Design, develop and manage a catalog of Web Components

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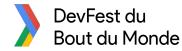
















OVHcloud: A global leader





Web Cloud & Telcom



Private Cloud



Public Cloud



Storage



Network & Security



30 Data Centers in 12 locations



34 Points of Presence on a 20 TBPS Bandwidth Network



2200 Employees worldwide



115K Private Cloud VMS running



300K Public Cloud instances running



380K Physical Servers running in our data centers



1 Million+ Servers produced since 1999



1.5 Million Customers across 132 countries



3.8 Million Websites hosting



1.5 Billion Euros Invested since 2016



P.U.E. 1.09 Energy efficiency indicator



20 Years in Business Disrupting since 1999

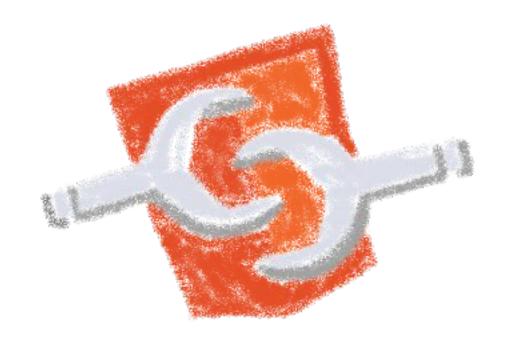






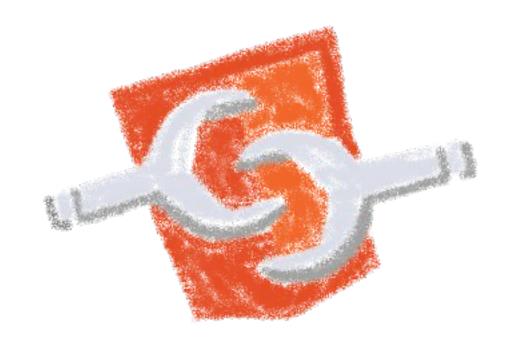
The 3 minutes context

What the heck are web component?







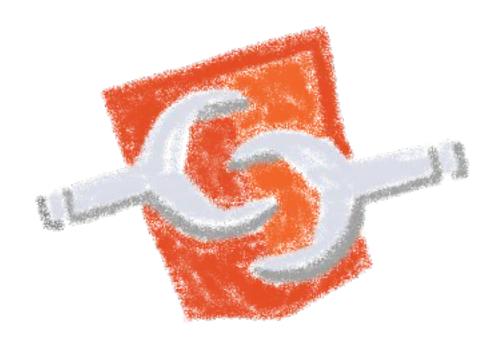


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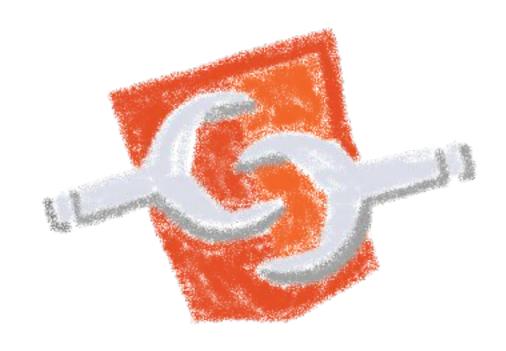


Available in all modern browsers: Firefox, Safari, Chrome







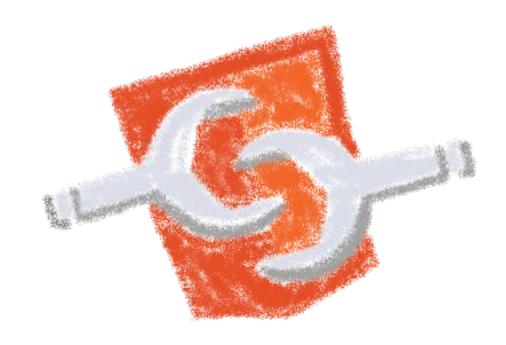


Create your own HTML tags Encapsulating look and behavior







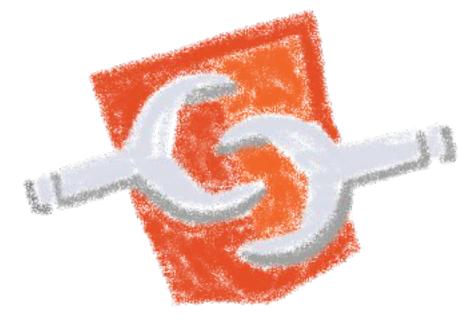


Fully interoperable
With other web components, with any framework











CUSTOM ELEMENTS







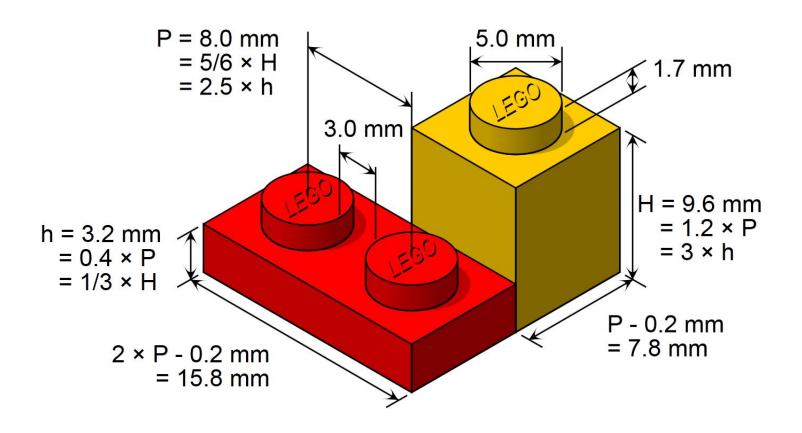




But in fact, it's just an element...



- Attributes
- Properties
- Methods
- Events

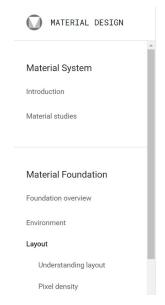


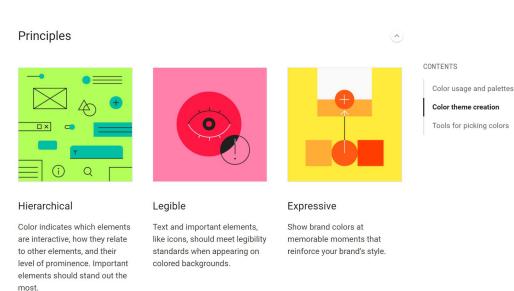




So, what are Design Systems?

And why should I look at them?









A talk for devs by a dev





I am not a designer, neither I play one on TV...





The same or different?



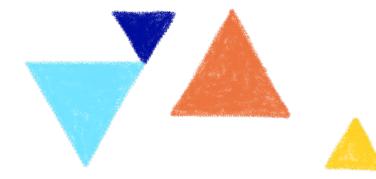
Design System Component Catalog



Style Guides



A document listing the styles, patterns, practices, and principles of a brand design standards

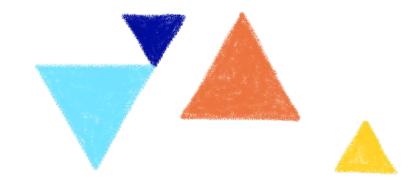




Style Guides



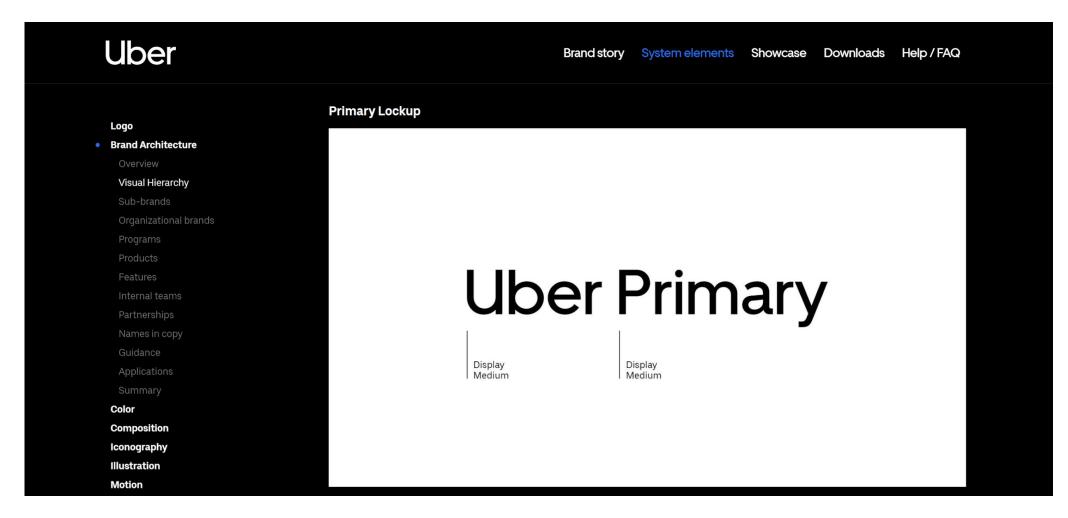
Style guides define the application's look and feel





