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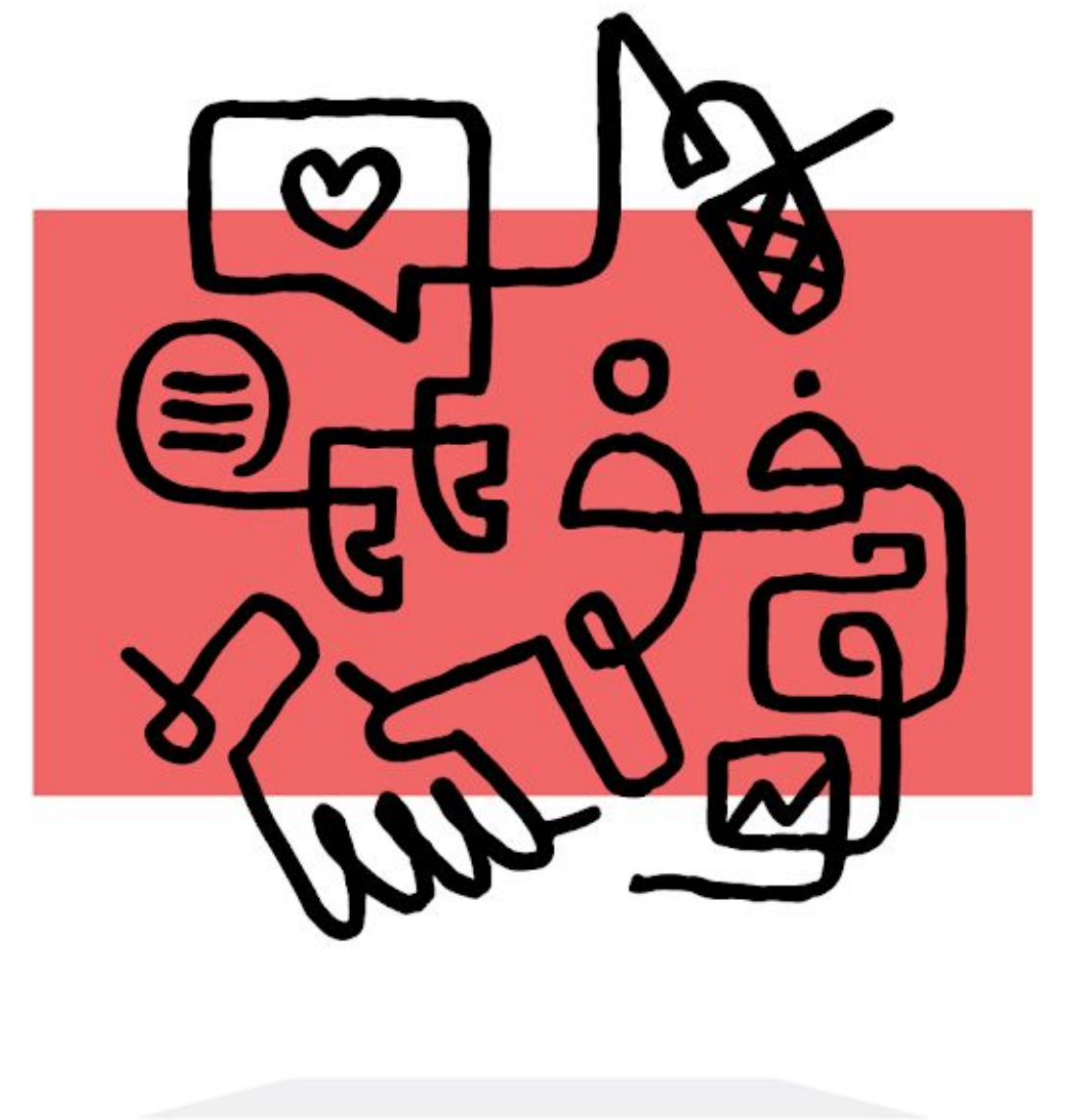
# HTML isn't done



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PM for Google Chrome  
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Greg Whitworth  
PM for Microsoft Edge  
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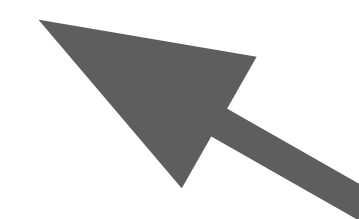
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# Edge & Chrome form control collaboration

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Buh-bye  
1990s  
gradients!

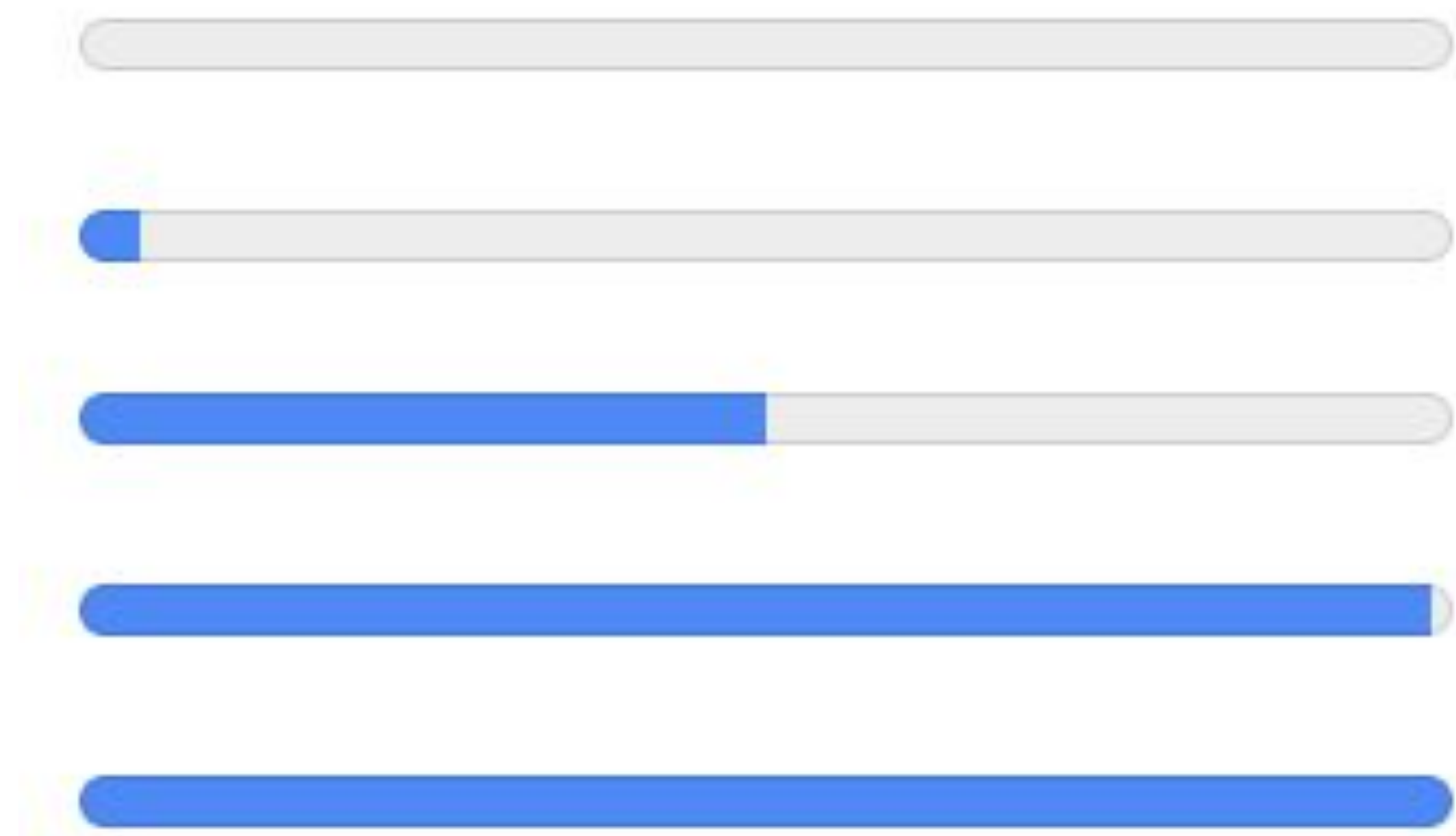




# Visual Refresh & Accessibility upgrade

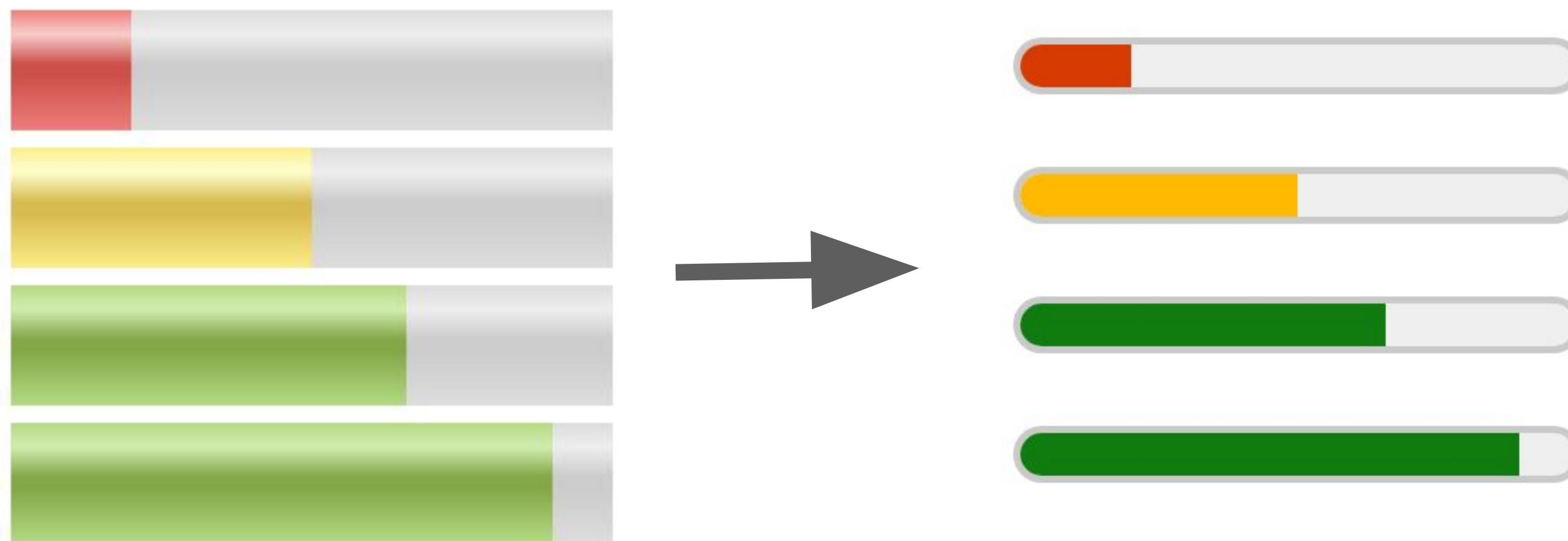
A starting point for deeper changes!





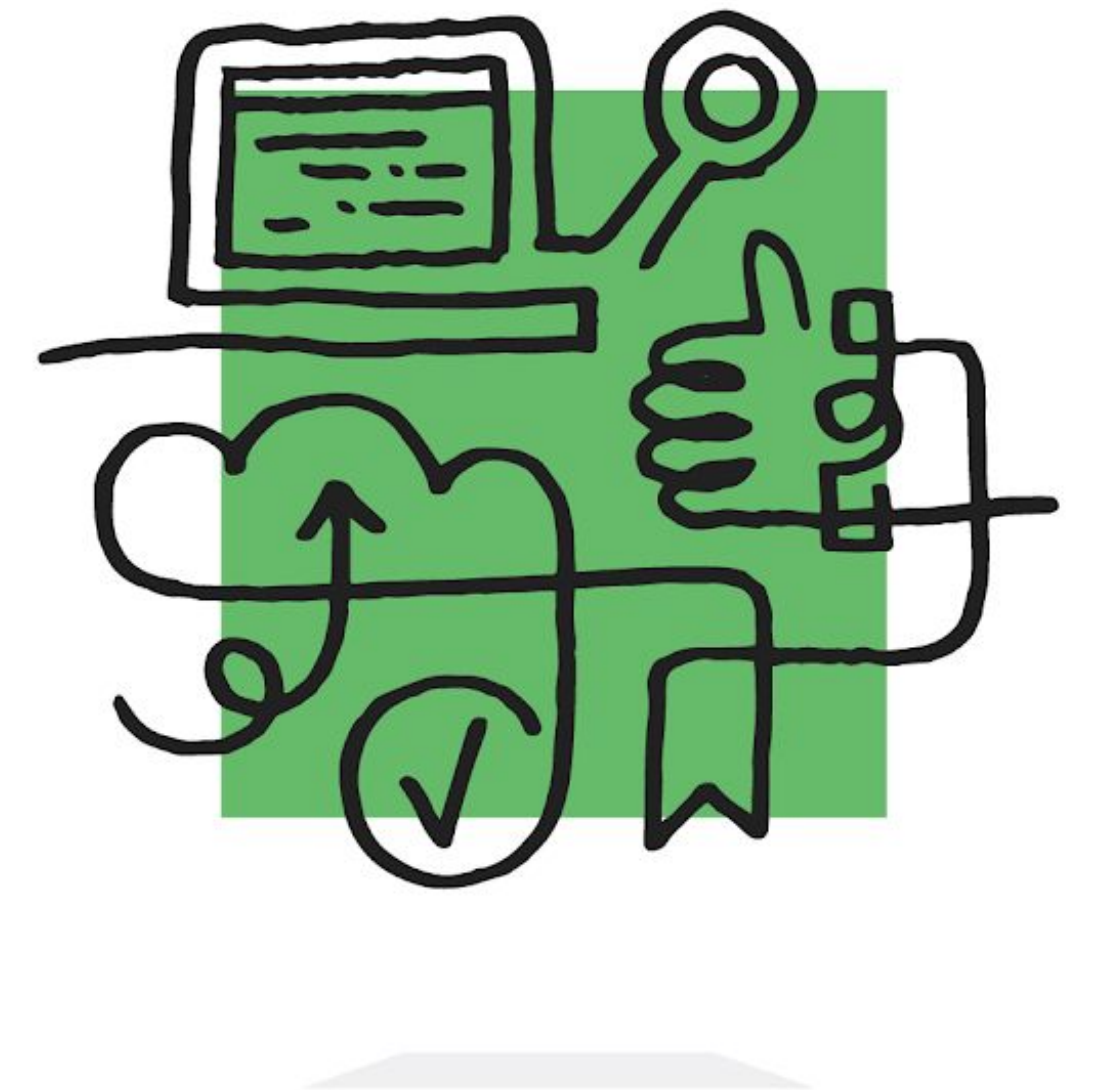
The `<progress>`  
element was already  
fairly modern

