

## Design, develop and manage a catalog of Web Components

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#### Who are we?

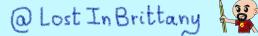
## Introducing myself and introducing OVH OVHcloud











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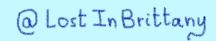














#### **OVHcloud: A global leader**





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

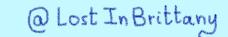


**20 Years in Business** Disrupting since 1999





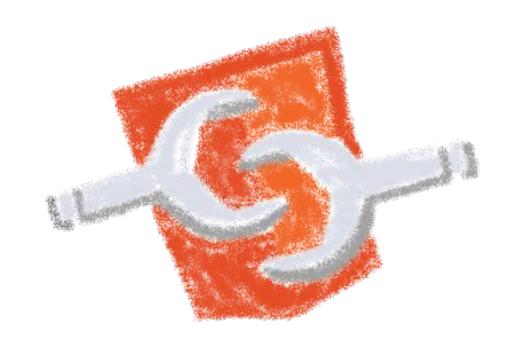






### The 3 minutes context

What the heck are web component?



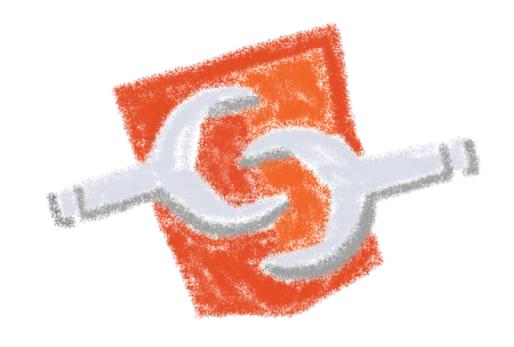












Web standard W3C



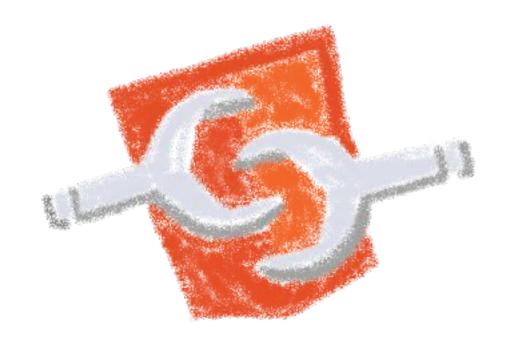












Available in all modern browsers: Firefox, Safari, Chrome

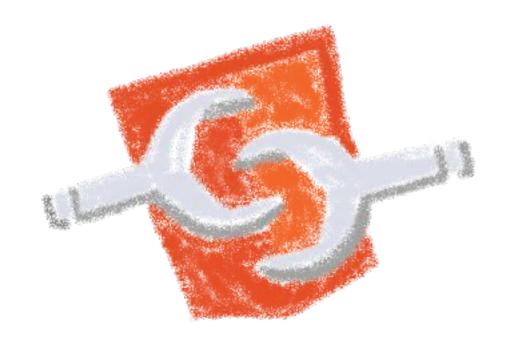










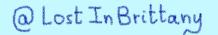


Create your own HTML tags Encapsulating look and behavior

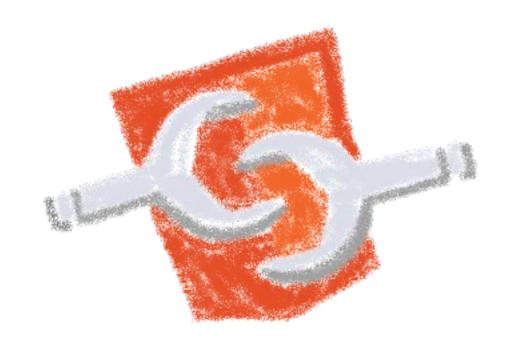












Fully interoperable With other web components, with any framework



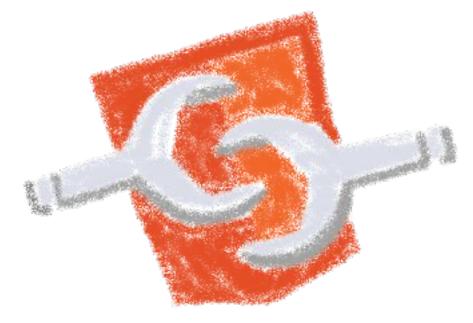














**CUSTOM ELEMENTS** 

















#### **Custom Element**





To define your own HTML tag

```
<body>
 <script>
   window.customElements.define('my-element',
     class extends HTMLElement {...});
  </script>
  <my-element></my-element>
</body>
```









#### **Shadow DOM**





To encapsulate subtree and style in an element

```
Hello, world!
```



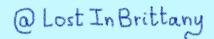
こんにちは、影の世界!

```
<button>Hello, world!</button>
<script>
var host = document.querySelector('button');
const shadowRoot = host.attachShadow({mode:'open'});
shadowRoot.textContent = 'こんにちは、影の世界!';
</script>
```











