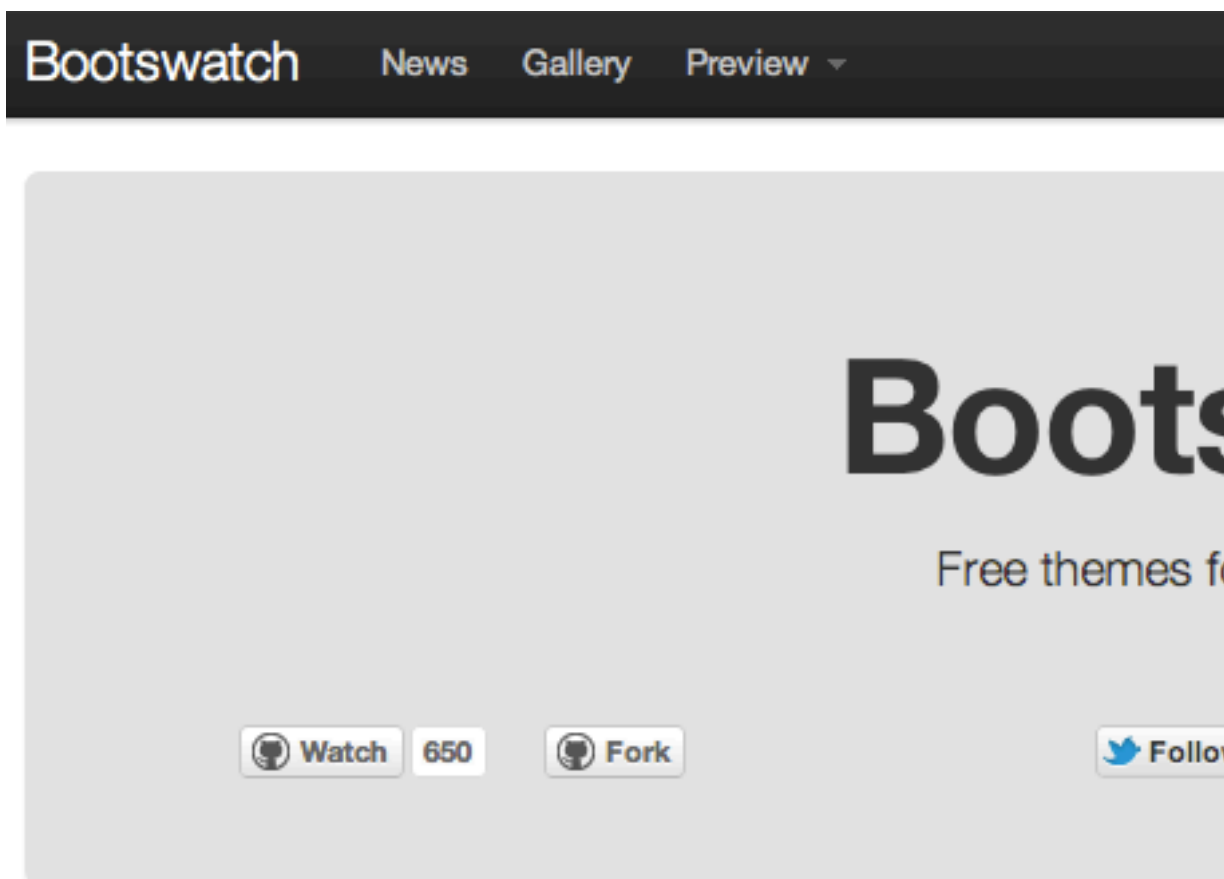
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A year-and-a-half ago, a small group
improve our team's internal analyt
early meetings around this one pro
to create a toolkit for anyone to us

<http://www.alistapart.com/articles/building-twitter-bootstrap/>



Easy to Install

Simply download the CSS file from the swatch of your choice and replace the one in Bootstrap. No messing around with hex values.