# The `<meter>` before & after



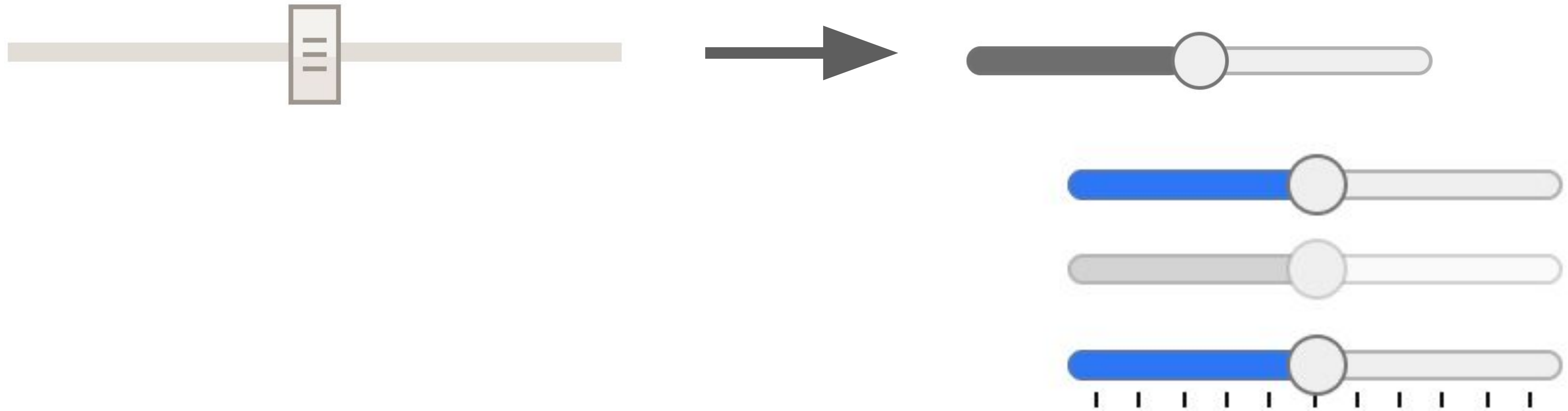
You are going to want to check these out. Enable the **Web Platform Controls update UI** flag.

`about://flags`

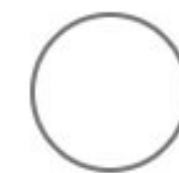




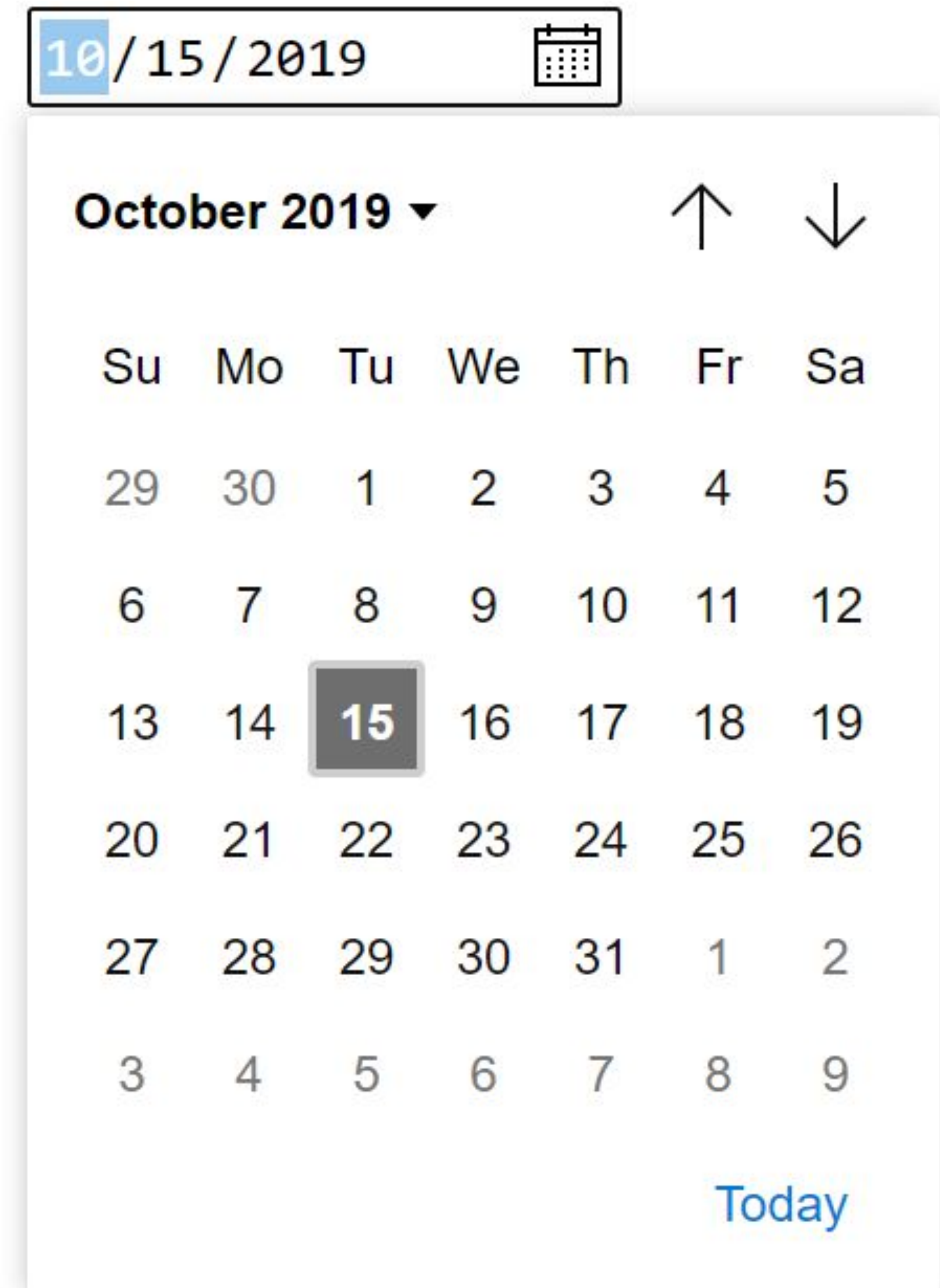
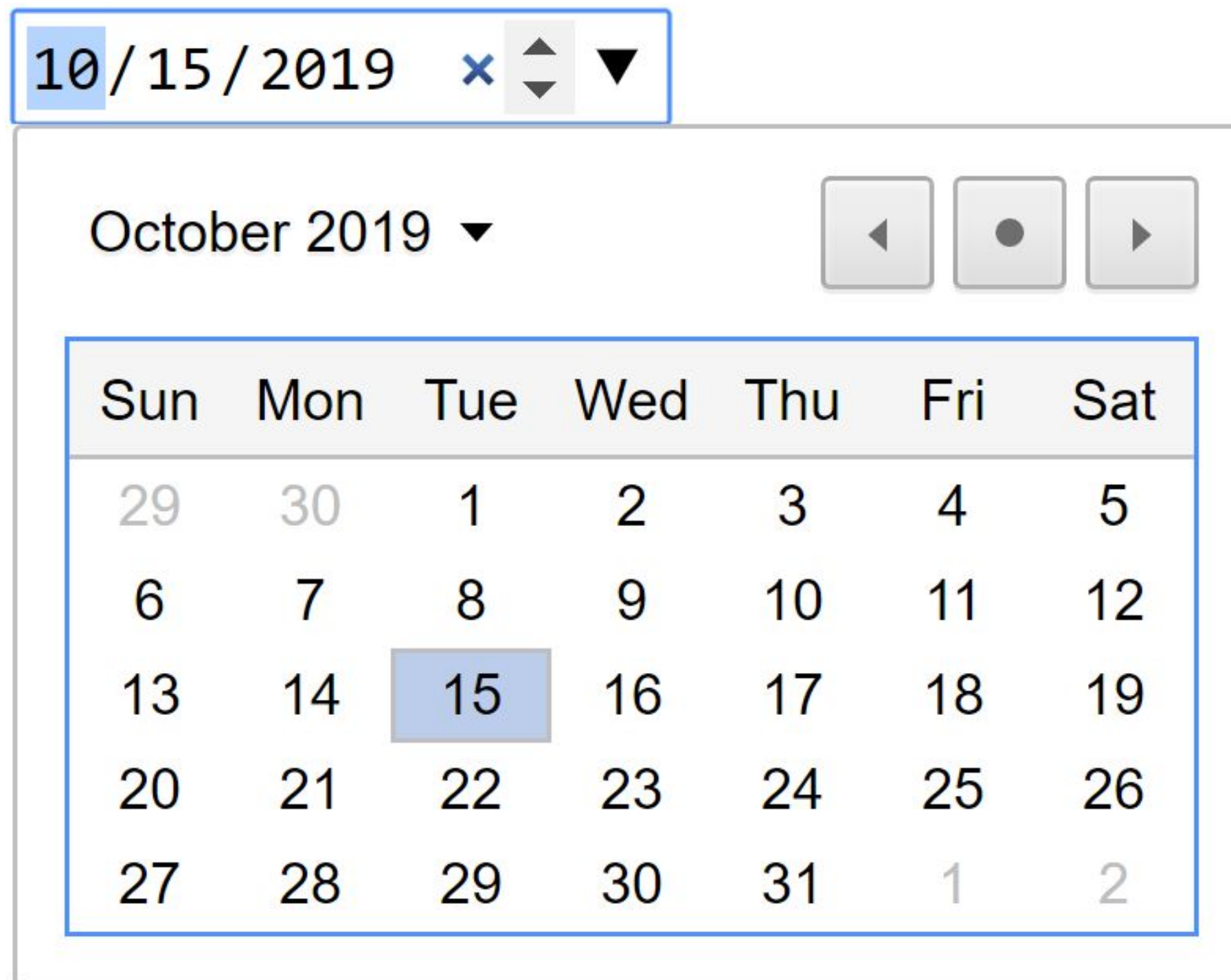
The `<range>` also needed some love.





`<checkbox>` and `<radio>` are  
the workhorses of the web




# Date





# Time

10:30 AM  



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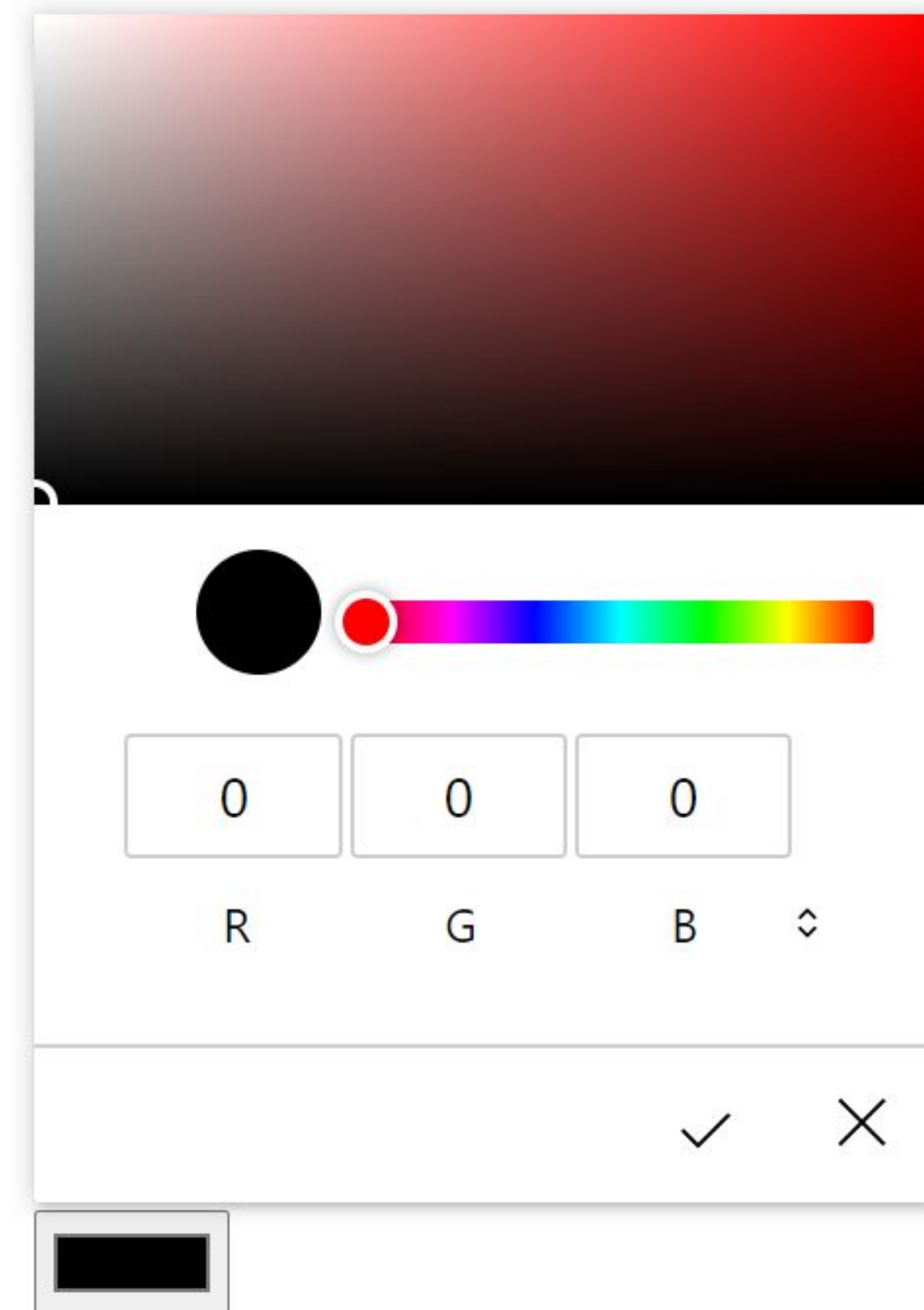
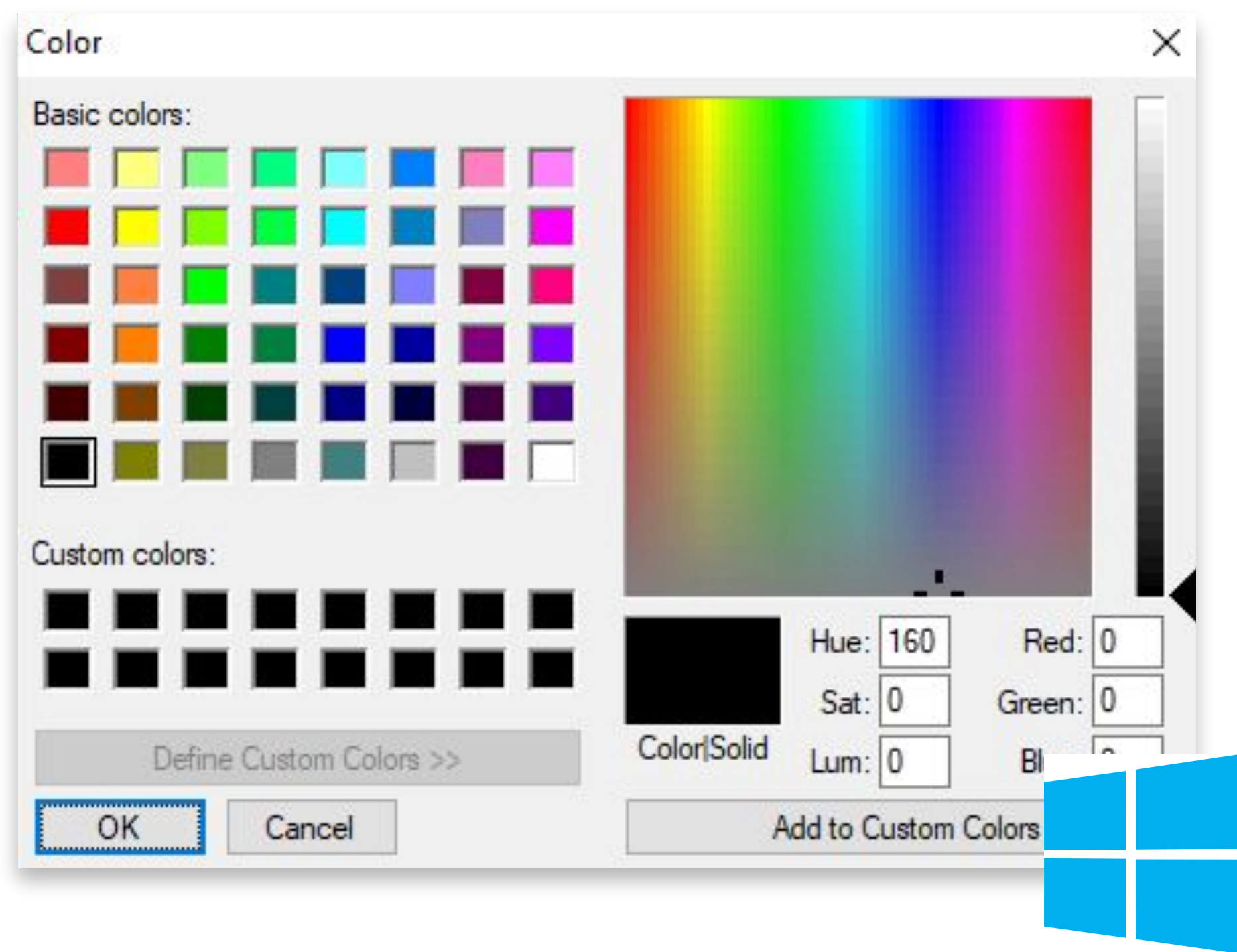