Style Guide Example: Uber





https://brand.uber.com/



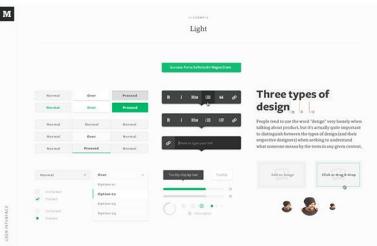


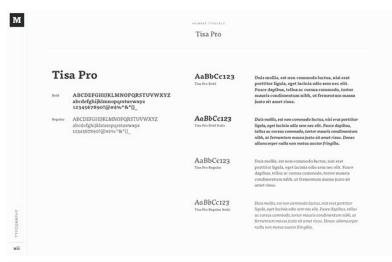


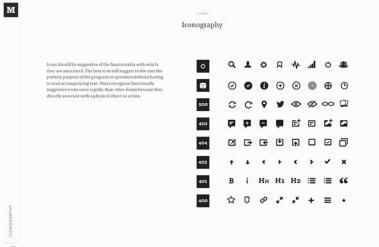
Style Guide Example: Medium

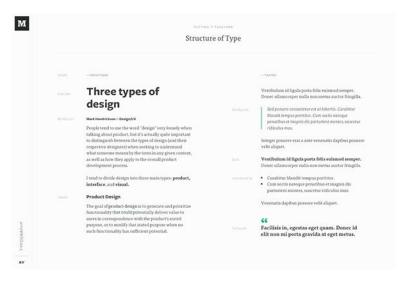


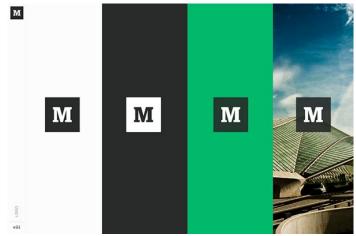










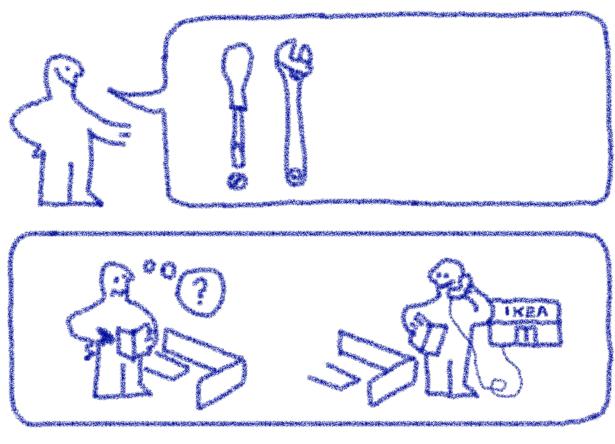


https://www.behance.net/gallery/7226653/Medium-Brand-Development



Style Guides alone are ambiguous





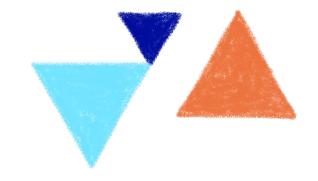
Interpretation needed to adapt the preconisation to the use case



Component Catalogs



A **component catalog** is a **repository** of components, with one or several **implementations**, code **examples** and **technical documentation**