#### **Template**





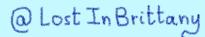
To have clonable document template

```
<template id="mytemplate">
  <img src="" alt="great image">
  <div class="comment"></div>
</template>
var t = document.querySelector('#mytemplate');
// Populate the src at runtime.
t.content.querySelector('img').src = 'logo.png';
var clone = document.importNode(t.content, true);
document.body.appendChild(clone);
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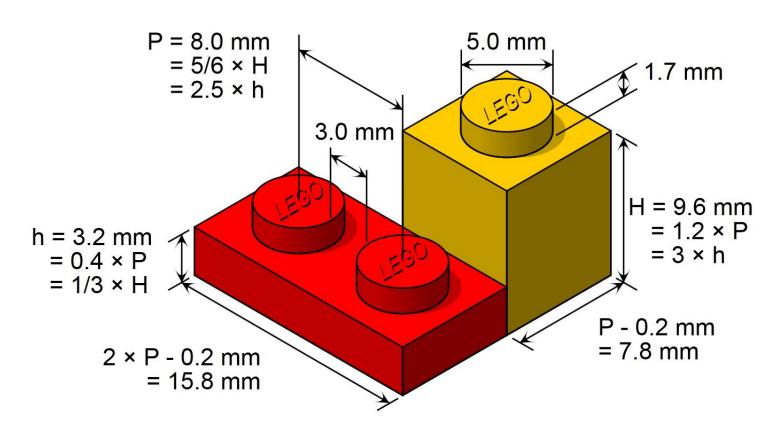




#### But in fact, it's just an element...



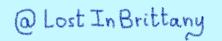
- Attributes
- Properties
- Methods
- Events







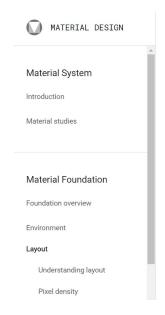


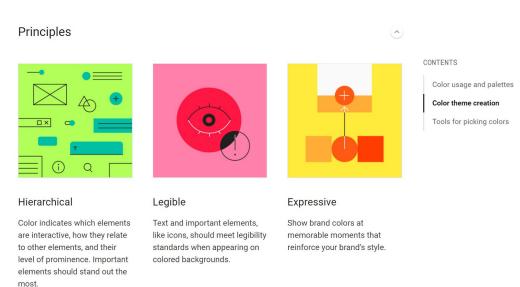




### So, what are Design Systems?

#### And why should I look at them?

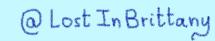














#### A talk for devs by a dev



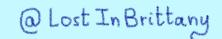


I am not a designer, neither I play one on TV...











#### The same or different?



Design System Component Catalog





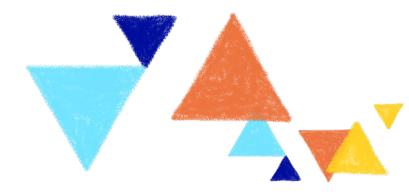




#### **Style Guides**

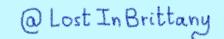