# Using inclusive design from the start

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# Color picker & keyboard navigation





# High contrast mode on Windows



@media (forced-colors: *active*)



forced-color-adjust: *auto* | *none*

36 a11y commits to  
improve form controls





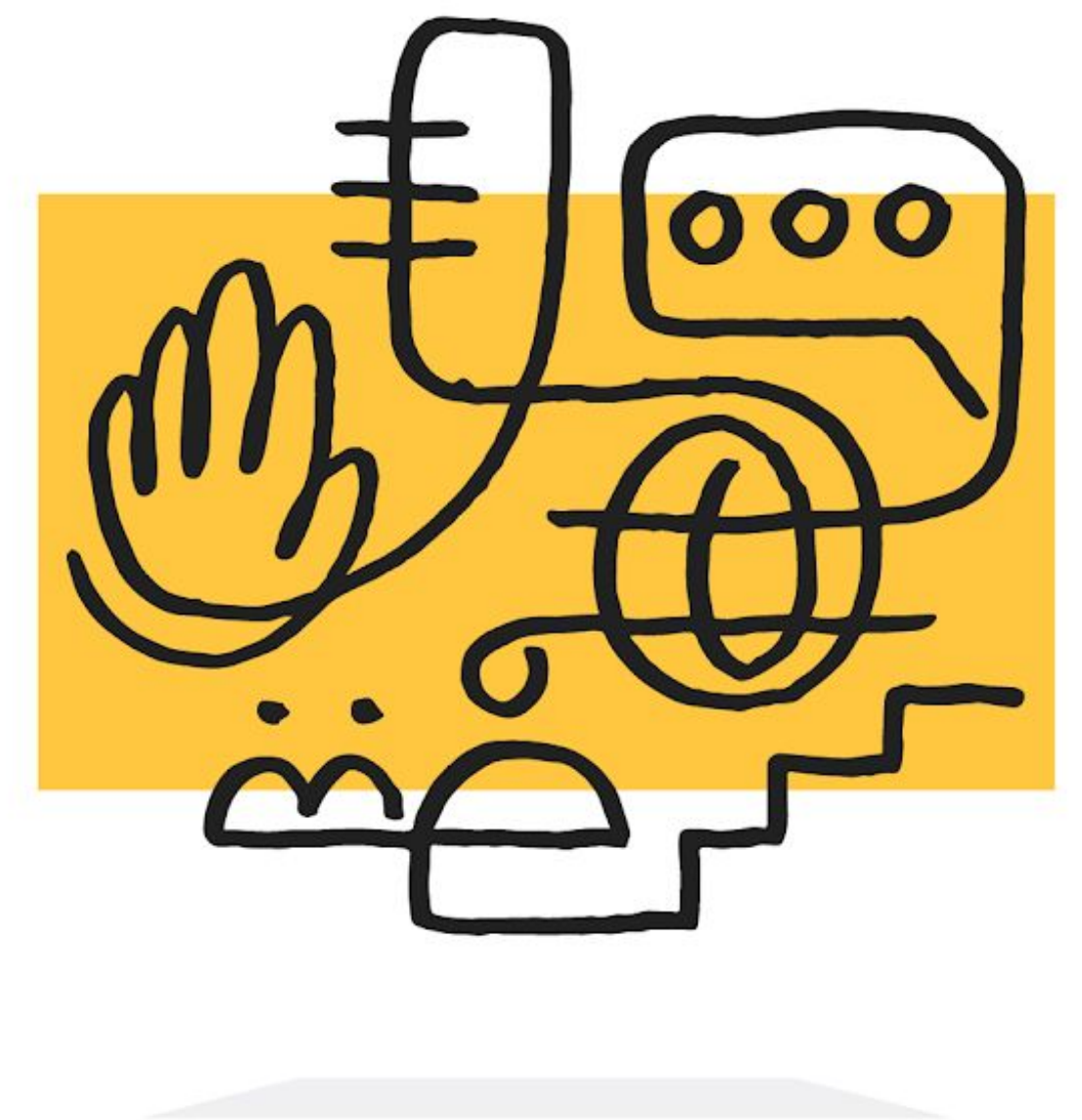
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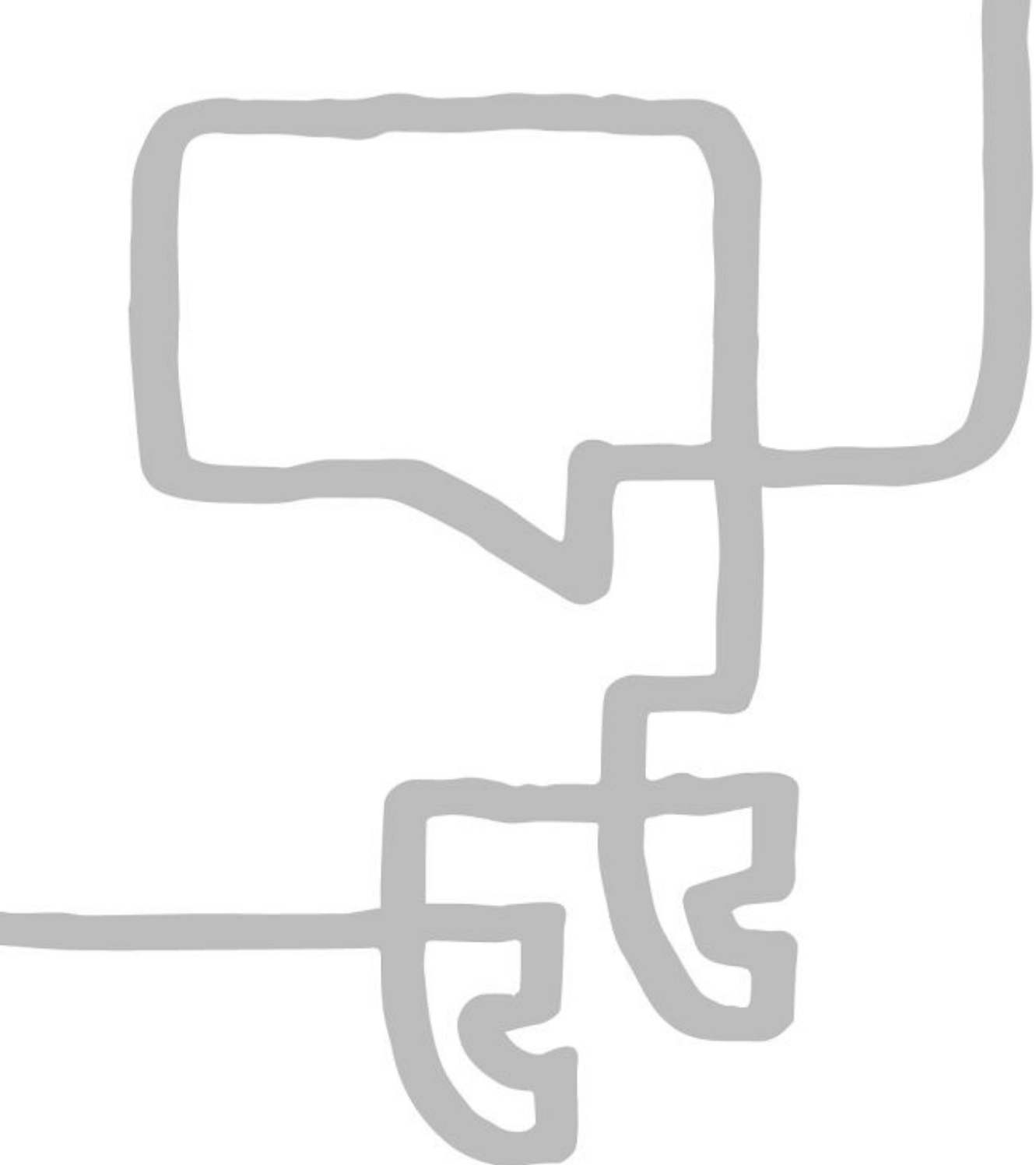
# We want to build things web developers will use

Currently form elements are not used as much as they could be.

We wanted to understand why?







“Right now it is often easier  
to build form components  
**from scratch**...than it is to  
**modify the style** of the  
form controls themselves”

– *Web Developer*

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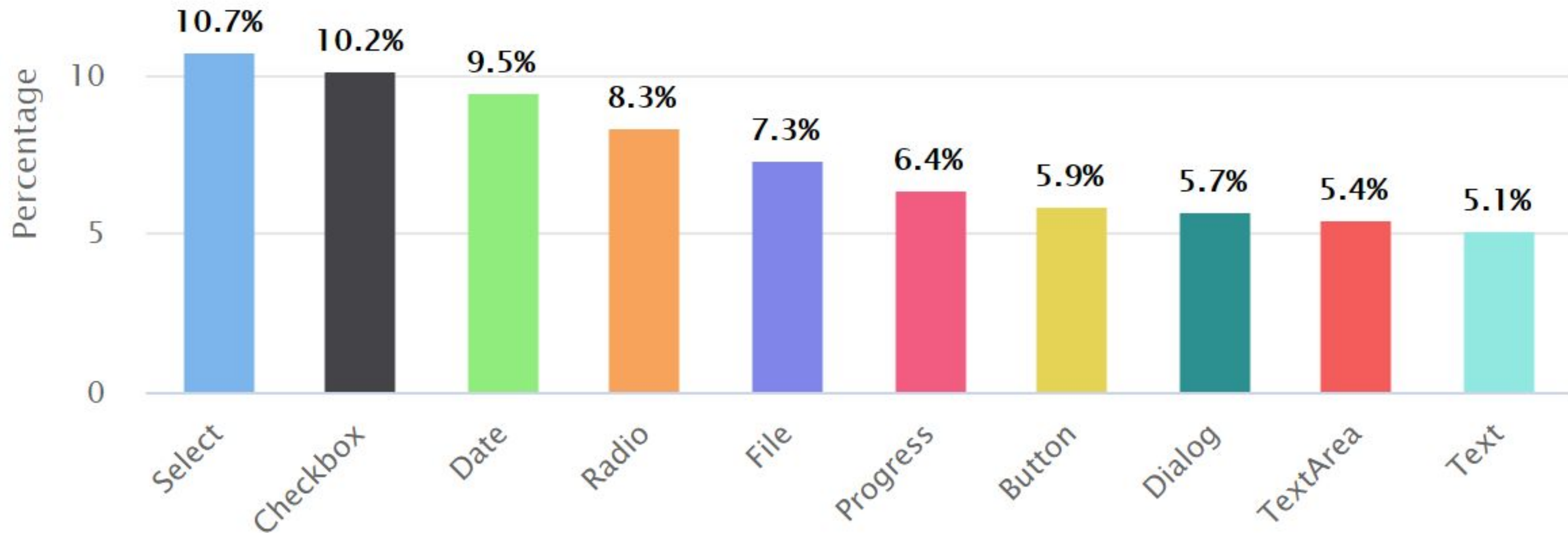
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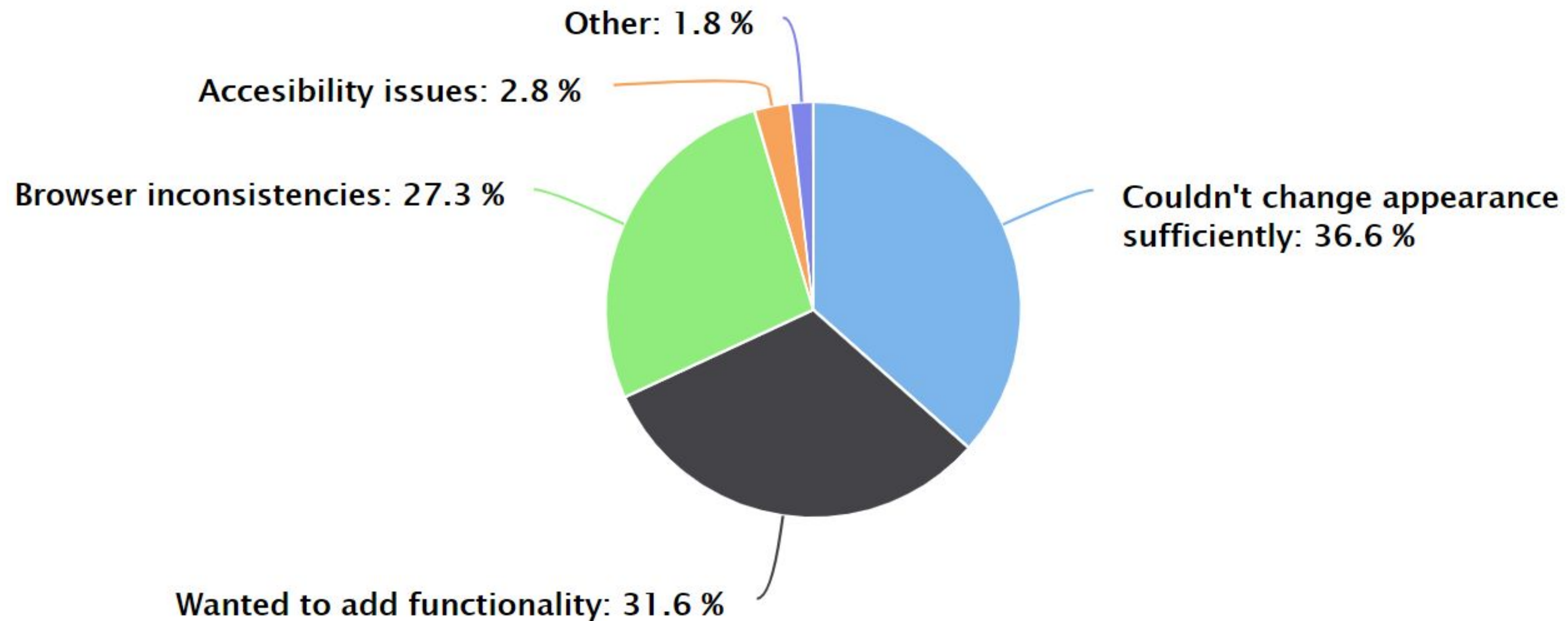
We wanted to  
understand why form  
elements are  
recreated?