Component Catalog example: Bootstrap



```
A simple primary alert—check it out!
  A simple secondary alert—check it out!
   A simple success alert—check it out!
   A simple danger alert—check it out!
  A simple dark alert—check it out!
<div class="alert alert-primary" role="alert">
  A simple primary alert-check it out!
</div>
<div class="alert alert-secondary" role="alert">
 A simple secondary alert-check it out!
</div>
                                                                                                            Bootstrap
<div class="alert alert-success" role="alert">
  A simple success alert-check it out!
</div>
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https://getbootstrap.com/

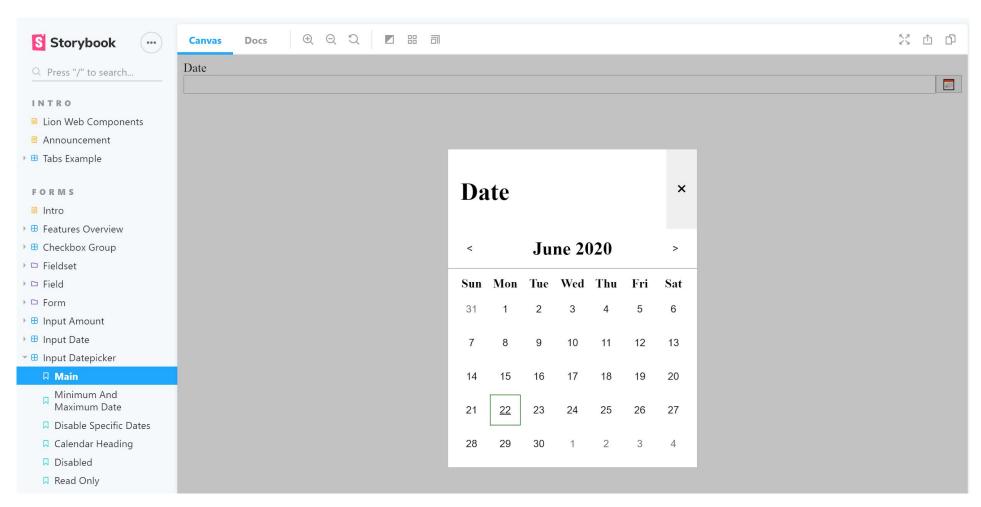






Component Catalog Example: ING's Lion





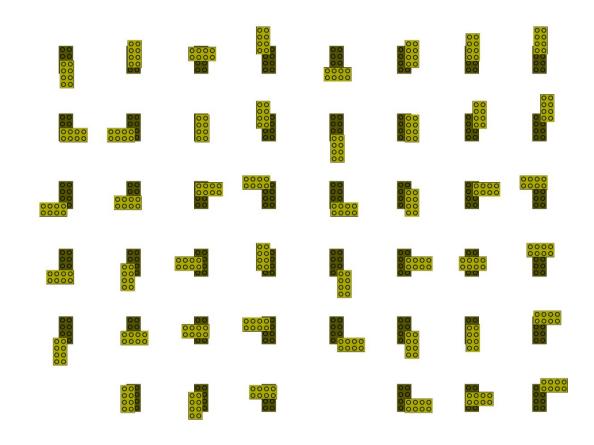
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Catalogs alone create inconsistency





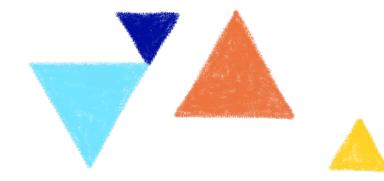
Like using the same LEGO bricks to create very different objects



Design Systems



A Design System is like a common visual language for product teams







Design systems



A Design System is a set of **design standards**, **documentations**, and **principles**, alongside with the toolkit (**UI patterns** and **code components**) to achieve those standards







Design systems



Design System 3

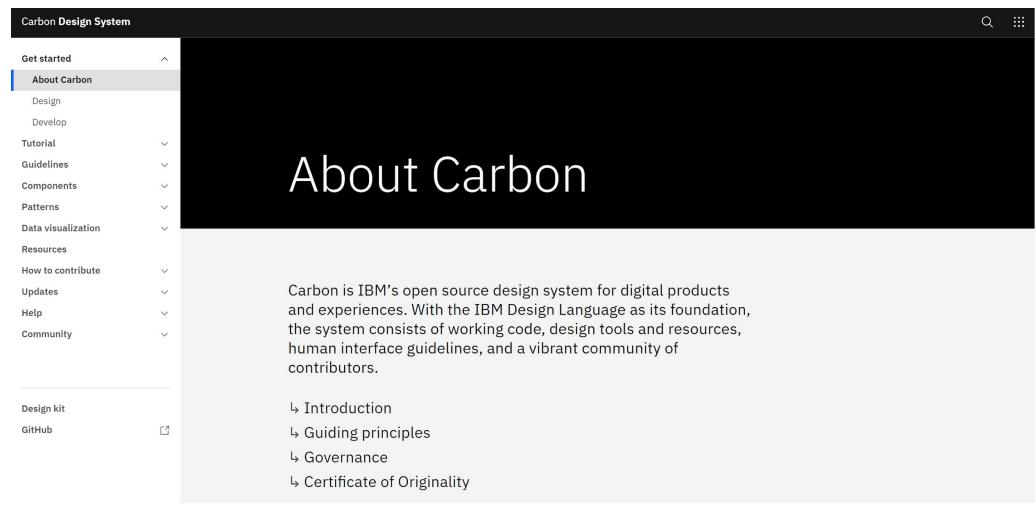
Style Guide + Component Catalog of Co





Example: Carbon Design System





https://www.carbondesignsystem.com/



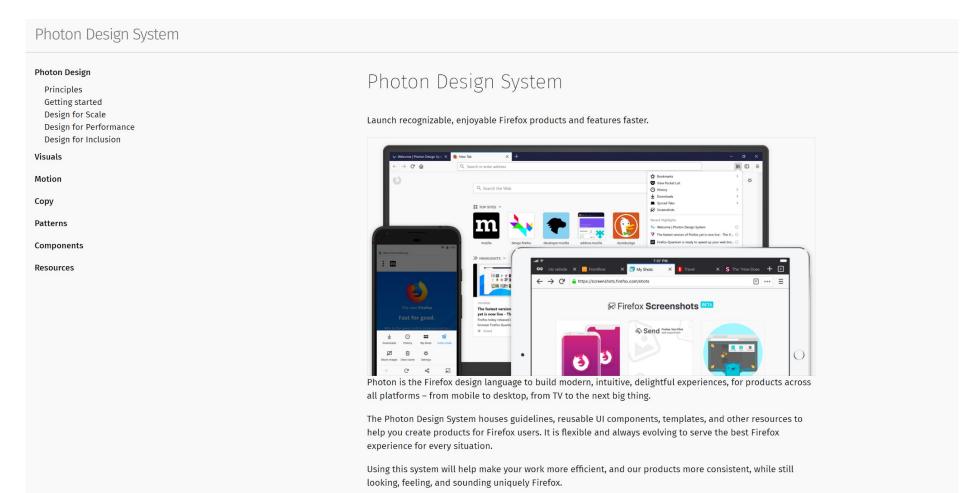






Example: Firefox's Photon Design System





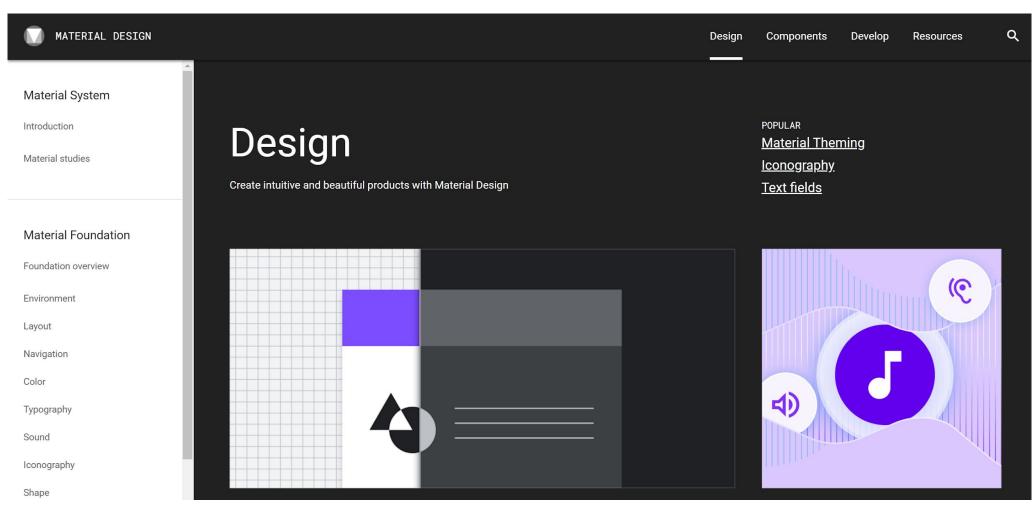
https://design.firefox.com/photon/

You can help us improve the system and ensure it remains current and relevant.



Example: Material Design





https://material.io/







The component catalog

The poor relative of the Design System family





Let's choose a simple example





Bootstrap based component catalogs





A long time ago





CSS

Buttons

Default buttons

Button styles can be applied to anything with the best rendering.



Button	class=""	Description	
Default	btn	Standard gray button with gradient	
Primary	btn btn-primary	Provides extra visual weight and identifies the primary action in a set of buttons	
Info	btn btn-info	Used as an alternative to the default styles	
Success	btn btn-success	Indicates a successful or positive action	
Warning	btn btn-warning	Indicates caution should be taken with this action	
Danger	btn btn-danger	Indicates a dangerous or potentially negative action	
Inverse	btn btn-inverse	Alternate dark gray button, not tied to a semantic action or use	