# A document listing the styles, patterns, practices, and principles of a brand design standards





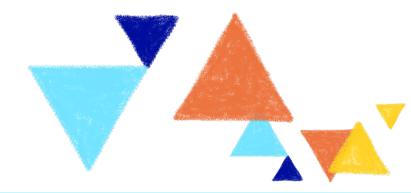




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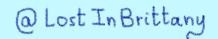


#### Style guides define the application's look and feel



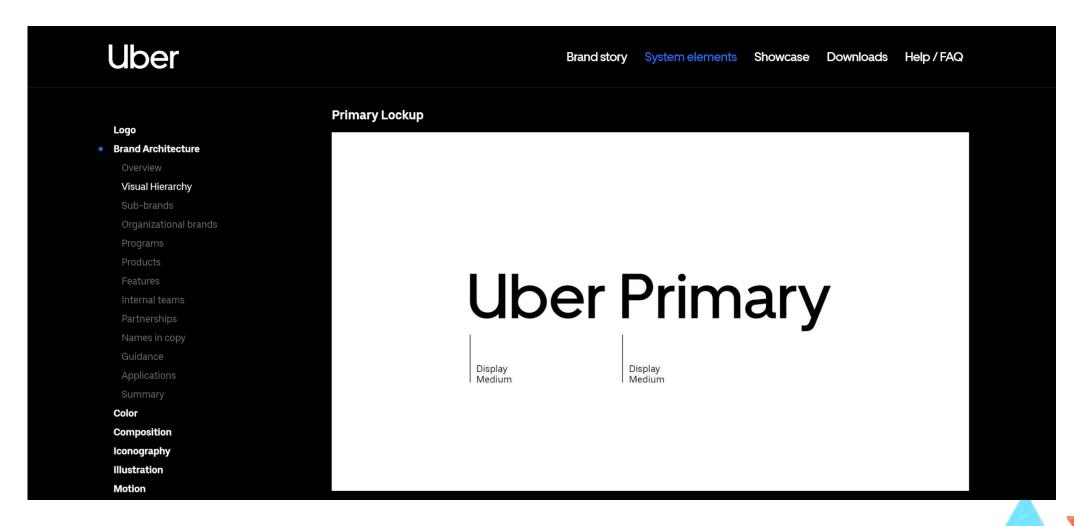






#### Style Guide Example: Uber

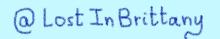




https://brand.uber.com/







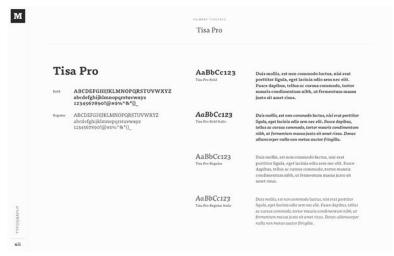


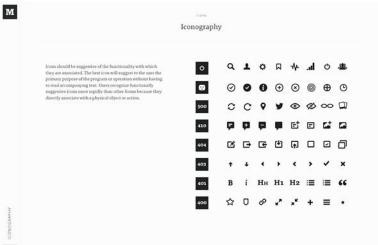
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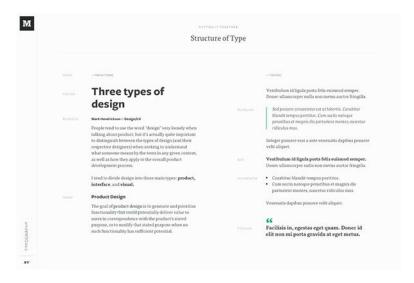










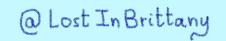




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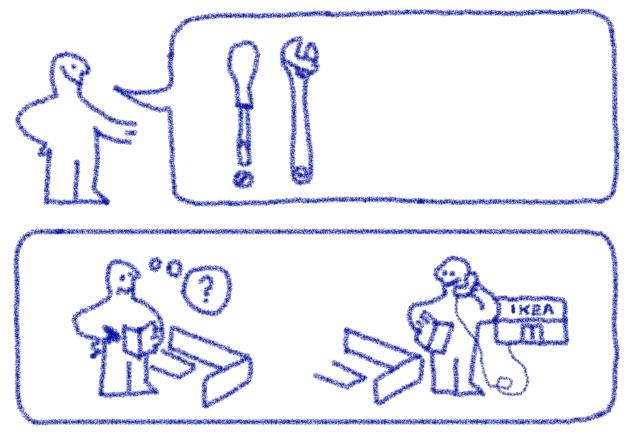






#### Style Guides alone are ambiguous



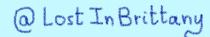


Interpretation needed to adapt the preconisation to the use case







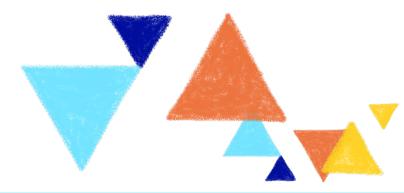




#### **Component Catalogs**

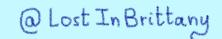


A component catalog is a repository of components, with one or several implementations, code examples and technical documentation









#### **Component Catalog example: Bootstrap**

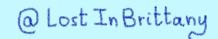