# Top 10 form controls re-created by web developers



Source: [gwhitworth.com](https://gwhitworth.com)

# Why do web developers recreate form controls?



We heard you.

This is why we'll focus  
on stylability next

`select checkbox radio`



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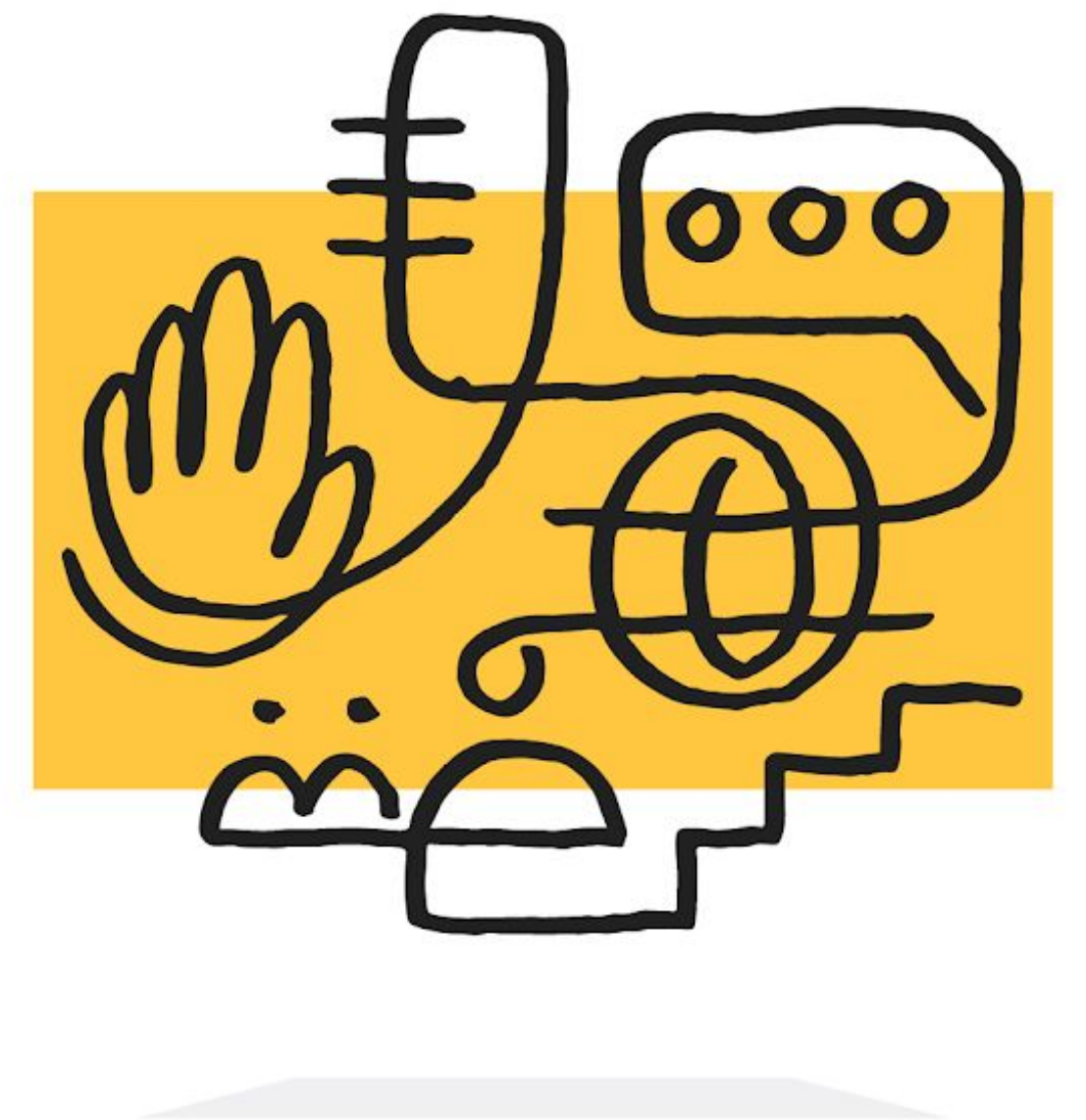
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# Normalized values are painful for frameworks.

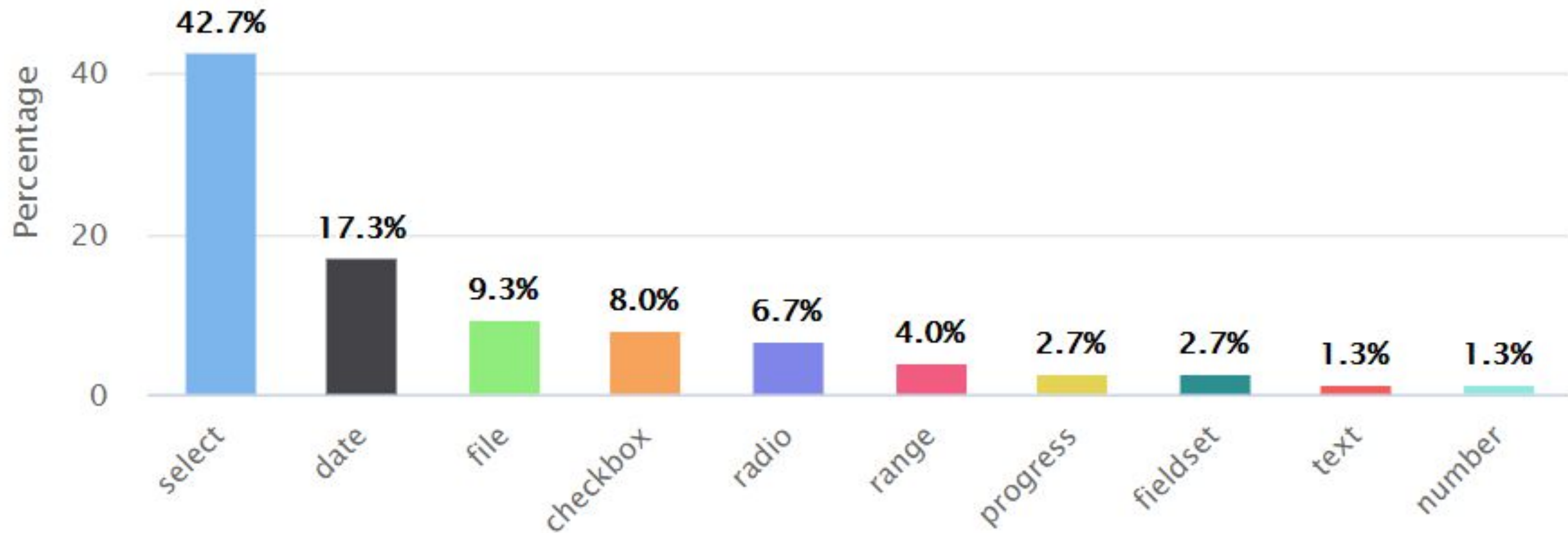
We got a bunch of codepens from the React DOM team

3. != 3



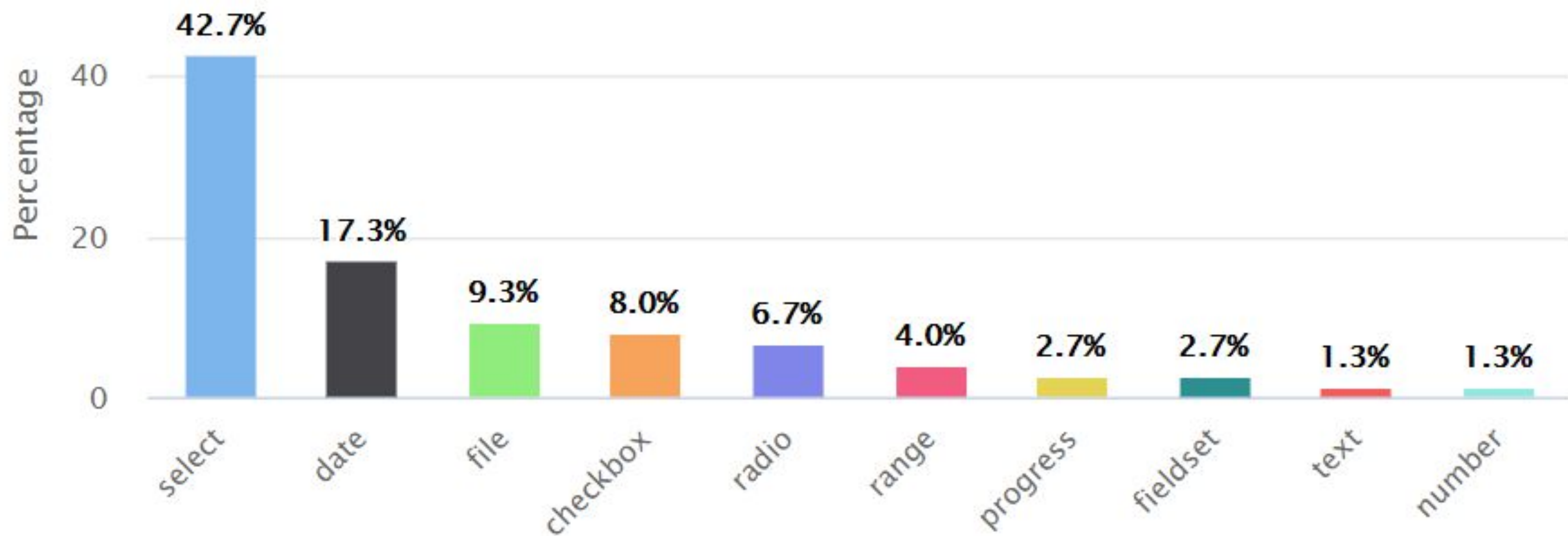
Which form elements  
give you the most  
frustration?