Link	btn btn-link	Deemphasize a button by making it look like a link while maintaining button behavior	ntetra

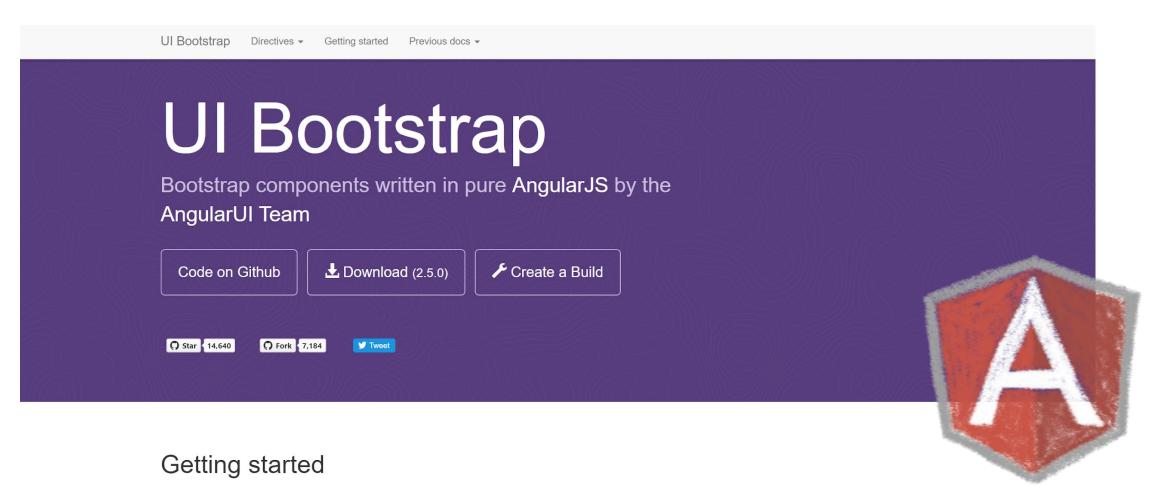
Components defined in HTML, CSS and some jQuery











And new reference implementations were needed



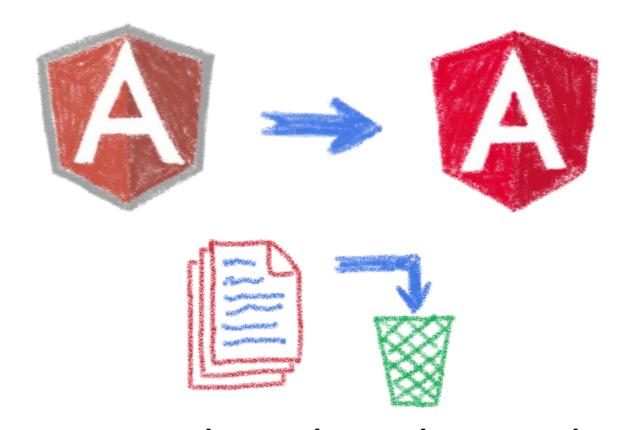






But you know the sad story...





All UI Bootstrap based catalogs woke up with an obsolete implementation



Worry no more, let's do A gular!













Bootstrap widgets

The angular way

Angular widgets built from the ground up using only Bootstrap 4 CSS with APIs designed for the Angular ecosystem.

No dependencies on 3rd party JavaScript.

Demo

Installation

Currently at v6.1.0



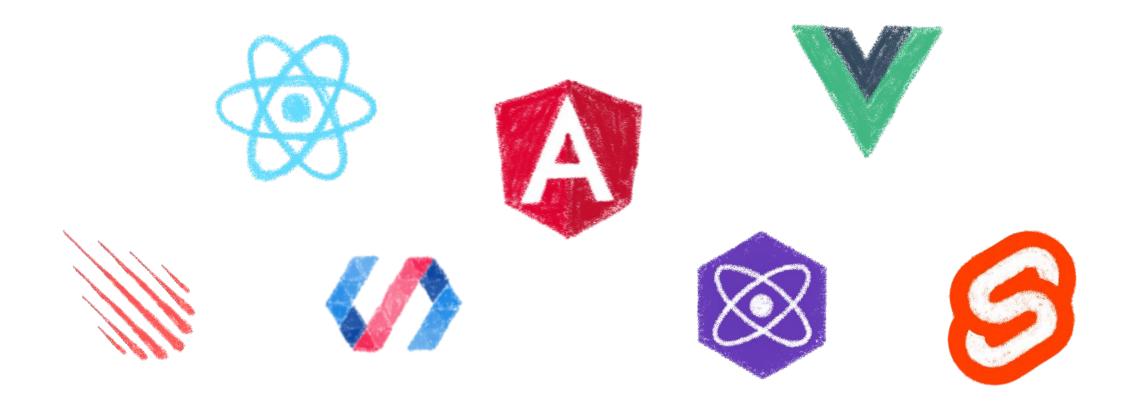
ng-bootstrap to the rescue





But times had changed...





In 2017 Angular is only one more in the clique

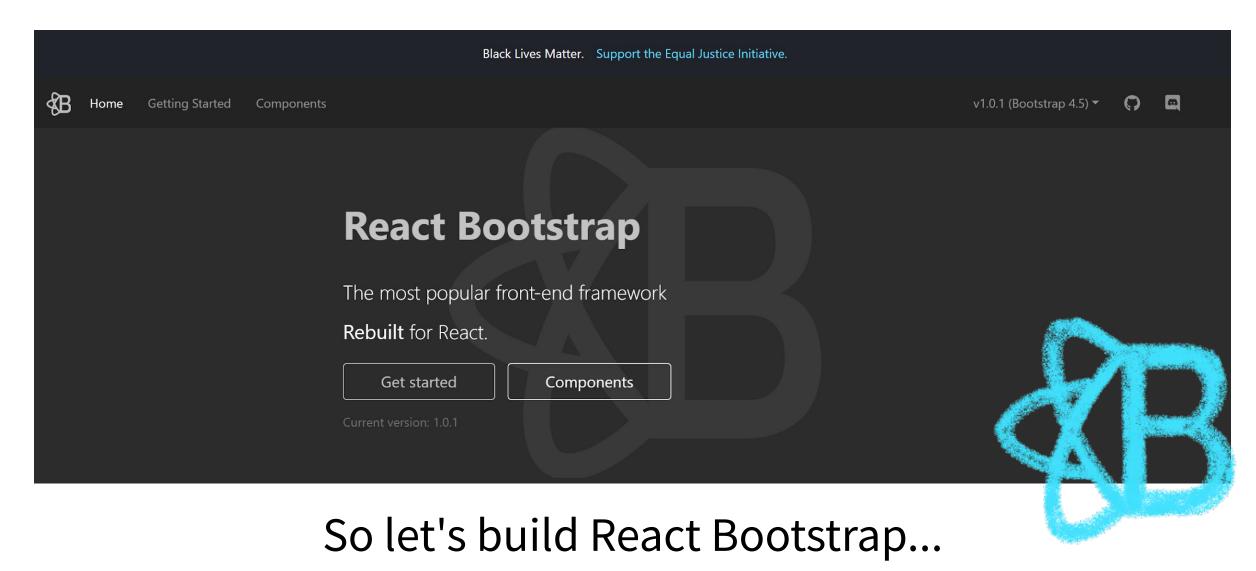






React is the new Big Thing TM

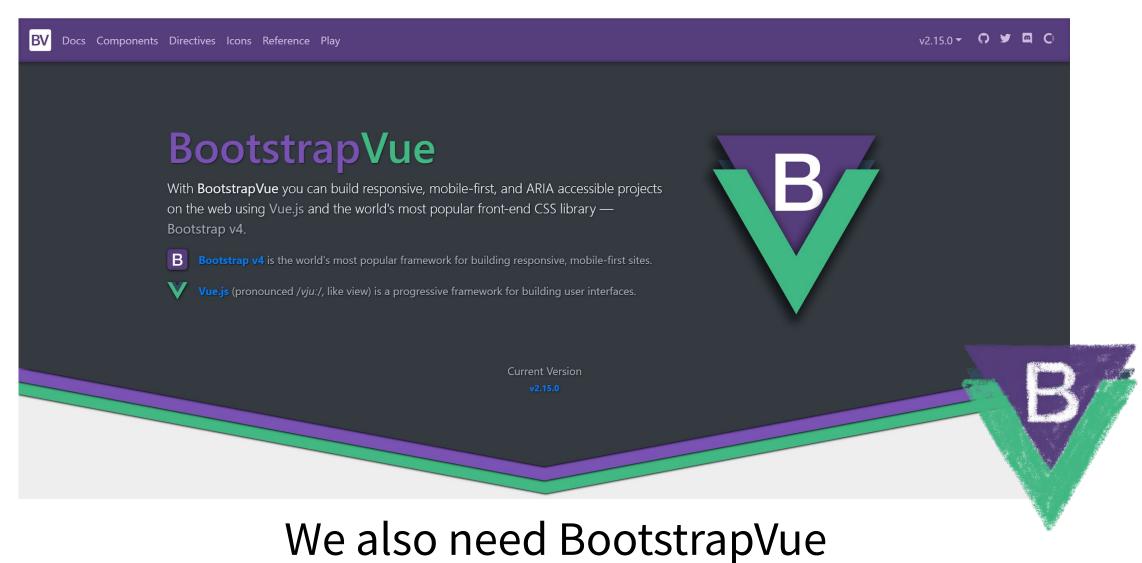






Wait, what about We?

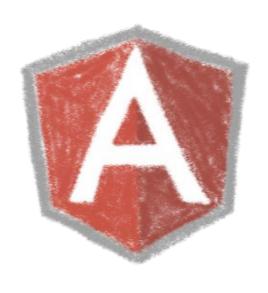






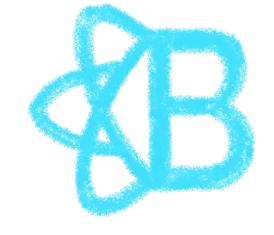
OK, I think you see my point...









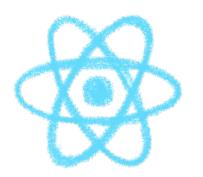




Most Design System do a choice









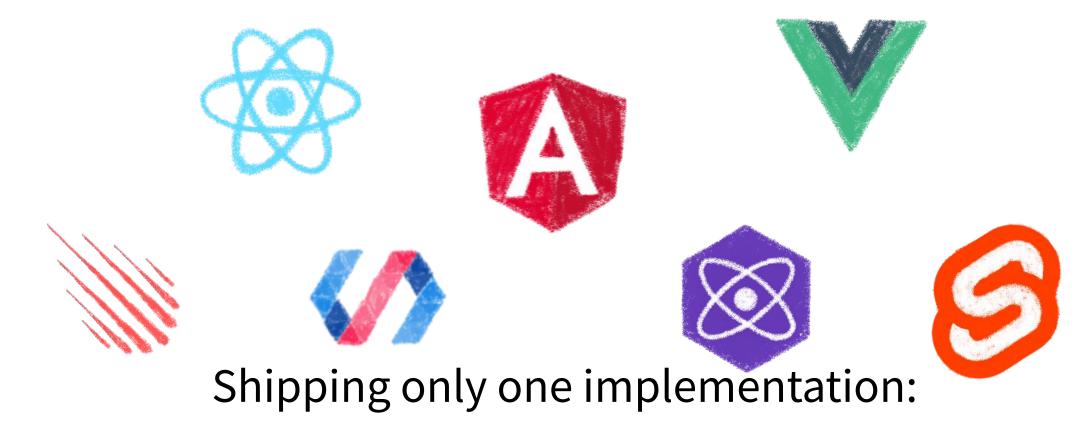


Either they choose a canonical implementation or they ship and maintain several implementations



Both choices are problematic



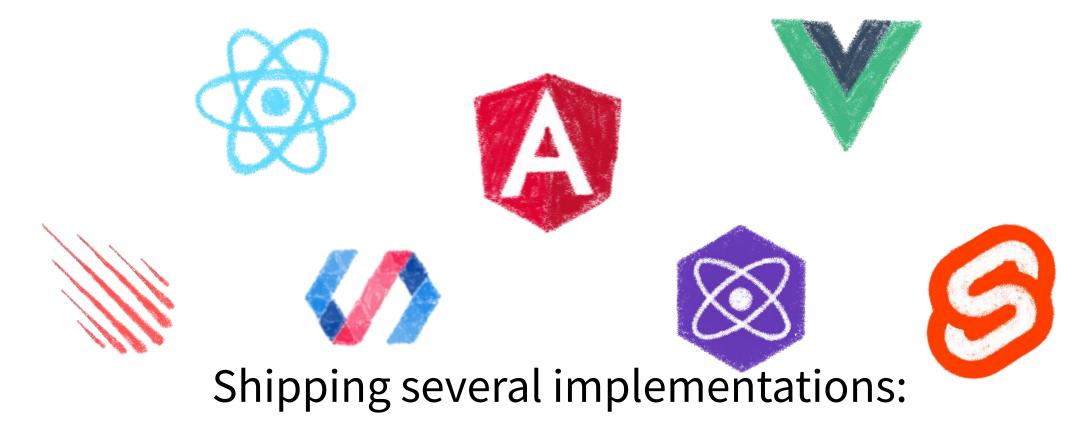


Web dev ecosystem changes quickly and almost nobody keeps the same framework for years...



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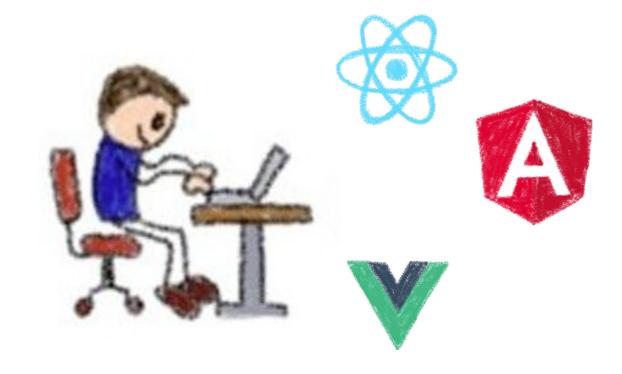
You need to maintain all the implementation... and you still miss some others





Incomplete catalogs are problematic





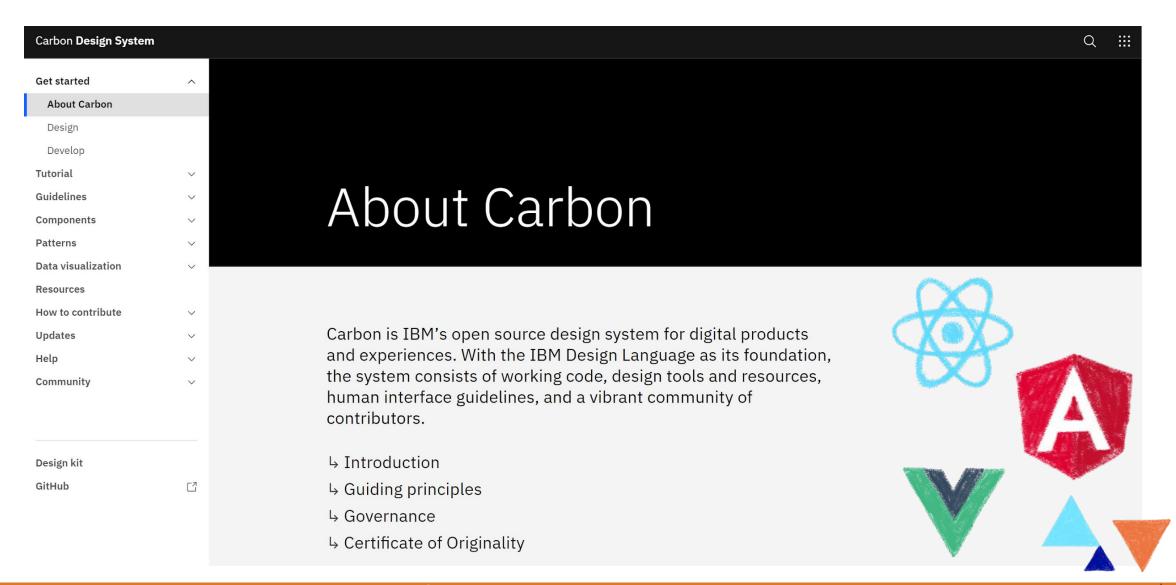
People will need to recode the components in their chosen framework...

Coherence is not guaranteed!!!



Example: Carbon Design System





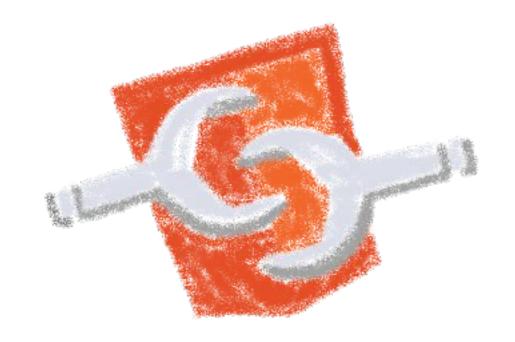






Web Components & Design Systems

A match made in heaven

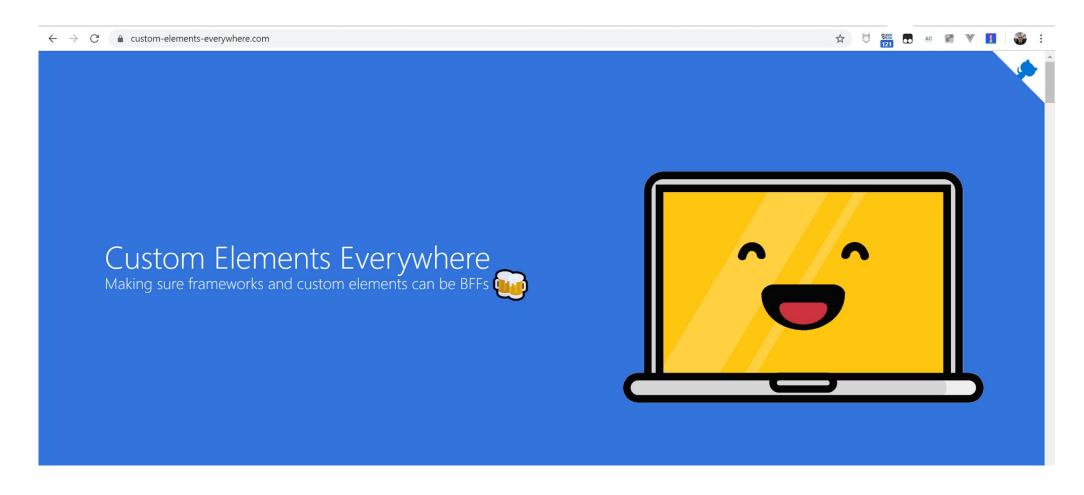






Compatibility is on Web Components side





Web Components everywhere, baby!





They are truly everywhere 💉



- spacexfsw ➤ Official SpaceX / 102 points · 15 days ago
- The Crew Displays onboard Dragon runs Chromium with HTML, Javascript & CSS. We don't use LESS. - Sofian

We follow an agile process, we have high bar for unit test coverage and we have integration tests that runs with and without flight hardware. We also take a lot of pride in manually verifying and documenting our new features to make sure they work as intended and we have no regression. -Sofian