```
A simple primary alert—check it out!
  A simple secondary alert—check it out!
   A simple success alert—check it out!
   A simple danger alert—check it out!
  A simple dark alert—check it out!
<div class="alert alert-primary" role="alert">
  A simple primary alert-check it out!
</div>
<div class="alert 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>
```

https://getbootstrap.com/



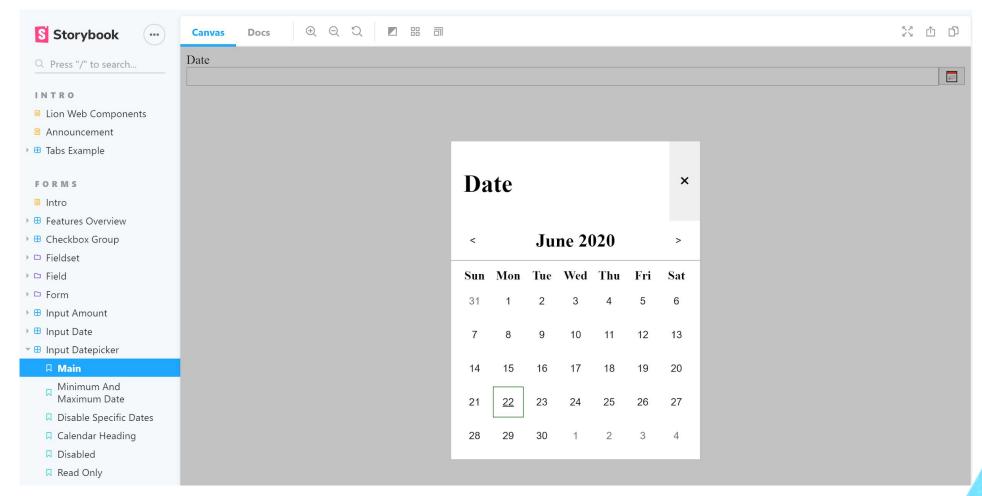






#### **Component Catalog Example: ING's Lion**

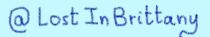




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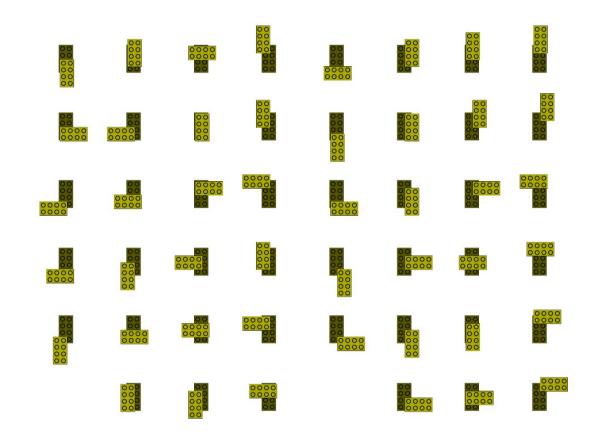






#### Catalogs alone create inconsistency





Like using the same LEGO bricks to create very different objects





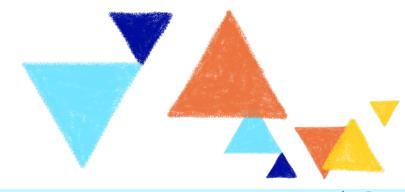




#### **Design Systems**

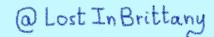


## A Design System is like a common visual language for product teams











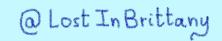
#### **Design systems**



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







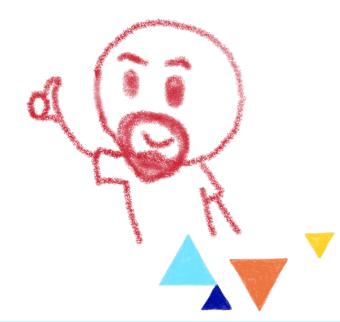