# You kinda hate the **select** element



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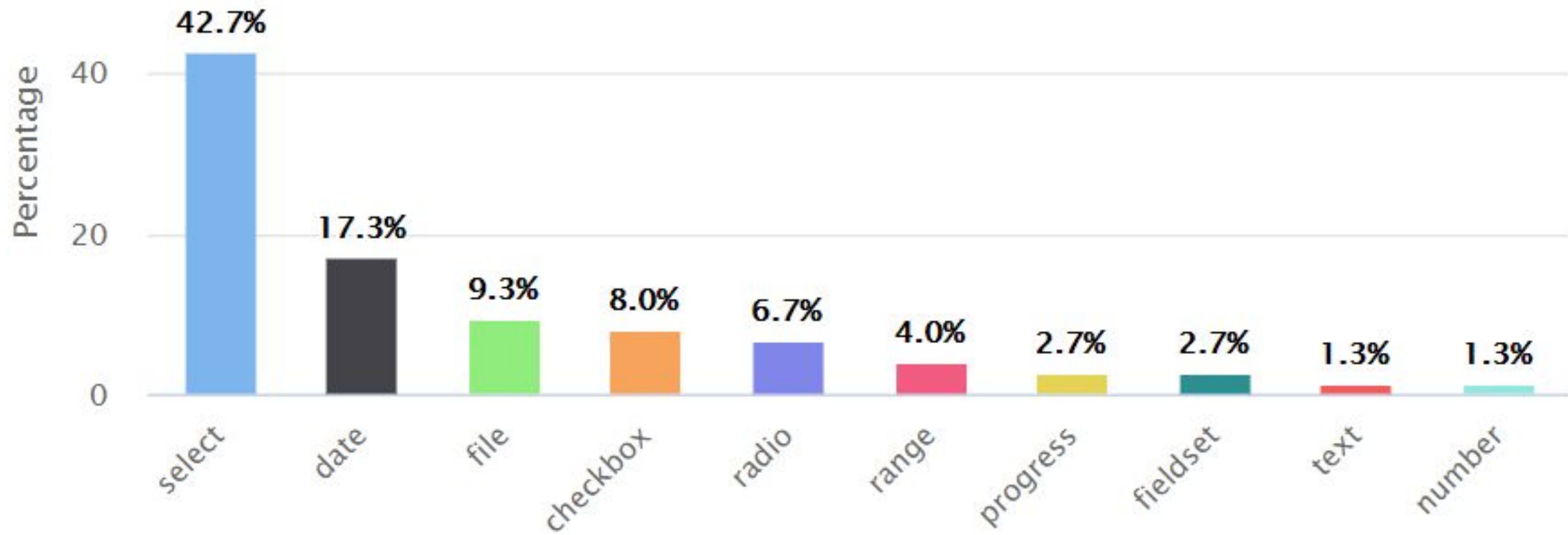
# And the **date** picker



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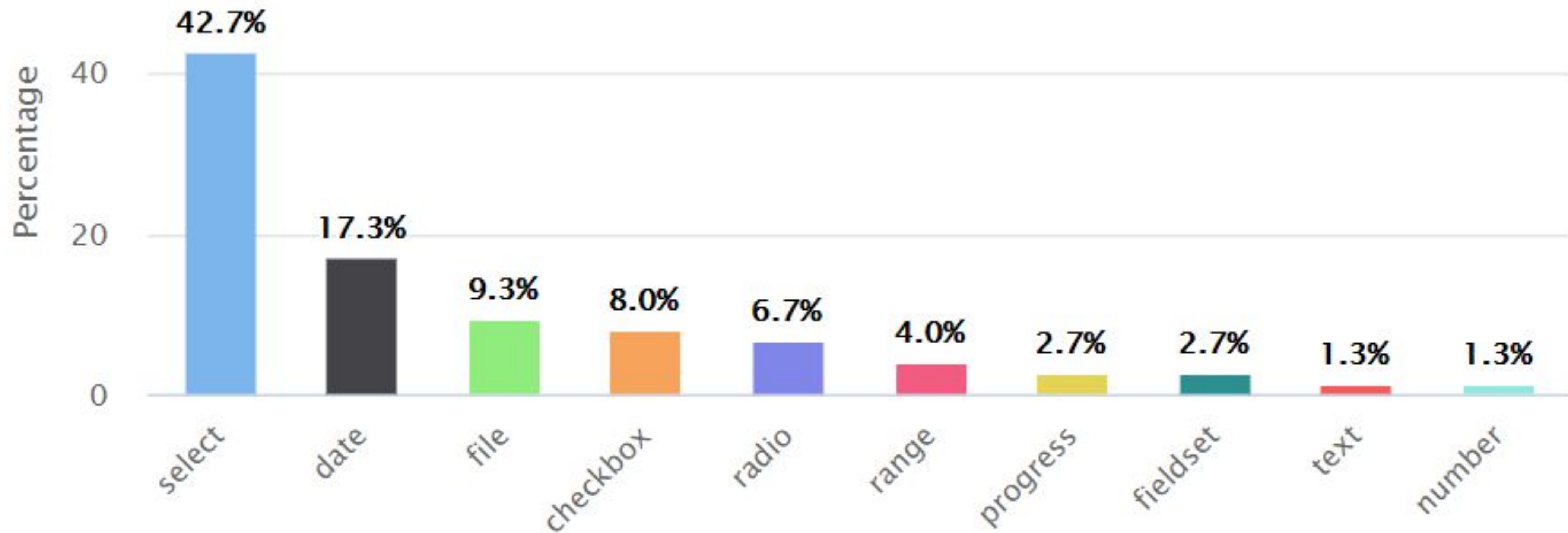
# And **file**



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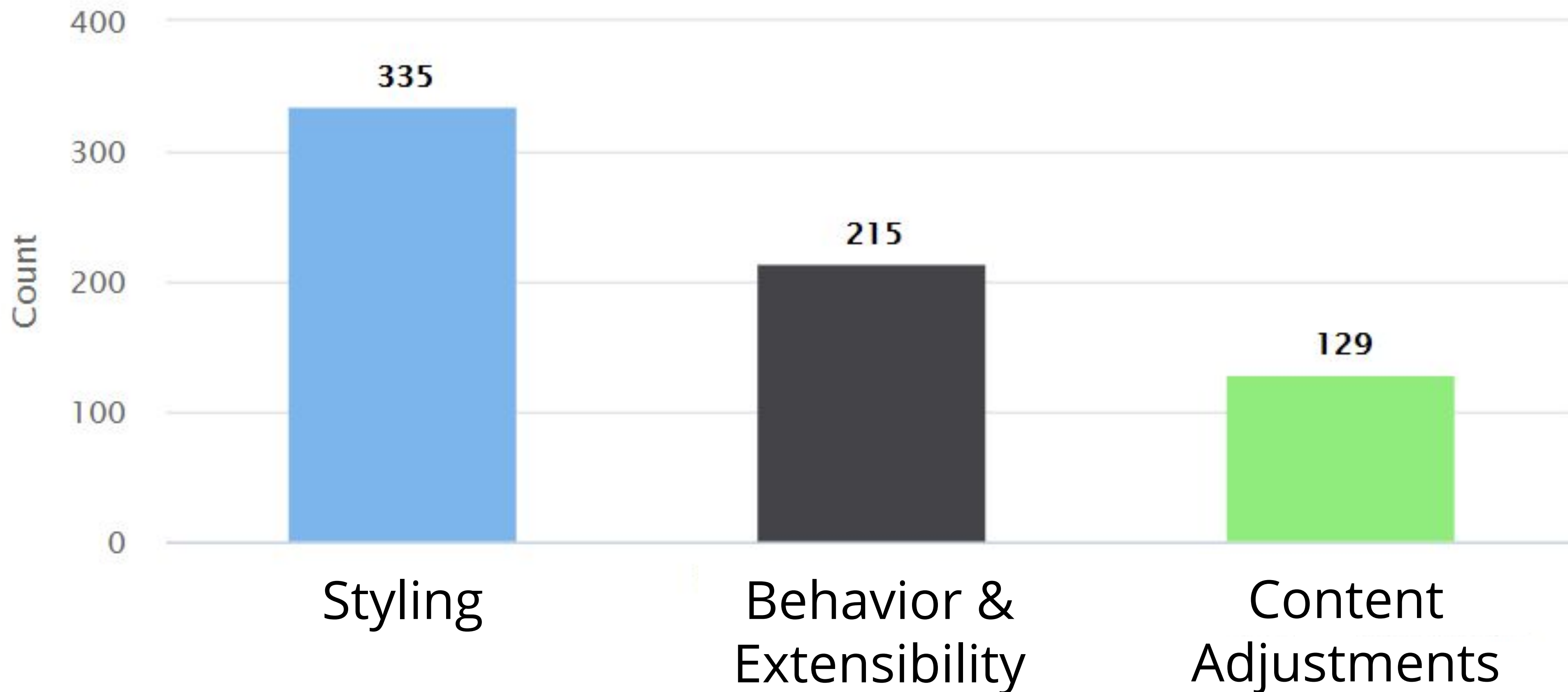


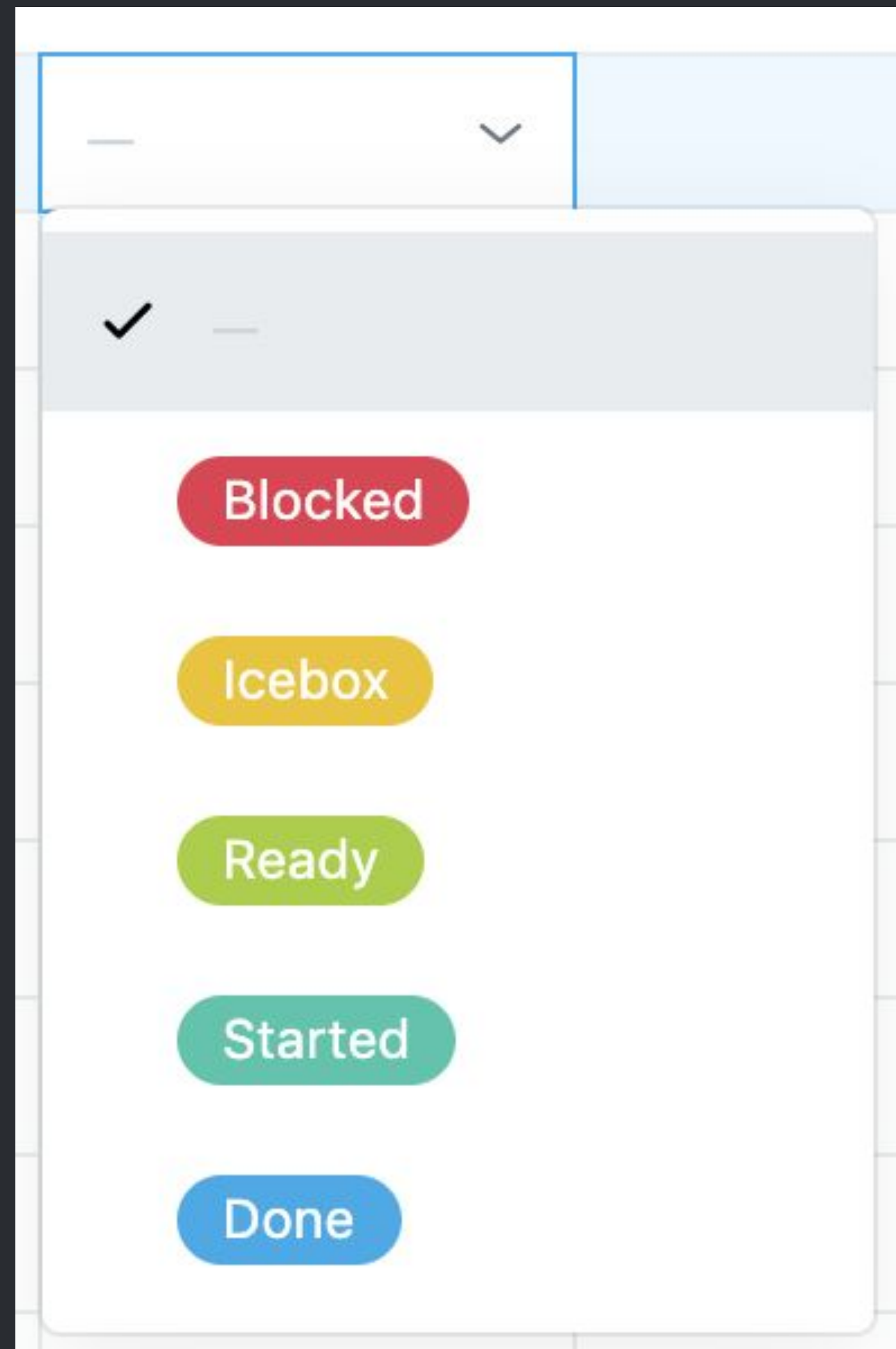
# And the **checkbox** and **radio** elements



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# What really gets your goat about **select**?





Next  
generation  
<select>

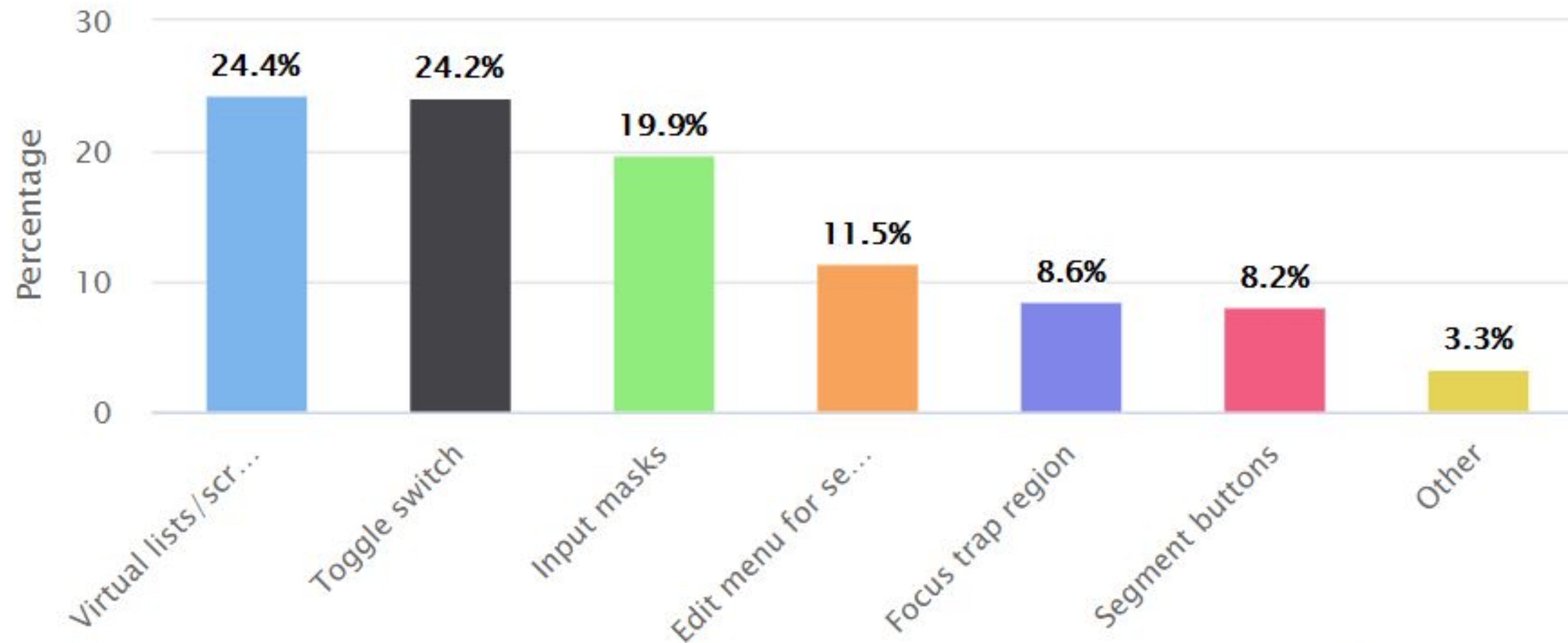


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# Most requested native controls:

## **<virtual-list>** & **<toggle-switch>**



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# Virtual scrollers

The most requested new  
component



# Pete Hunt reminds us to build a virtual list... every year... since 2015



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@floydophone

your yearly reminder that it's 2015 and we still don't have UITableView (foundation of most apps w/ a feed) in the browser



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Replying to [@brianleroux](#)