We use Web Components extensively. - Sofian

We use a reactive programming library that we developed in house. - Sofian

Different team members uses different editors, I use VSCode but I might be just a little bit biased :) - Sofian

I will have to get back but overall code is our craft here and we make sure it's clean and tidy. I wouldn't expect something too outrageous. Fair warning, we have linters on everything. - Sofian



🚀 Even in the spaaaaaaaace 🚀

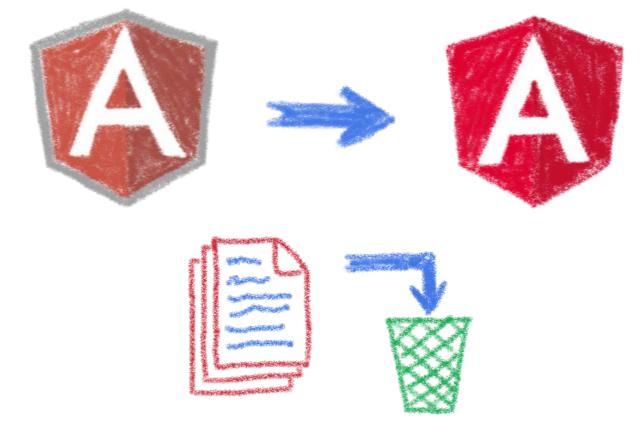






Do you remember AngularJS?





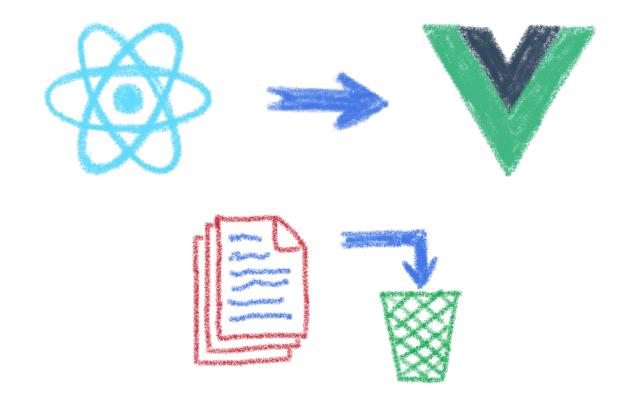
And all the code put in the trash bin when Angular arrived...





The pain of switching frameworks?





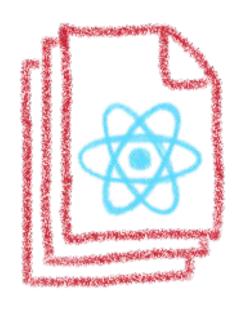
Rewriting once again your code...

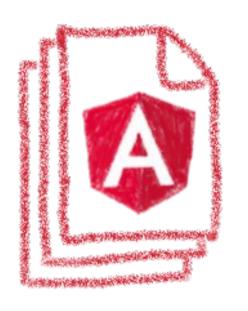




The impossibility of sharing UI code?









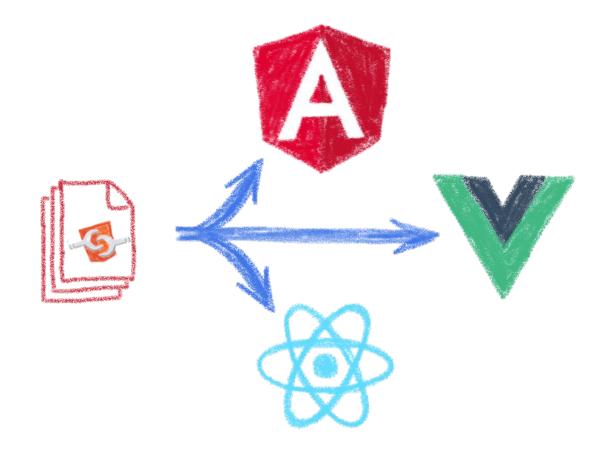
Between apps written with different frameworks





Web Components change that





In a clean and standard way



They are the interoperable alternative





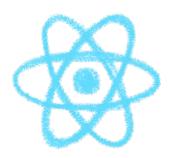
Any framework... or no framework at all



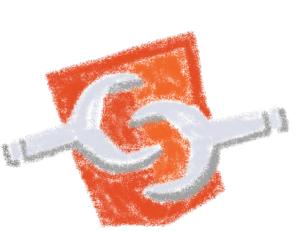


You can have a single implementation













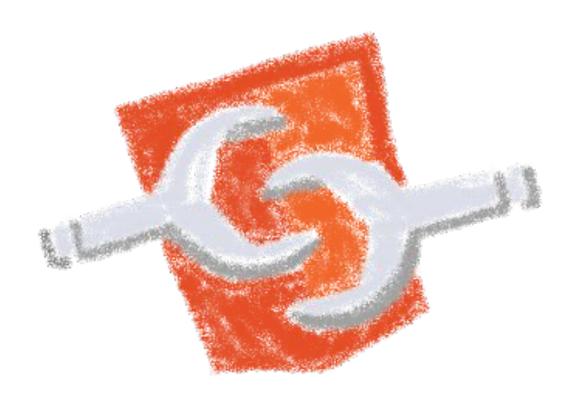
And it simply works everywhere





When you need interoperability





Nothing beats the standard







But how to do it?

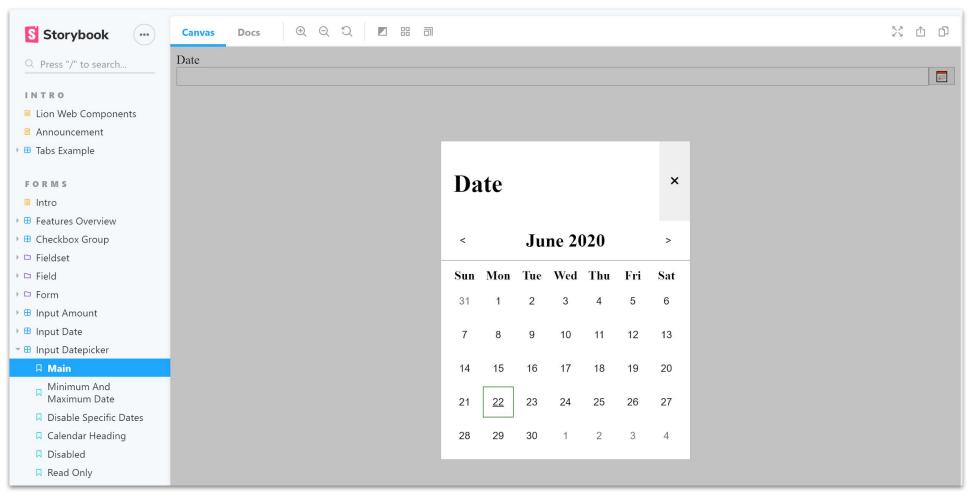
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Learning from the best



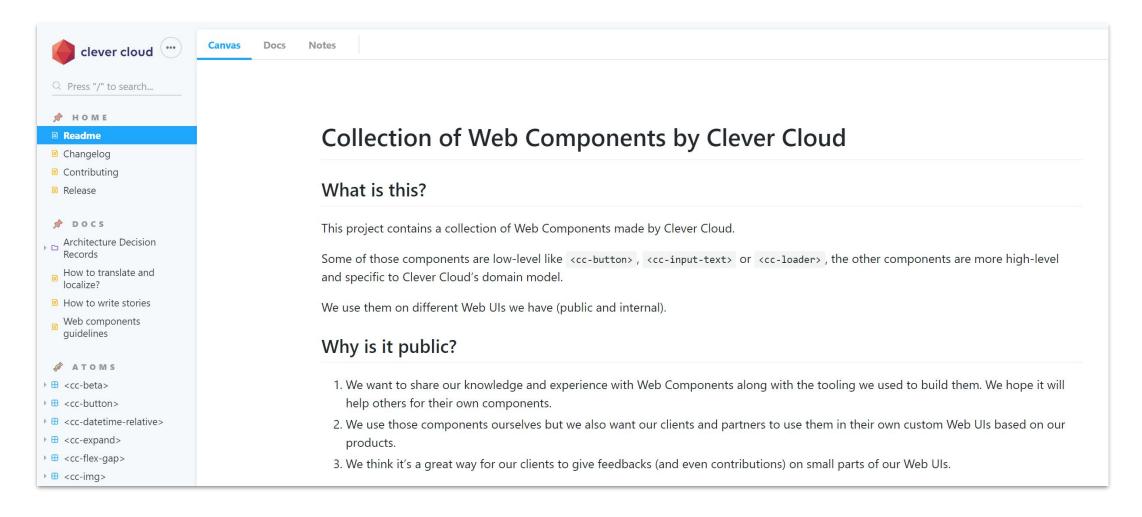


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Learning from the best





https://github.com/CleverCloud/clever-components





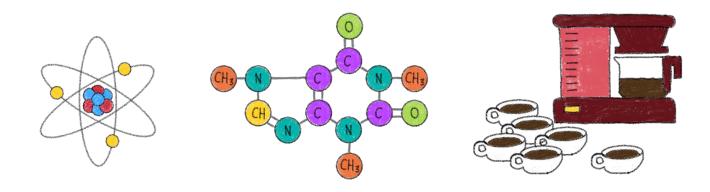






What kind of components?

From little atomic blocs to big smart components, and everything in between

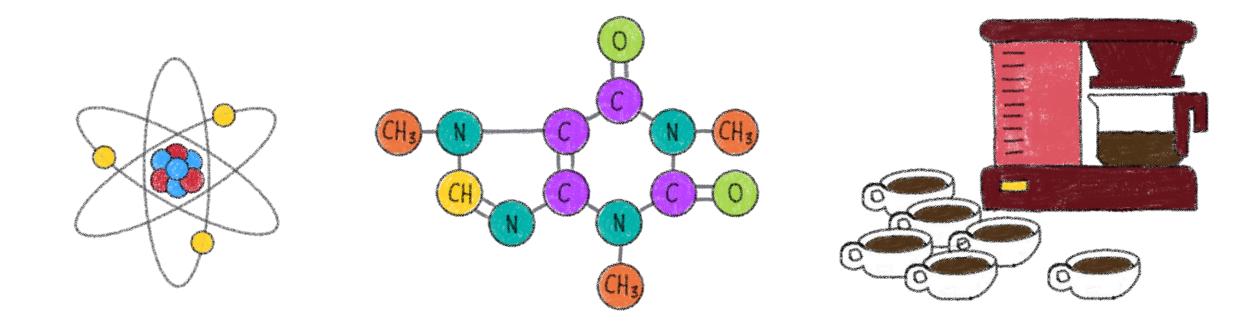






A matter of size and complexity





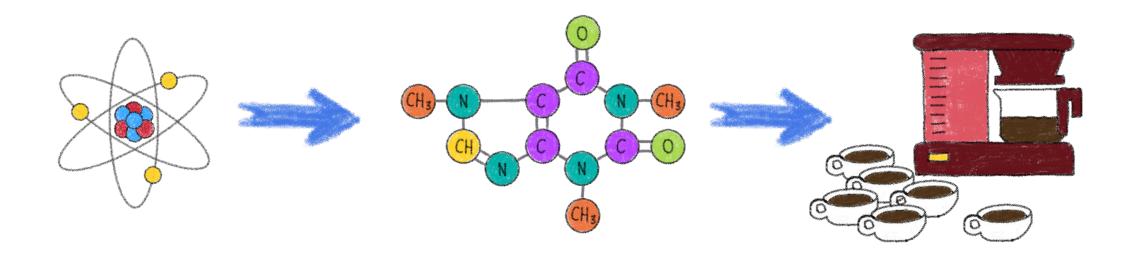
What kind(s) of components you want to build





Build from the bottom and go up





Eat your own dog food



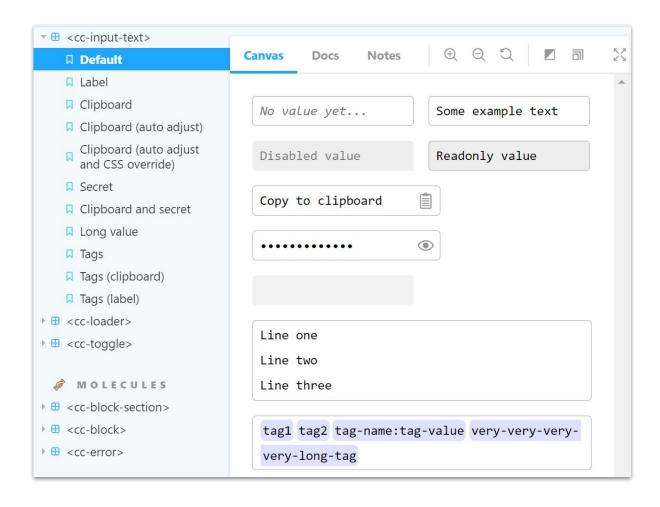


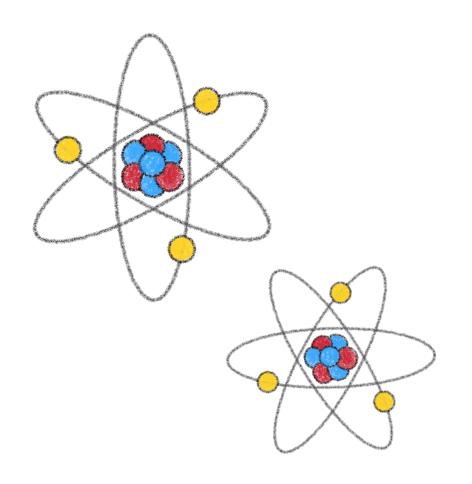


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And how to choose the atoms?







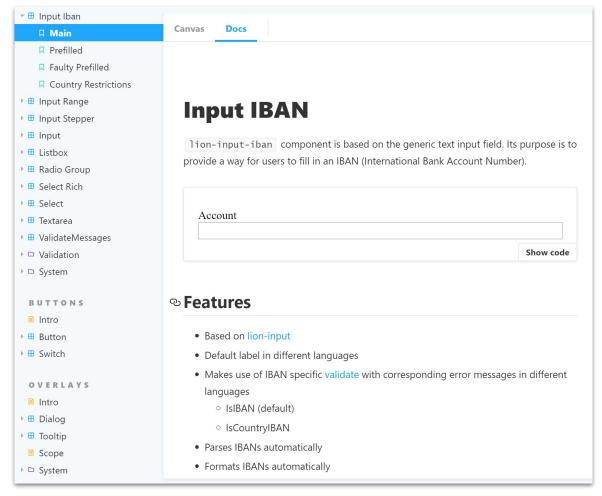
Flexibility and configurability are key

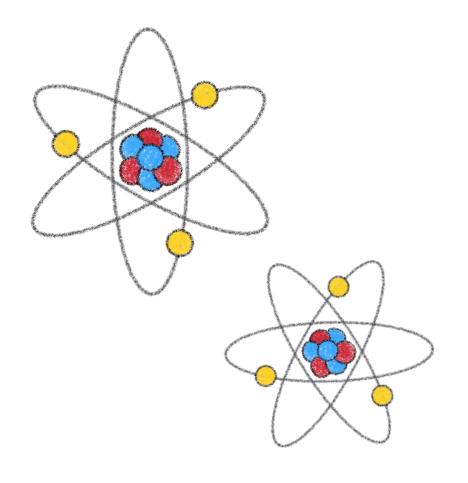




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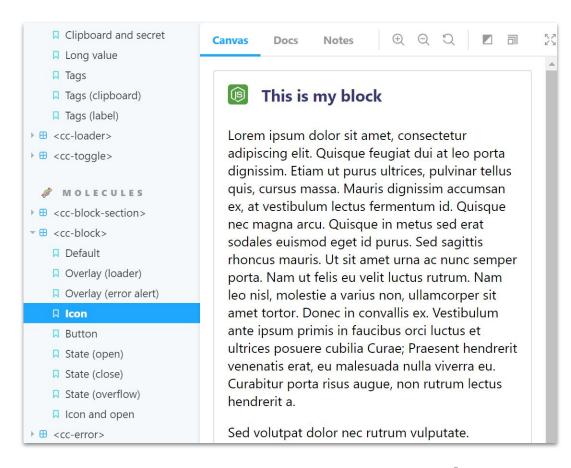
Encode often used patterns

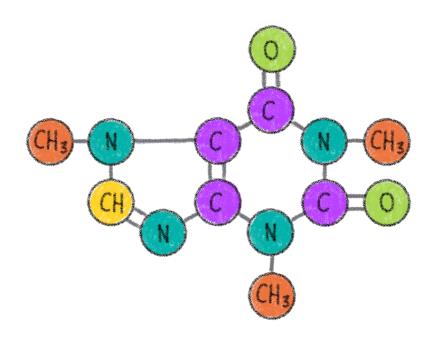




And what about the molecules?