#### **Design systems**



Design System 3

Style Guide + Component Catalog of Co



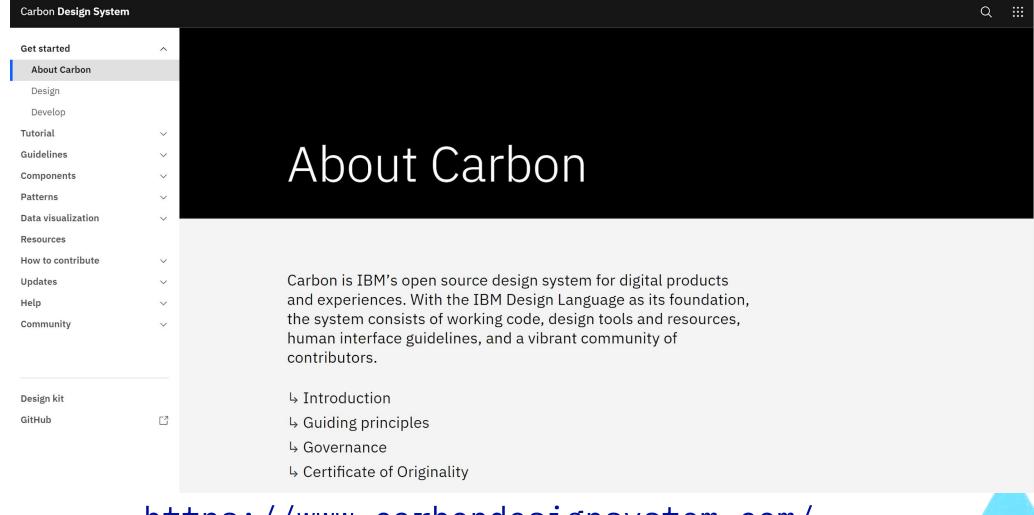






#### **Example: Carbon Design System**

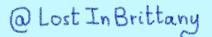




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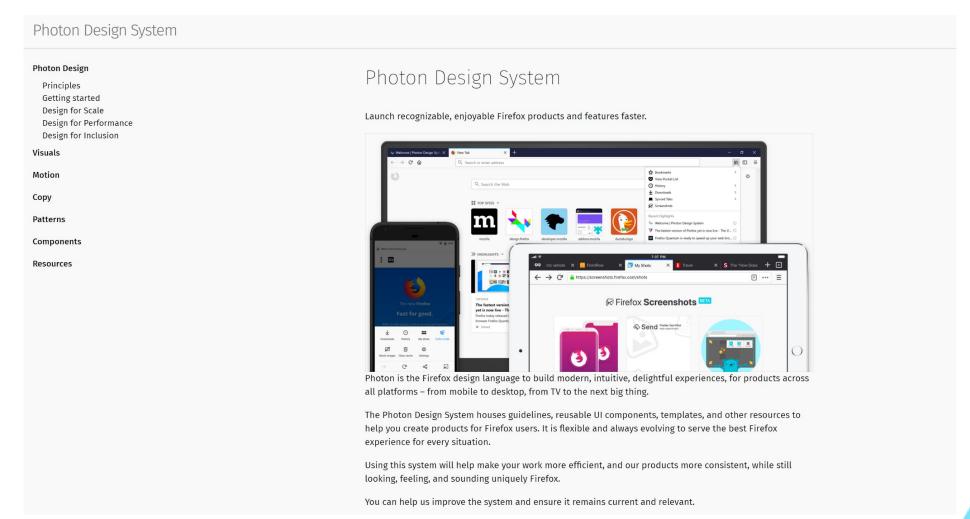






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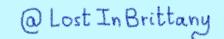




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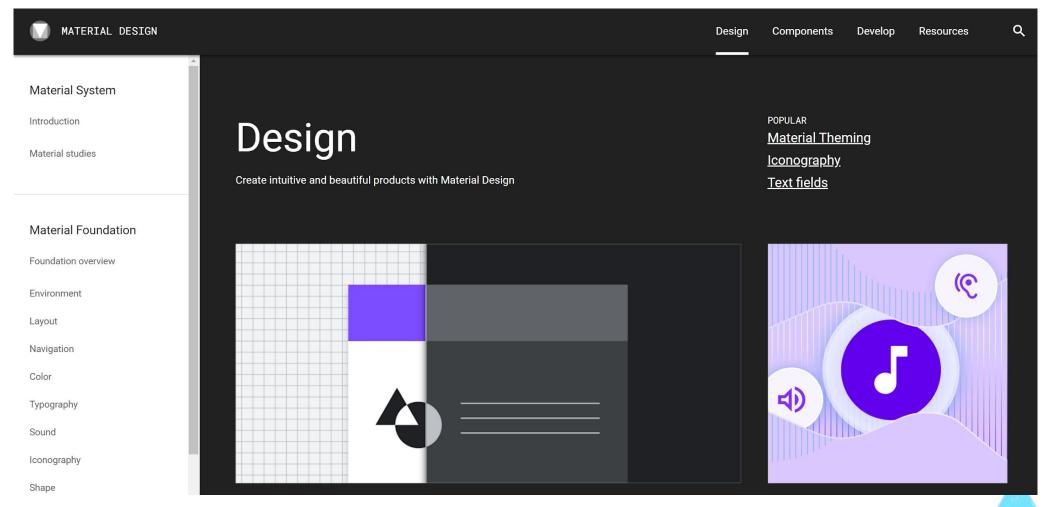






#### **Example: Material Design**

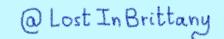




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### The component catalog

The poor relative of the Design System family









#### Let's choose a simple example

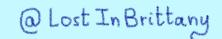




Bootstrap based component catalogs









#### A long time ago





#### **Buttons**

#### **Default buttons**

Button styles can be applied to anything with the .btn class applied. However, typically you'll want to apply these to only <a>a</a> and <a>button</a>> elements for the best rendering.