Open Source

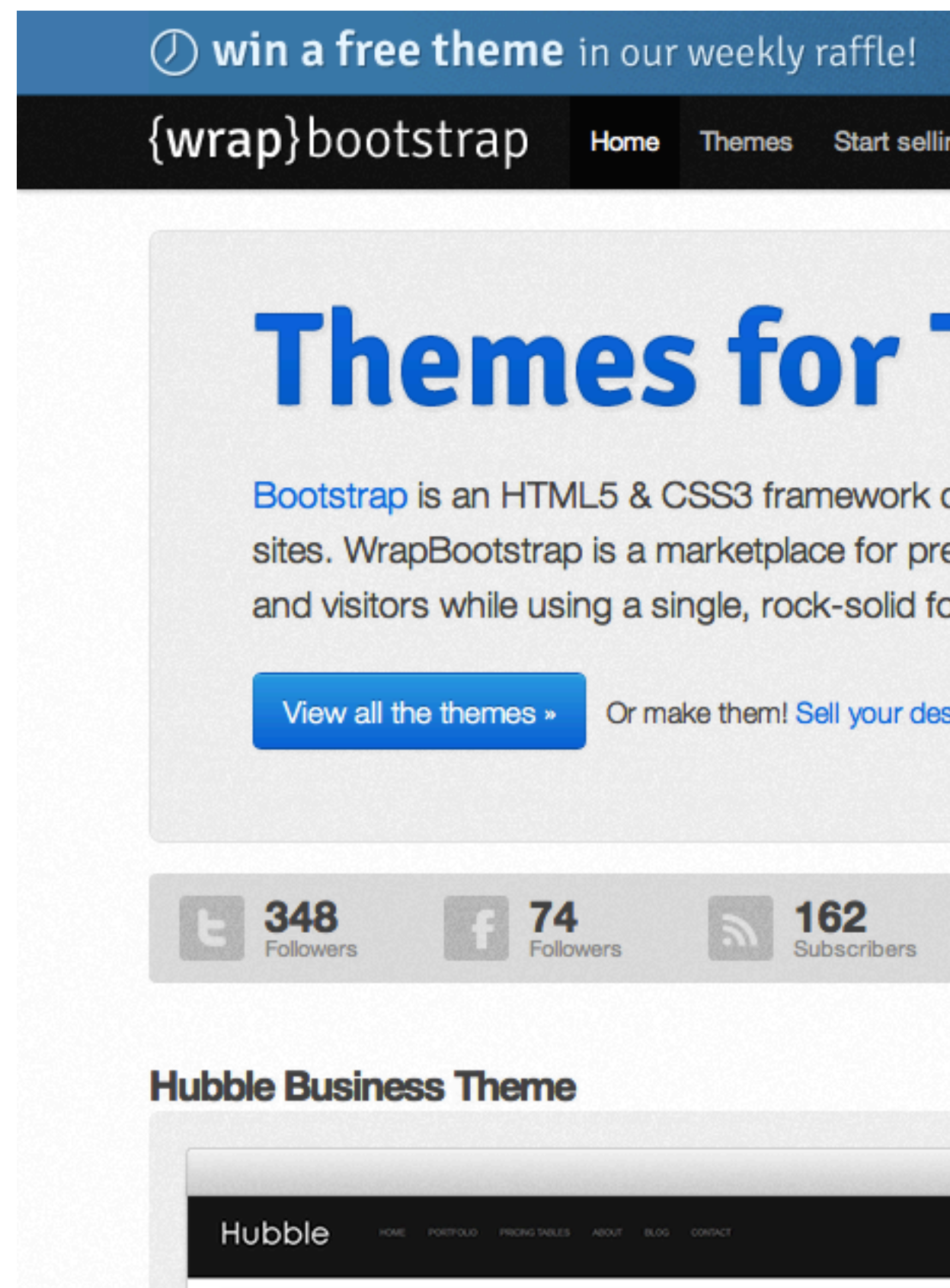
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Whole New

We've all been there with old themes. See how a small change can transform the feel of your site.