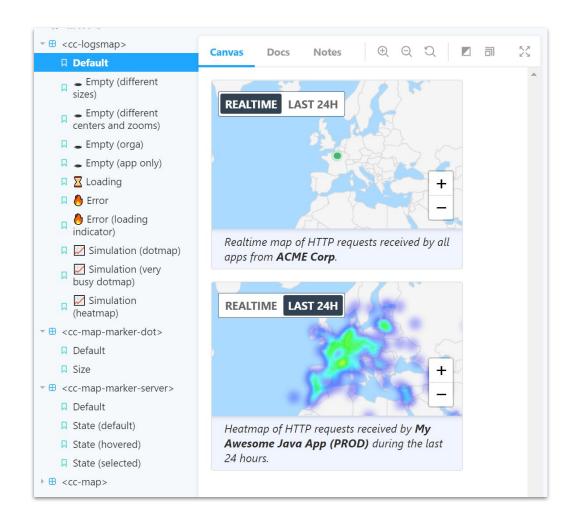
Capitalize on your atoms
Keep the flexibility and configurability





Big smart business components







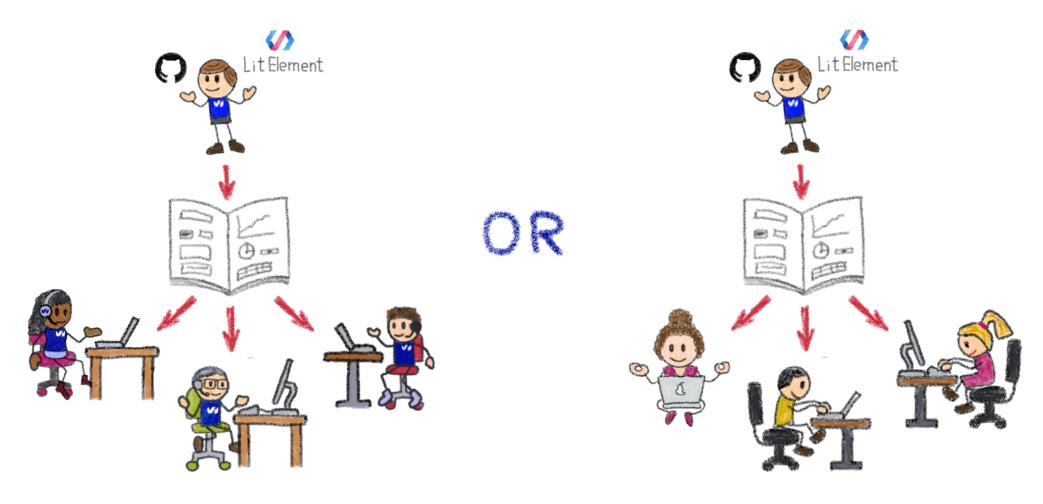
Encoding your business logic





Internal or external customers?





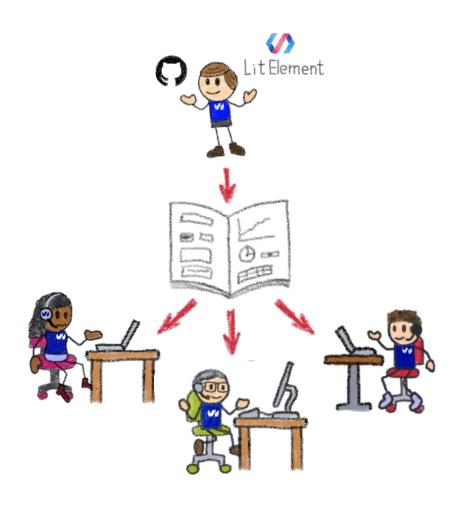
Who are your target users?





Internal customers need off-the-shelf components





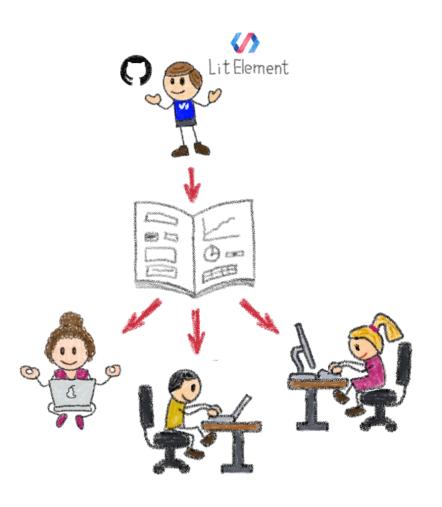
A well defined and coherent look-and-feel





External customers need to be able to tweak





Theming and customizing components







How to organize the catalog

Packages, imports and pragmatism



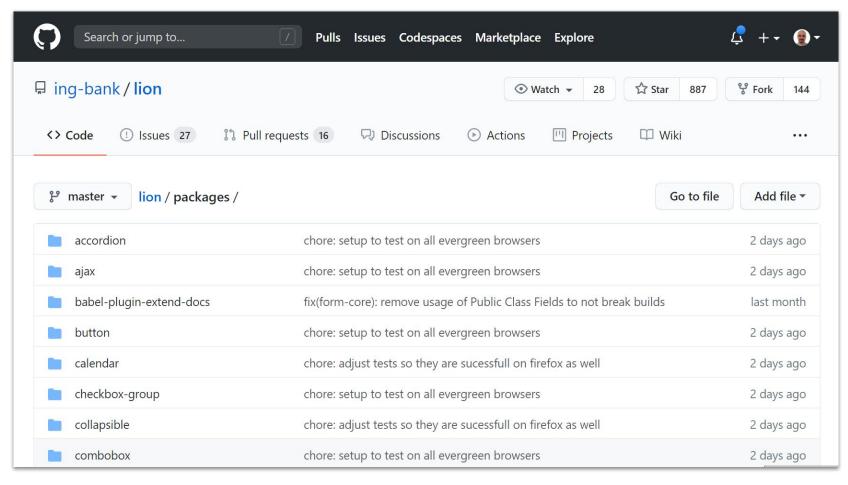






A single repository





Single source of truth for the catalog







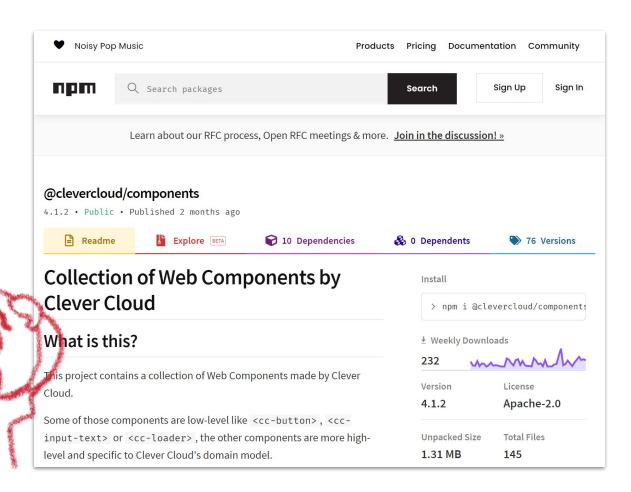


Two schools of thought



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combobox	npm v0.1.2	Text box controlling popup listbox	✓
orm	npm v0.7.1	Wrapper for multiple form elements	✓
orm-core	npm v0.6.3	Core functionality for all form controls	✓
orm- ntegrations	npm v0.3.5	Shows form elements in an integrated way	✓
ïeldset	npm v0.15.1	Group for form inputs	✓
checkbox-group	npm v0.12.1	Group of checkboxes	✓
nput	npm v0.10.1	Input element for strings	✓
nput-amount	npm v0.8.1	Input element for amounts	✓
nput-date	npm v0.8.1	Input element for dates	~
nput- datepicker	npm v0.17.0	Input element for dates with a datepicker	~ \
nput-email	npm v0.9.1	Input element for e-mails	· (
nput-iban	npm v0.10.1	Input element for IBANs	v [
nput-range	npm v0.5.1	Input element for a range of values	



A packet per component or a global one







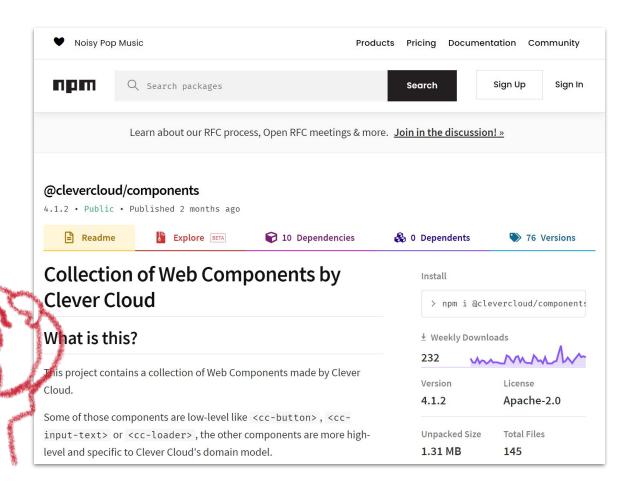
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Individual versioning vs global one





Lots of web components libraries









hybrids











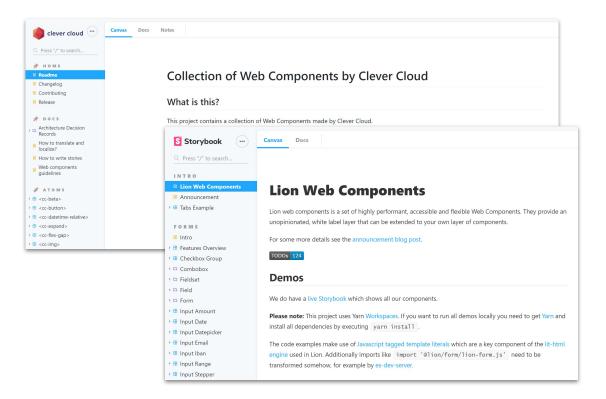
For different needs and sensibilities

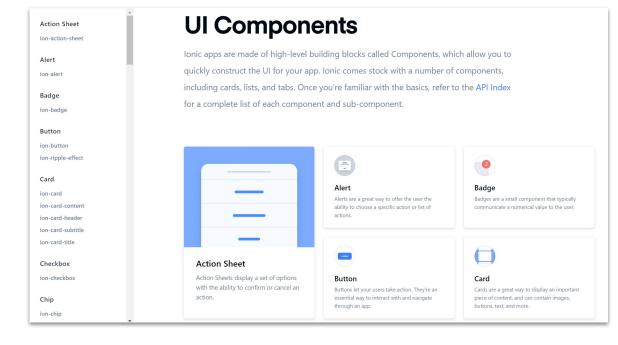




Which ones to use?











All are good, but these are popular favorites







Driving-up adoption

Making devs use your components











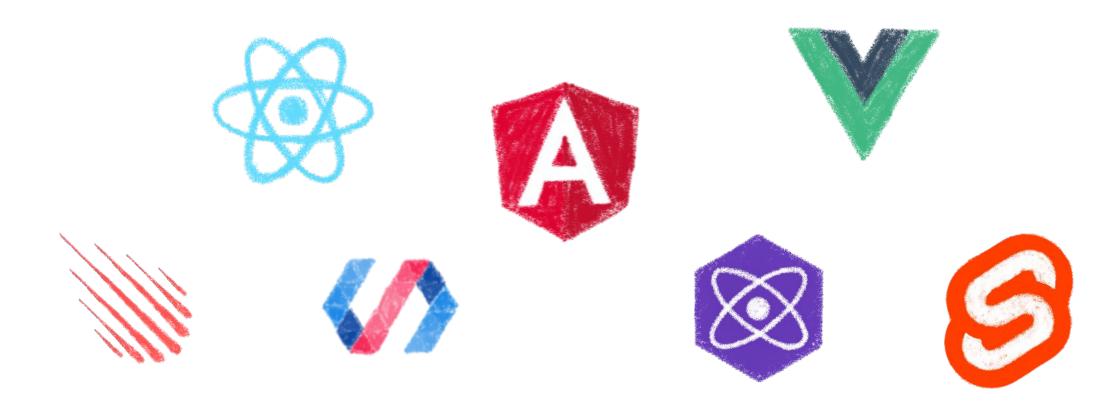






Think who are your target users





Users of any framework current or future...





They aren't used to your library



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                                                                                                                                                                                             □ ...
                                                       import { Component, Prop, h } from '@stencil/core';
        OPEN EDITORS
                                                      import { format } from '../../utils/utils';
        X & my-component.tsx src/components/my-com...
                                                      @Component({
                                                        tag: 'my-component',
                                                        styleUrl: 'my-component.css',
        > dist
        > node modules
                                                      export class MyComponent {
                                                10
                                                11
                                                         * The first name
          # my-component.css
                                                12
          TS my-component.e2e.ts
                                                13
                                                        @Prop() first: string;
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          (i) readme.md
                                                15
                                                         * The middle name
         > utils
         TS components.d.ts
                                                        @Prop() middle: string:
         index.html
                                                19
         TS index ts
                                                20
        > www.
                                                21
                                                         * The last name
                                                22
        d editorconfig
                                                23
                                                        @Prop() last: string;
        .gitignore
        R LICENSE
                                                        private getText(): string {
        {} package-lock.json
                                                26
                                                         return format(this.first, this.middle, this.last);
        {} package.json
                                                27
        (i) readme.md
                                                28
        TS stencil.config.ts
                                                29
                                                30
                                                         return <div>Hello, World! I'm {this.getText()}</div>;
        tsconfig.json
                                                31
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       OUTLINE
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       NPM SCRIPTS
```