- still no UITableView in the browser



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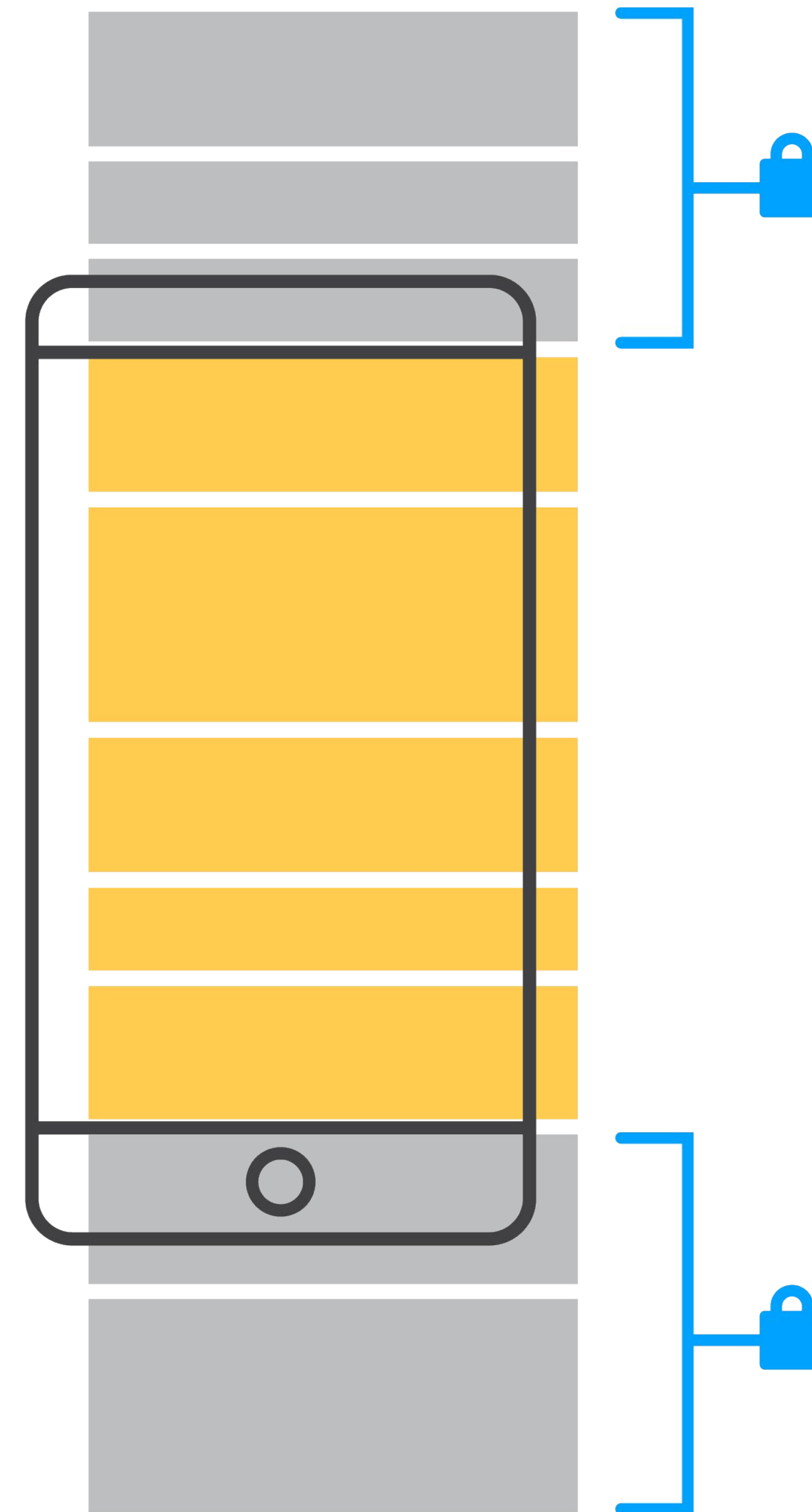
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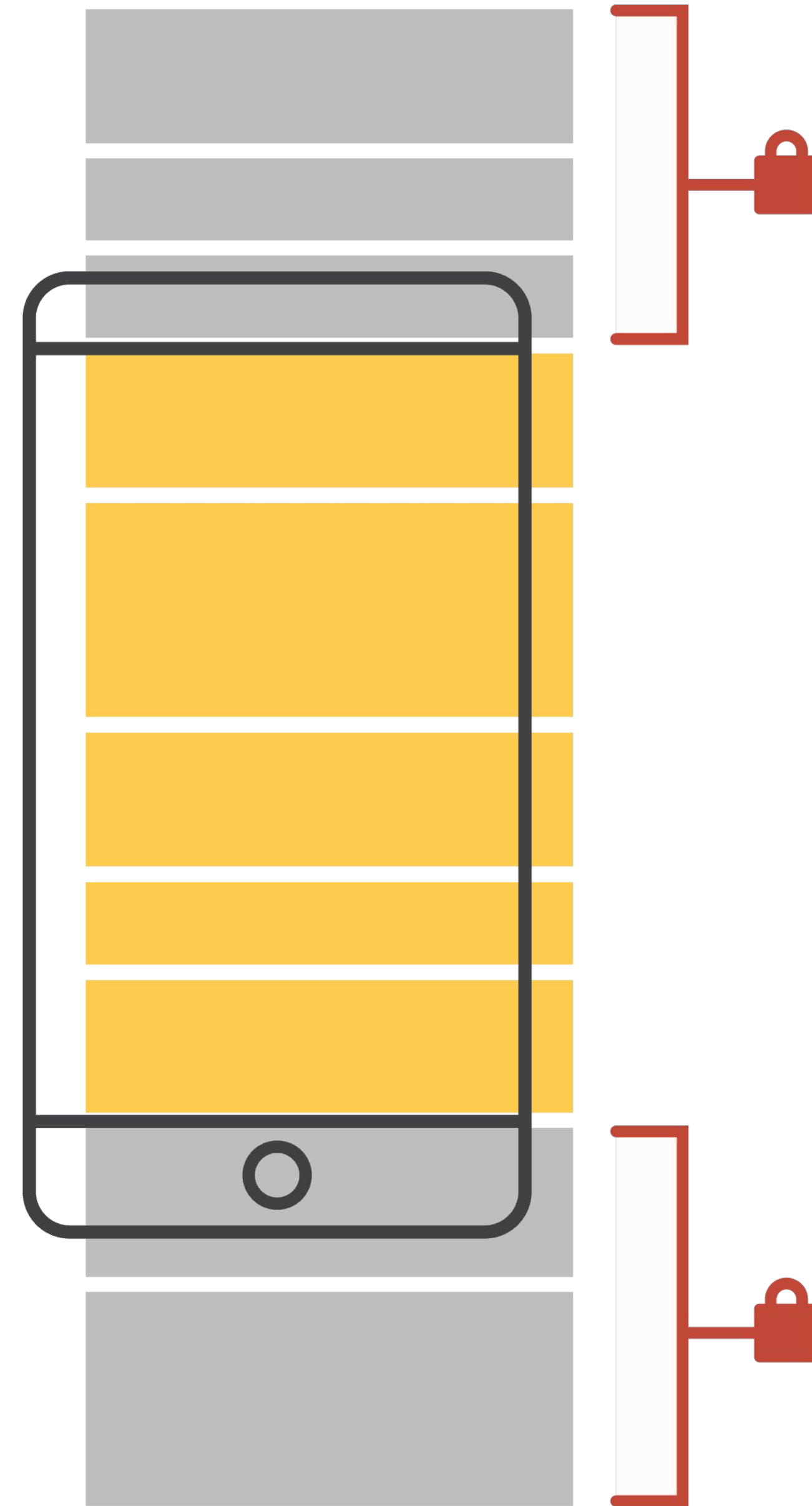
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Allows developers to semantically express the off/on state.

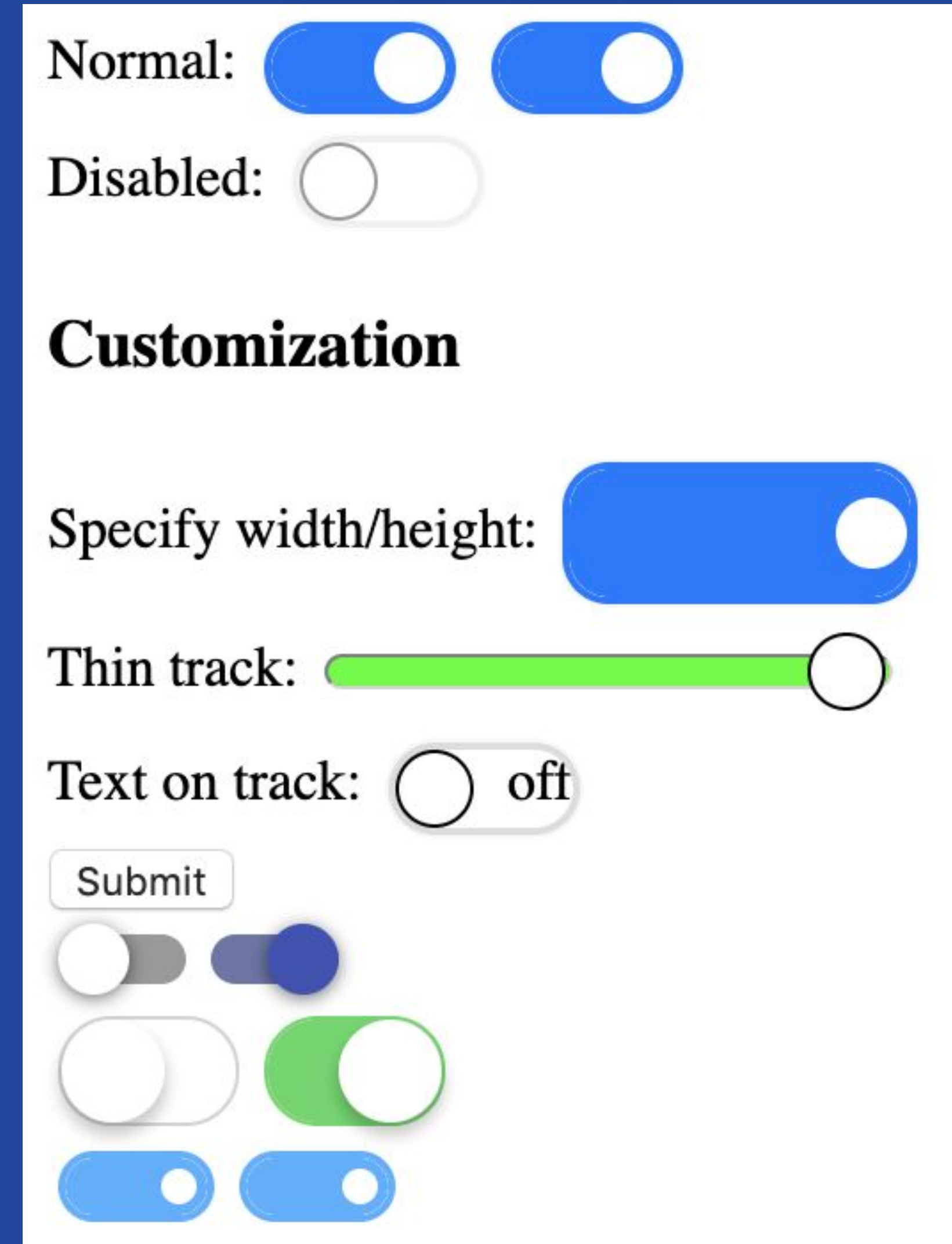




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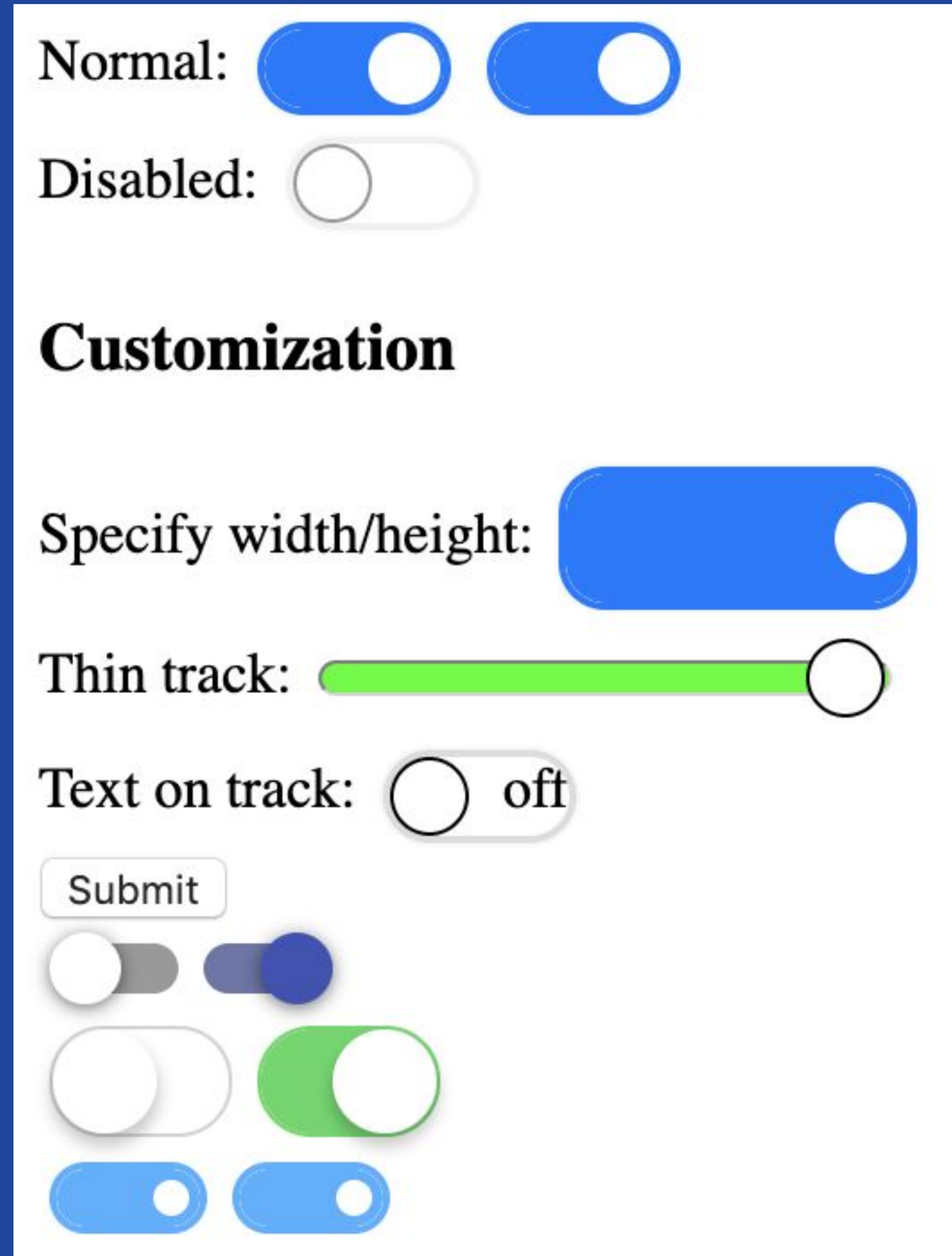
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# Three low level APIs & improvements