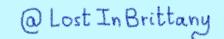


Button	class=""	Description	
Default	btn	Standard gray button with gradient	
Primary	btn btn-primary	Provides extra visual weight and identifies the primary action in a set of buttons	
Info	btn btn-info	Used as an alternative to the default styles	
Success	btn btn-success	Indicates a successful or positive 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	ontetrar

Components defined in HTML, CSS and some jQuery



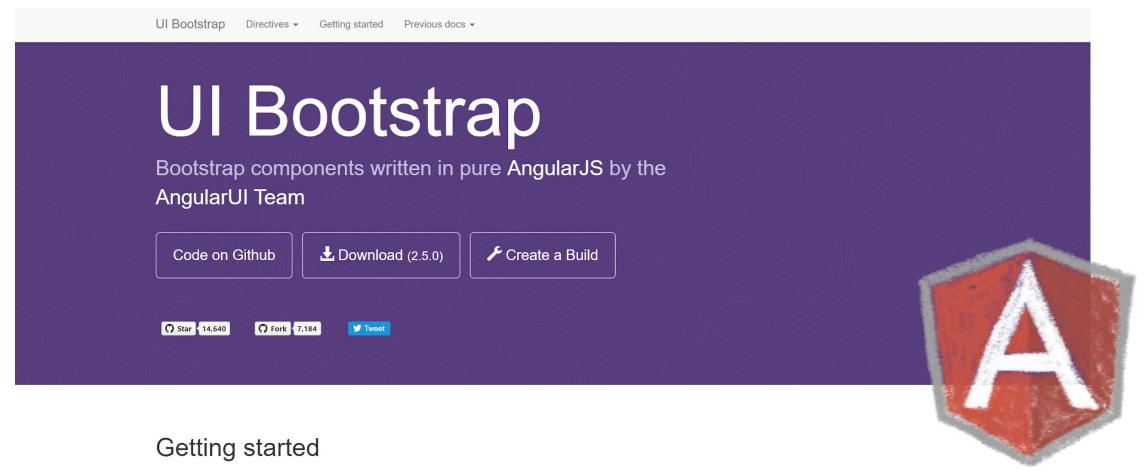










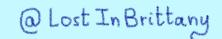


And new reference implementations were needed





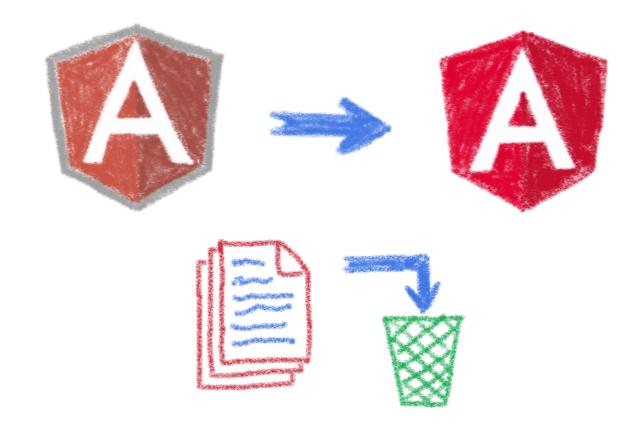






#### But you know the sad story...



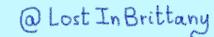


All UI Bootstrap based catalogs woke up with an obsolete implementation









## Worry no more, let's do Mngular!







Home Getting Started Components









#### **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

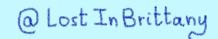
Currently at v6.1.0



ng-bootstrap to the rescue