And they shouldn't need to be

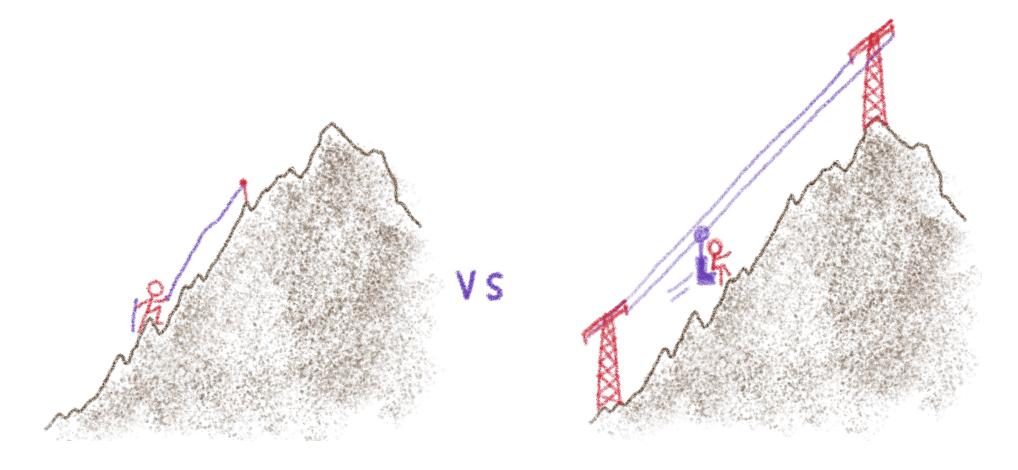






Go the extra mile to drive up adoption





So they don't need to do it



Make it easy to use



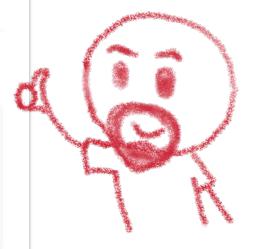
How to install

```
npm i @lion/<package-name>
```

How to use

Use a Web Component

```
<script type="module">
   import '@lion/input/lion-input.js';
</script>
input name="firstName"></lion-input>
```



As easy as a HTML tag





Document every composant



Input IBAN lion-input-iban component is based on the generic text input field. Its purpose is to provide a way for users to fill in an IBAN (International Bank Account Number). import { html } from 'lit-html'; import { loadDefaultFeedbackMessages } from '@lion/validate-messages'; import { IsCountryIBAN } from './src/validators.js'; import './lion-input-iban.js'; export default { title: 'Forms/Input Iban', loadDefaultFeedbackMessages(); export const main = () => { return html` <lion-input-iban label="Account" name="account"></lion-input-iban> `;

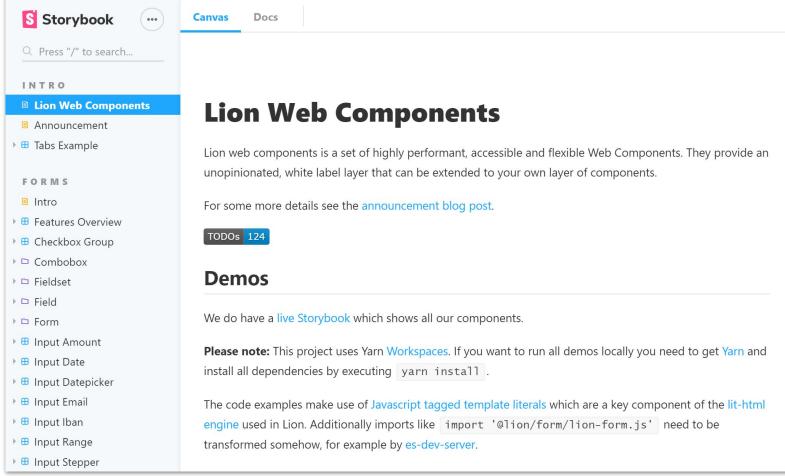
How to use, inputs/outputs, examples...





Documentation isn't enough







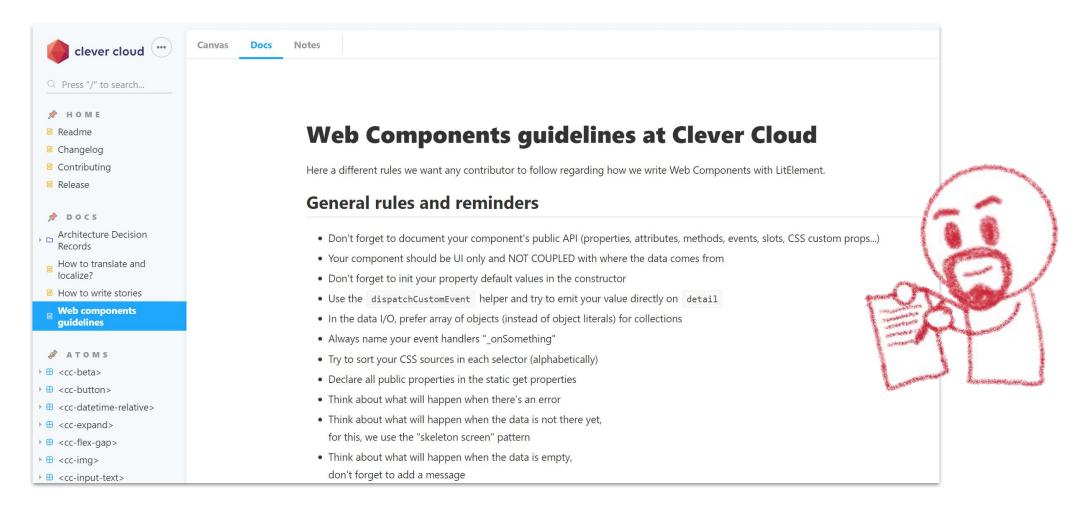


Storybook make adoption easy



Keeping a coherent writing style





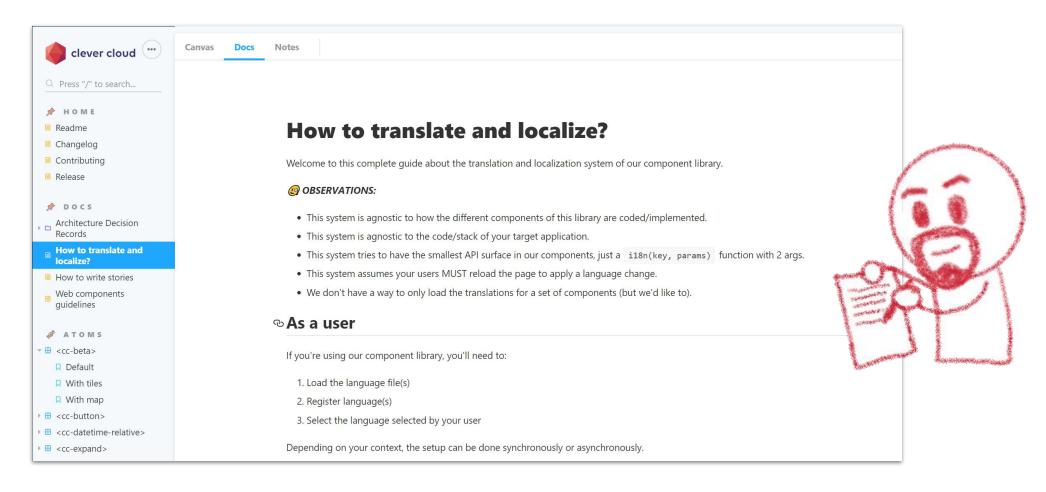
Write down your guidelines





118n shouldn't be an afterthought





Prepare everything for internationalization









That's all, folks!

Thank you all!