- Form-associated custom elements
- Custom element a11y
- Focusable custom elements

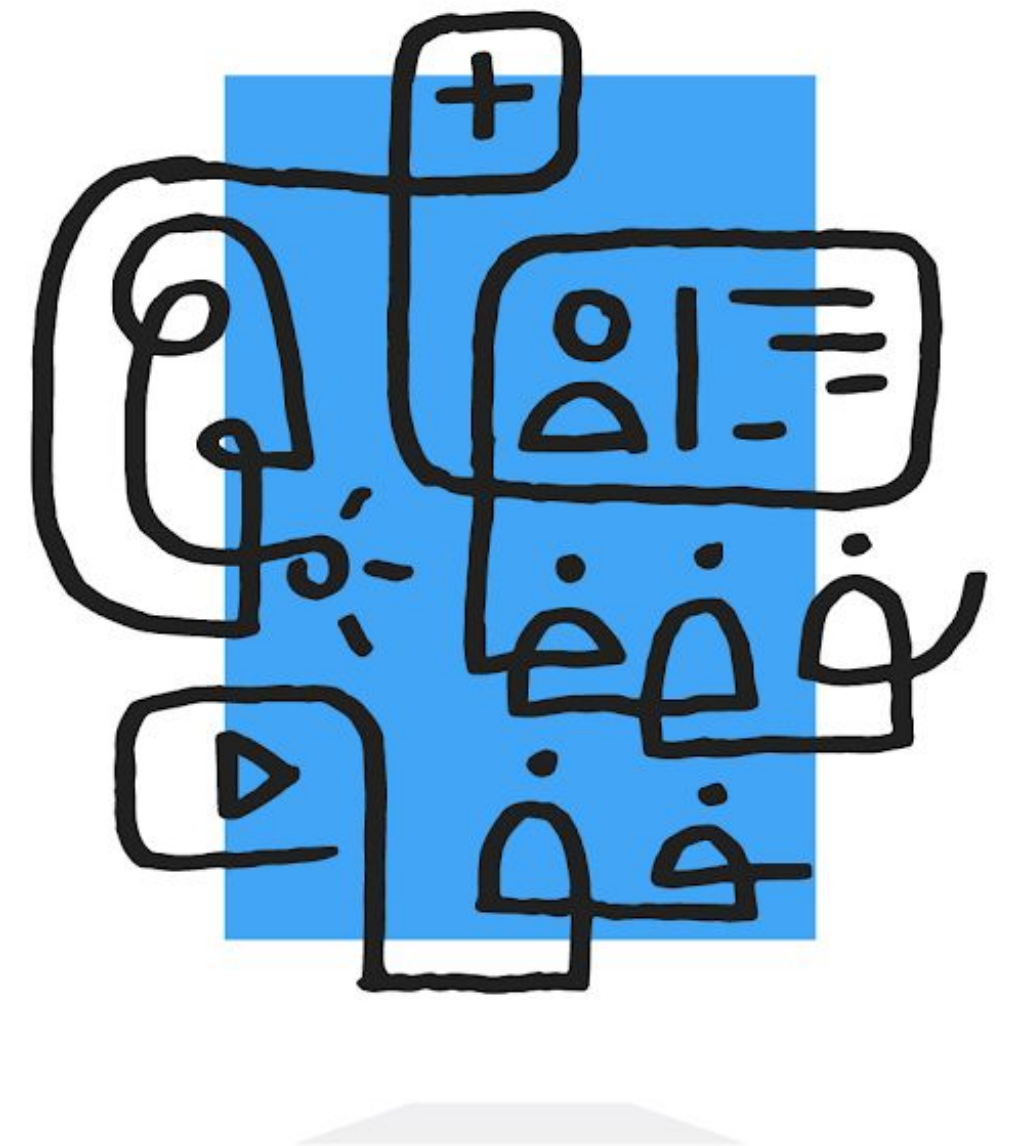




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URL

#HTMLisNotDone



wicg.io



Open UI

[open-ui.org](https://open-ui.org)



<https://bugs.chromium.org>



# Thank you!



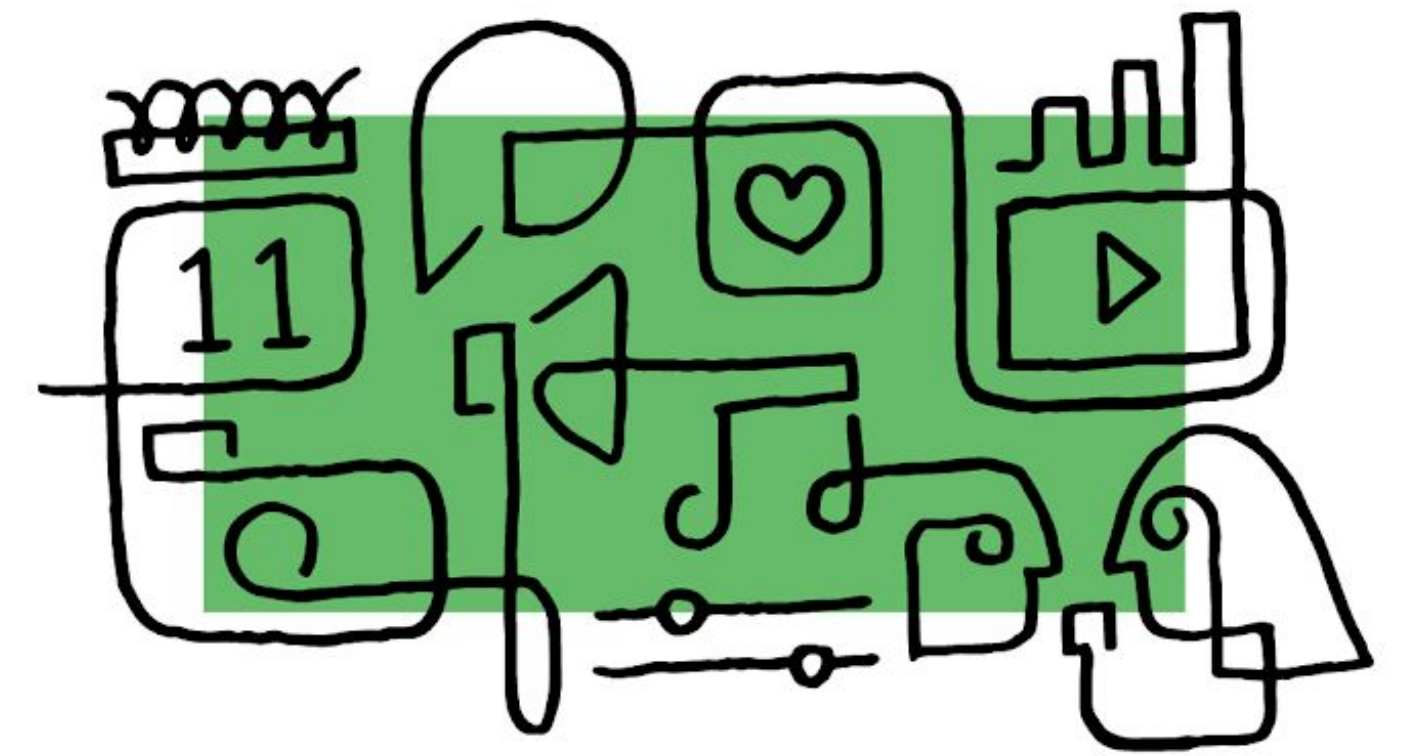
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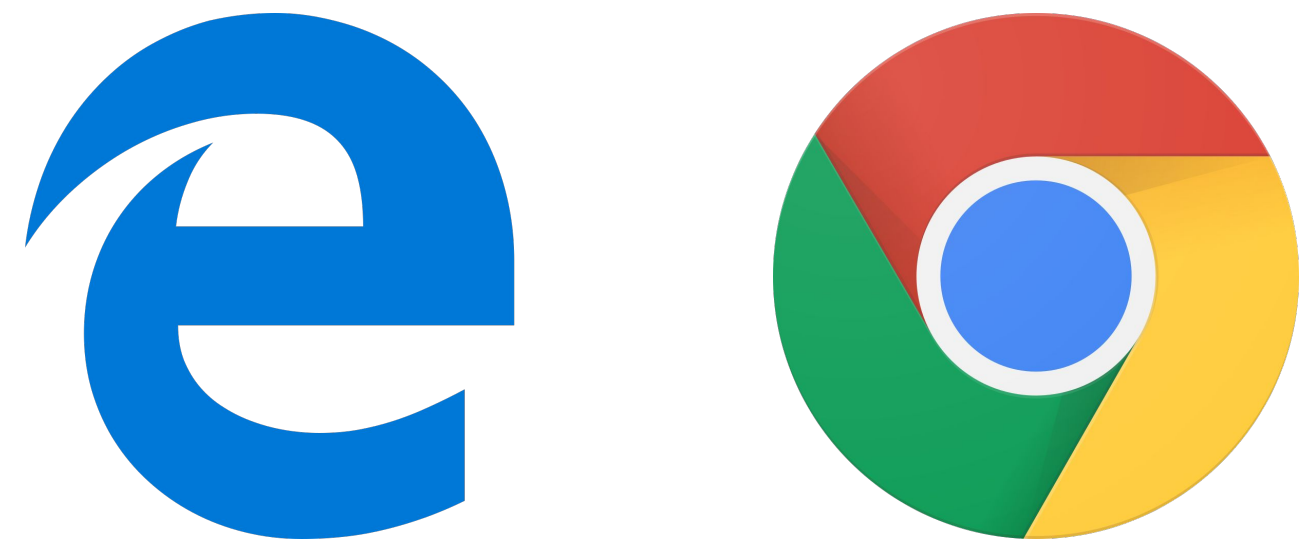




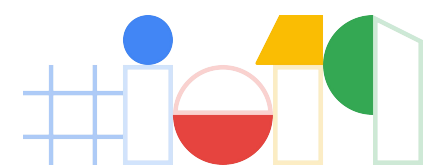
# Controls Refresh

Updating Chromium's default controls

- Modern Appearance
- Touch friendly
- Accessible



Collaborating



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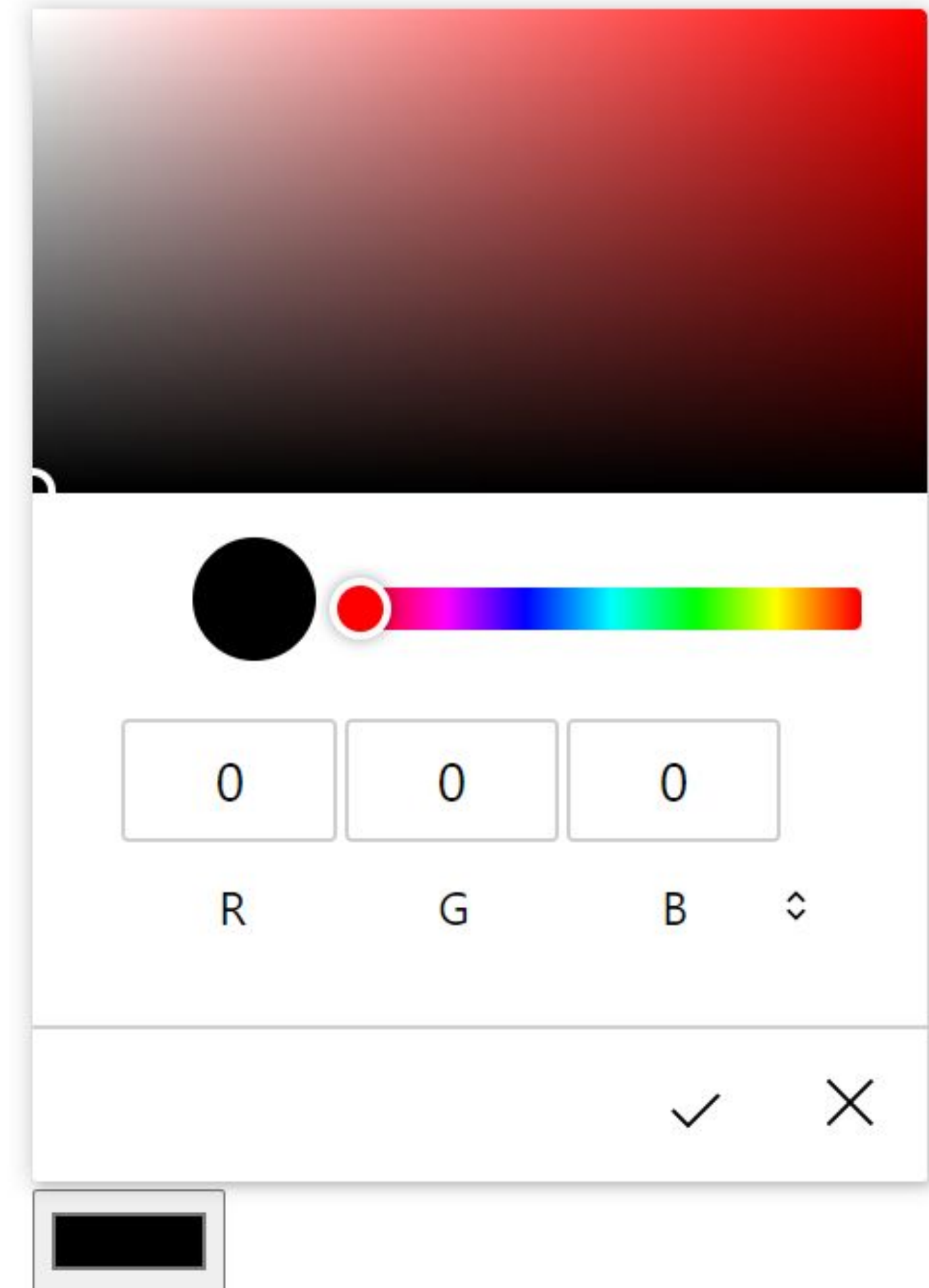
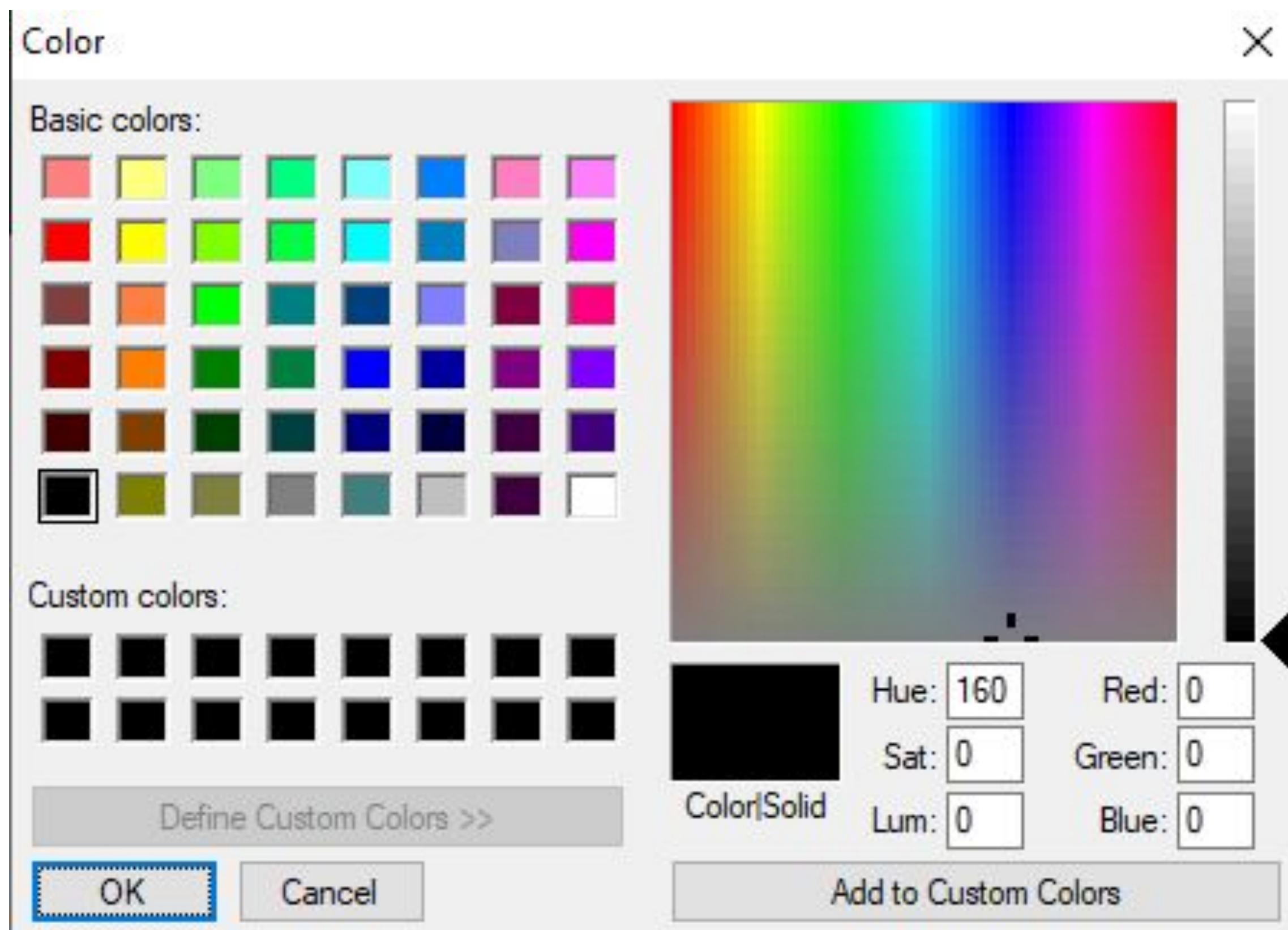
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# Opportunities found