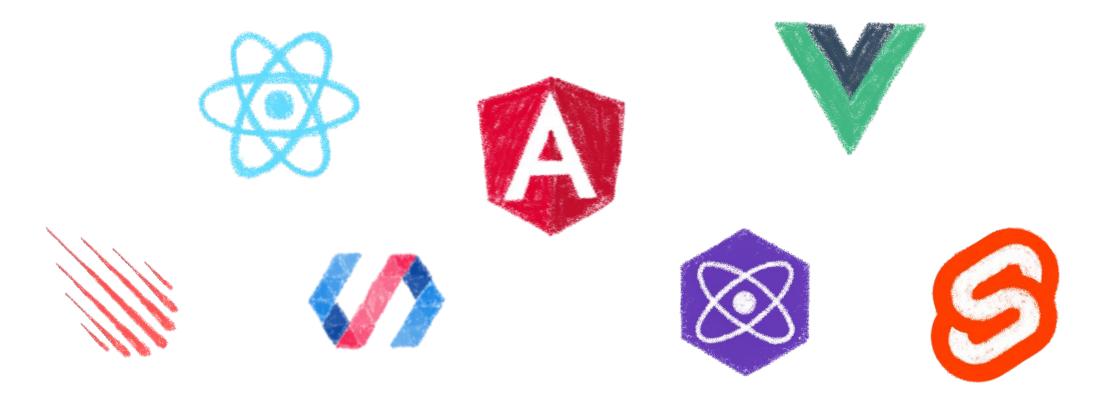






#### But times had changed...



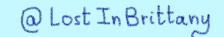


In 2017 Angular is only one more in the clique







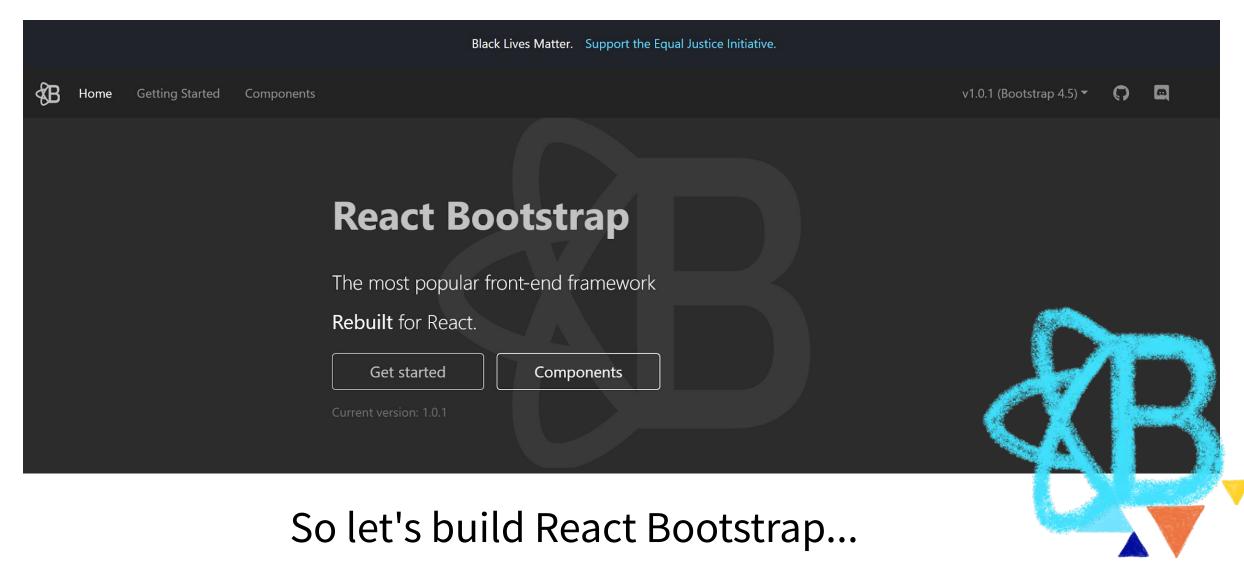






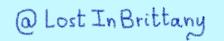
## React is the new Big Thing<sup>TM</sup>







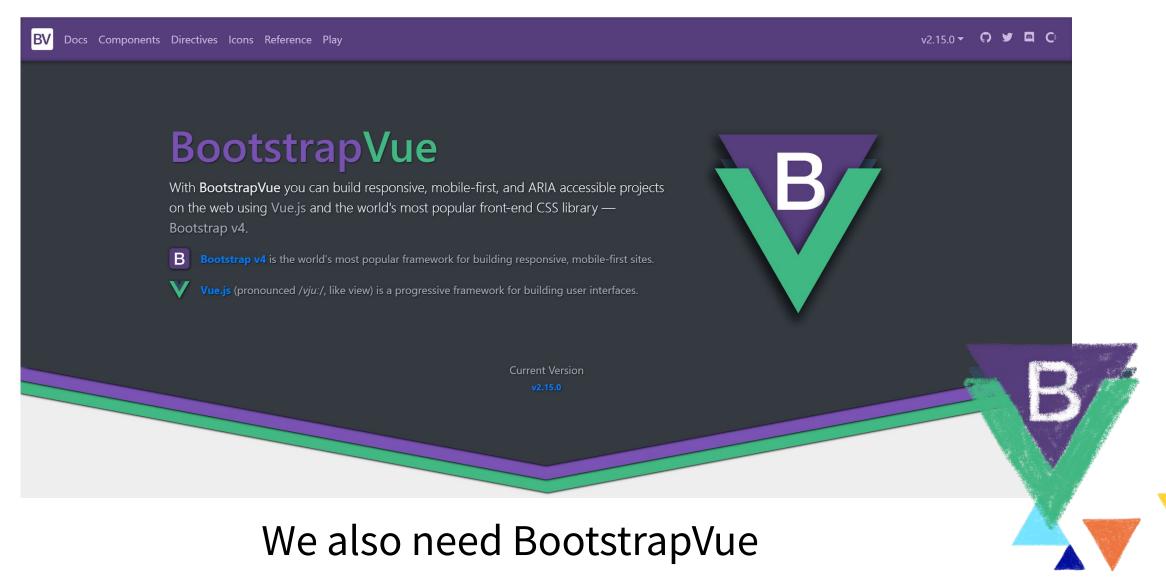




## Wait, what about Vue?

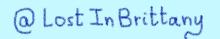












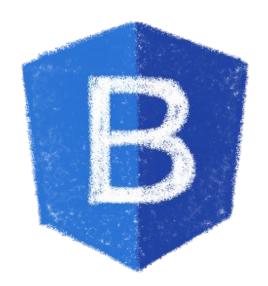


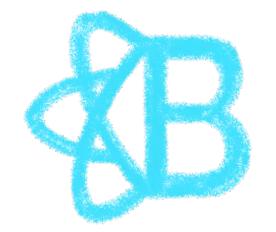
### OK, I think you see my point...

















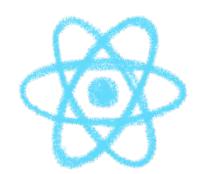




#### Most Design System do a choice









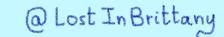


Either they choose a canonical implementation or they ship and maintain several implementations











#### **Both choices are problematic**



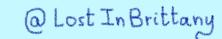


Shipping only one implementation:

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



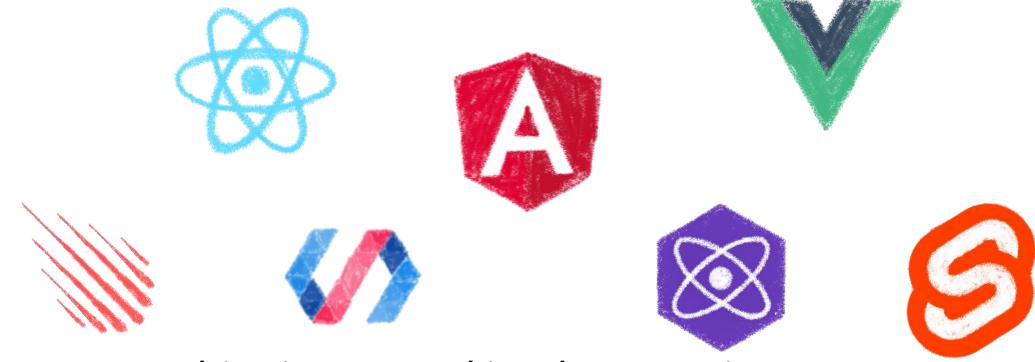






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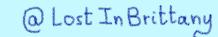