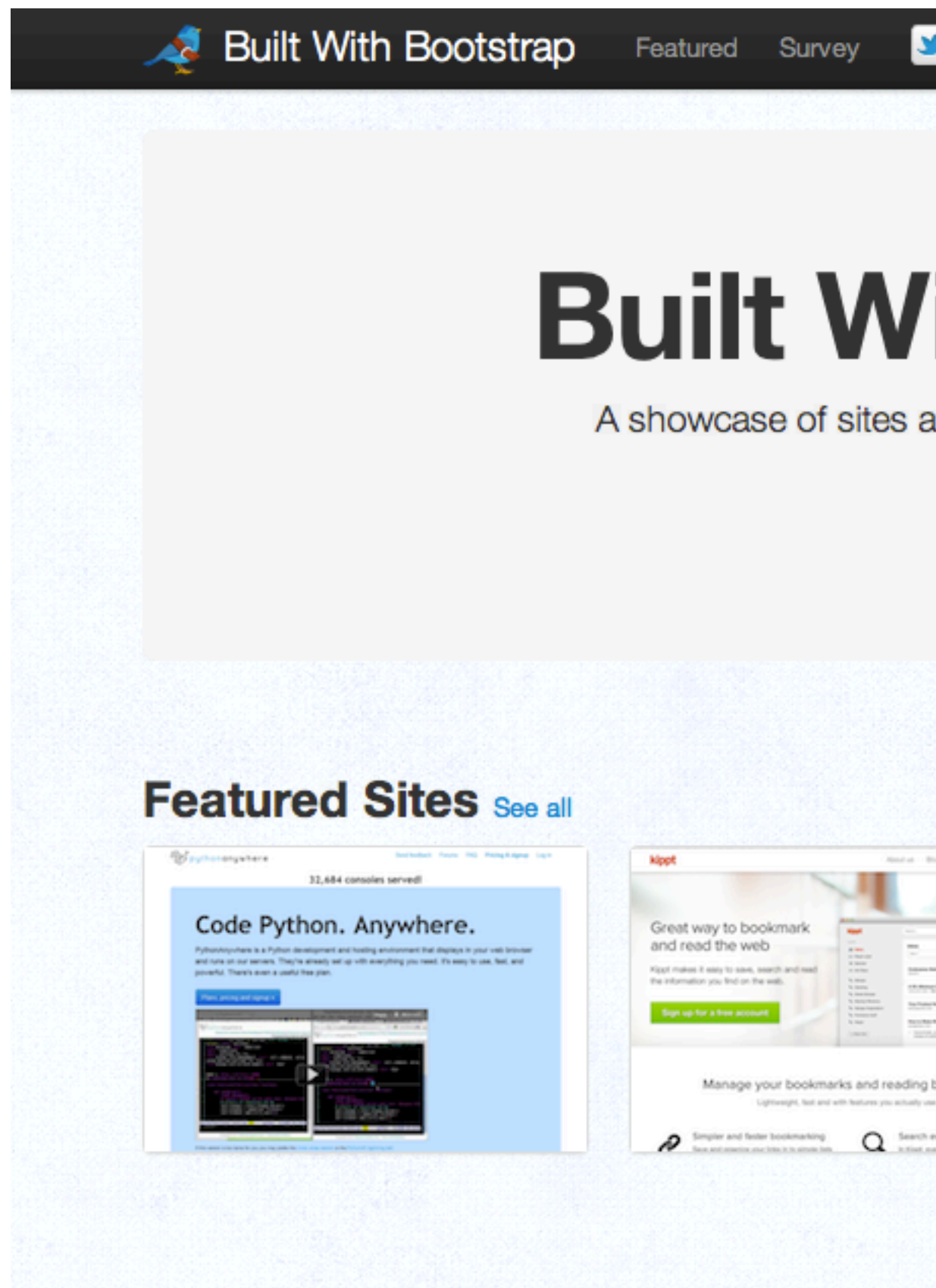
Modular

Changes are contained in individual files, enabling modification and easy compatibility.



<http://wrapbootstrap.com>

<http://bootswatch.com>



<http://builtwithbootstrap.com>

<http://fontawesome.github.com/Font-Awesome/>

GORM Recipes

Tastes like chicken, acts like SQL

Project Setup getting the code

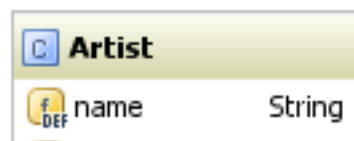
Overview

GORM recipes demonstrates how to effectively use the GORM persistence provider in a Grails 2.0 application. GORM makes it exceptionally easy to do the simple things, but for a new user, you can quickly hit a wall when you want to do something which would be simple to do in SQL. These recipes should help you get over that wall and help you resist that urge to drop to raw SQL to do things.

The Grails 2.0 [documentation](#) should be a starting point for anyone jumping in to Grails. It is much improved over the 1.x branch and can probably answer your questions if you actually read it. The weakness is finding what you need or the right example of how a particular feature works. These recipes are an extension to the [Querying with GORM](#) section and are an attempt to help with these weaknesses.

The Git Stuff

These recipes use a simple Grails application hosted on GitHub as a testbed for the queries. The application defines two domain classes and populates them with sample data to query against. The two domain classes are in the files `Artist.groovy` and `Work.groovy`.



<http://timsporcic.github.com/GORM-Recipes/>

GORM Recipes

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