# Is this worth it?

Is improving the controls & components story worth the investment?

- Appearance
- Frequency of bringing/building your own
- Effort it takes to build your own
- Cross browser

# New components. Huzzah!



Current

Upcoming

Radio



Checkbox



Meter



Range





TRY OUT display-lock and  
std-switch CTA



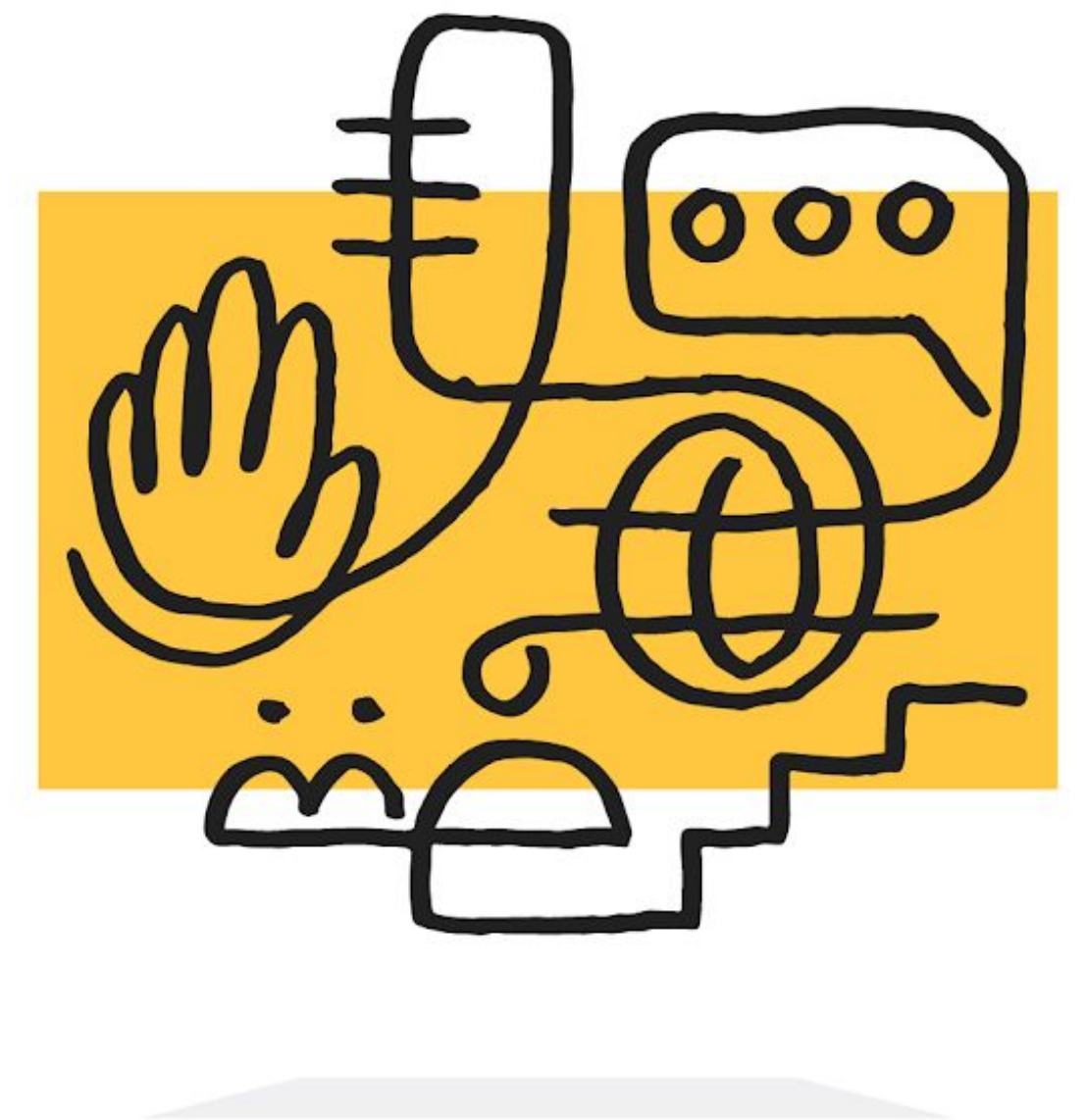
We want your help



Fast  
Slow

While building virtual scrolling  
we realized we had a missing  
platform primitive:  
**Display locking**

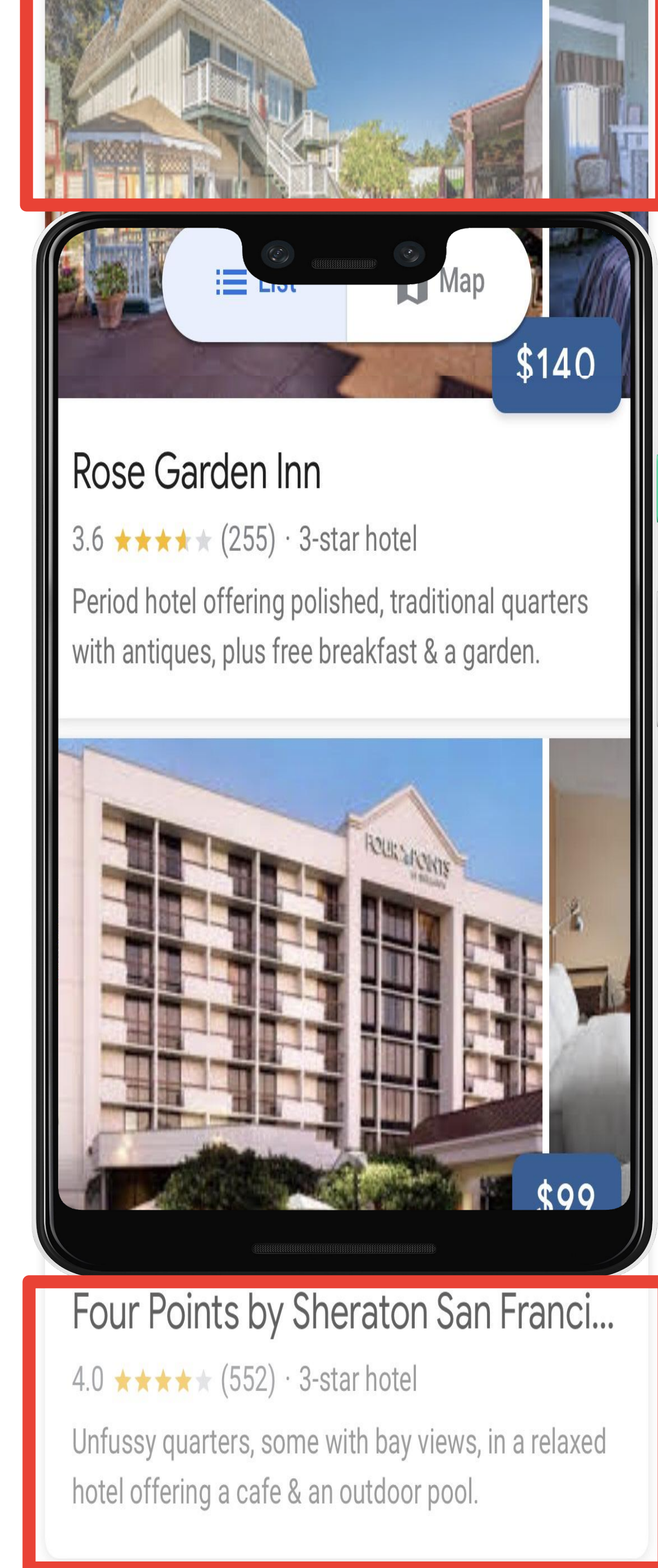
Folks couldn't use find in page with  
regular virtual scrollers because  
the content isn't really in the DOM.





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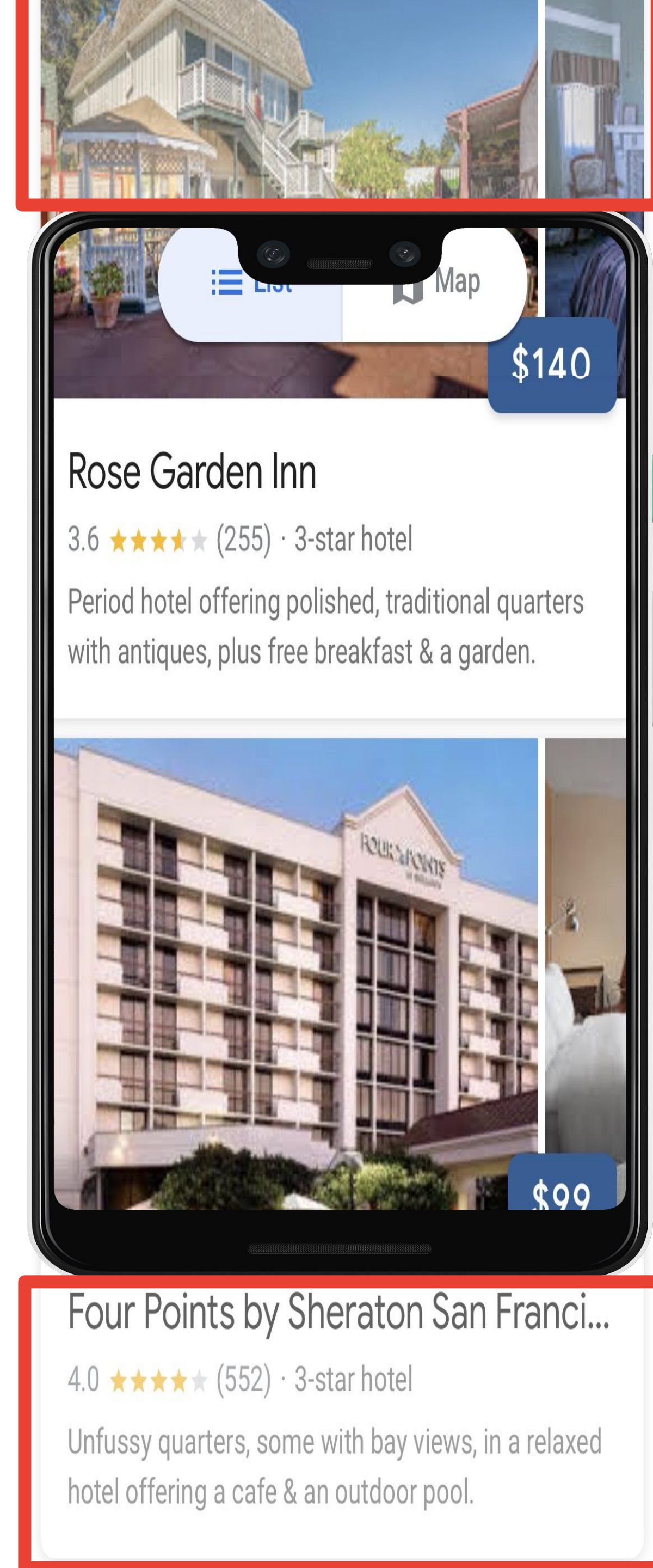
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Normal: ☒ ☒

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# Focusable custom elements

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