Shipping several implementations:

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





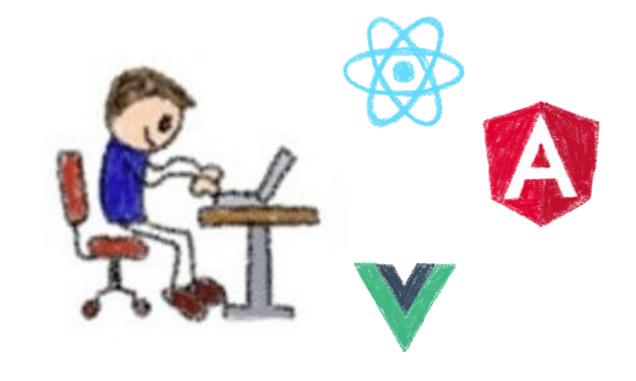






#### Incomplete catalogs are problematic | | FrontSide



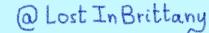


People will need to recode the components in their chosen framework... Coherence is not guaranteed!!!



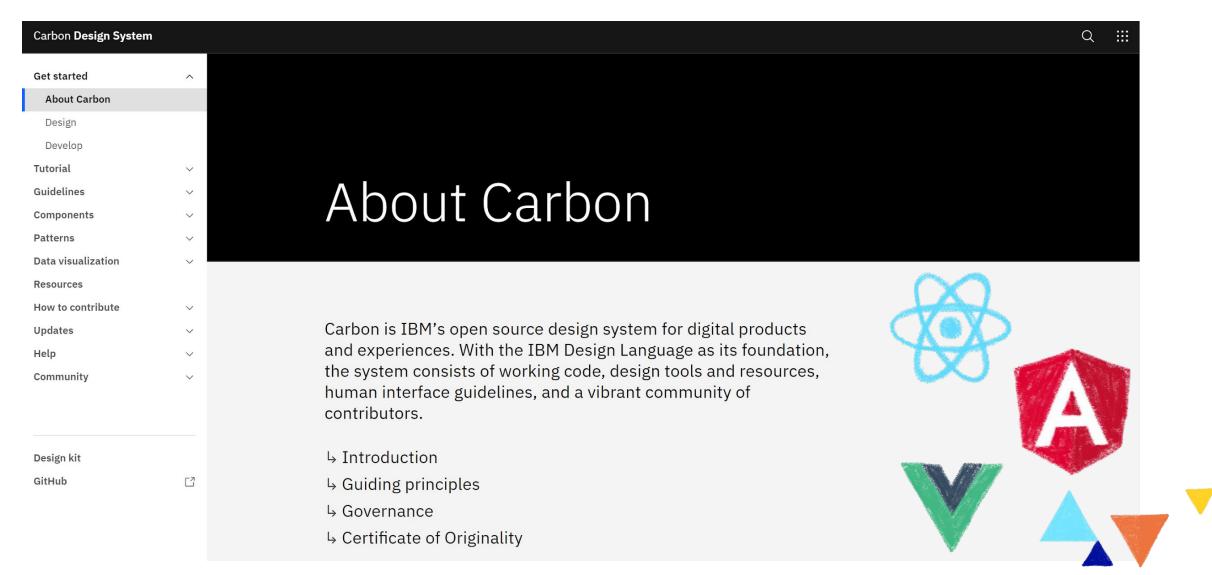






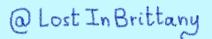
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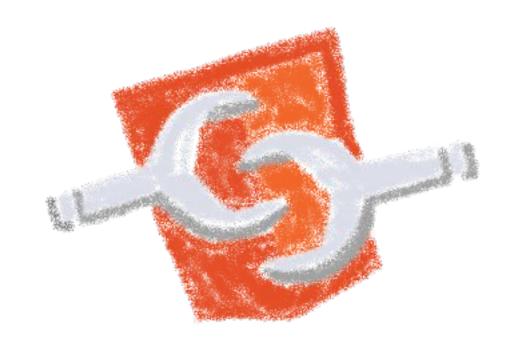






## Web Components & Design Systems

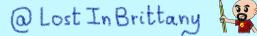
#### A match made in heaven







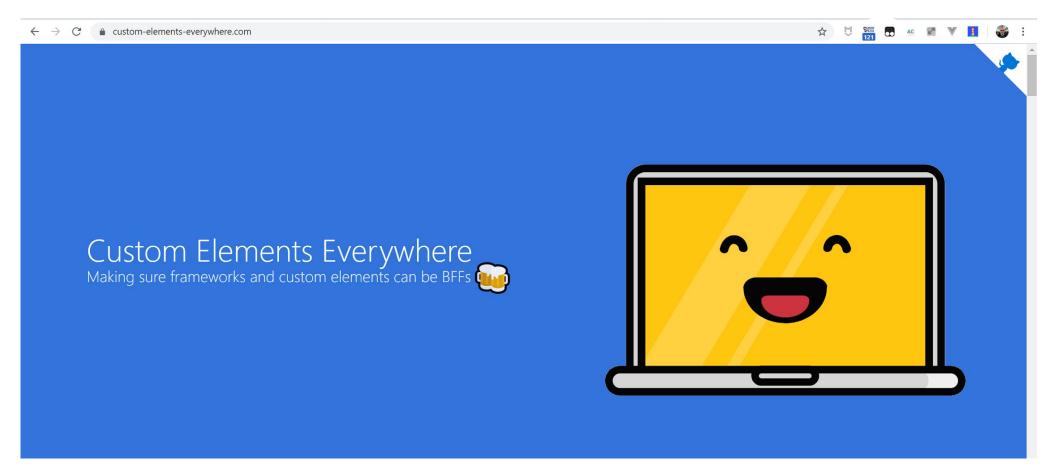




## Compatibility is on Web Components | StrontSide



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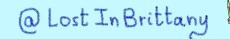


Web Components everywhere, baby!



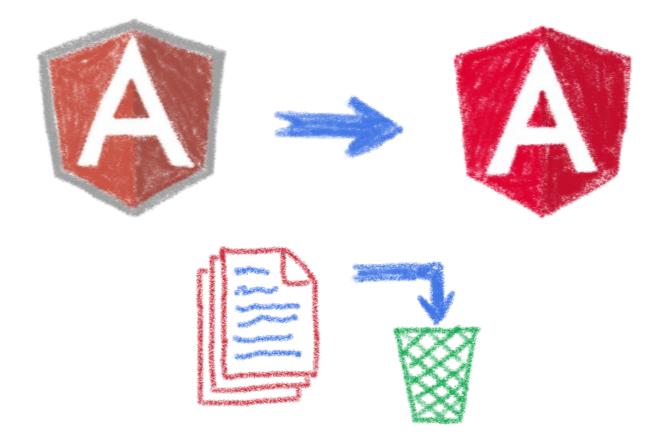






#### Do you remember AngularJS?



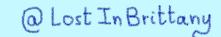


And all the code put in the trash bin when Angular arrived...





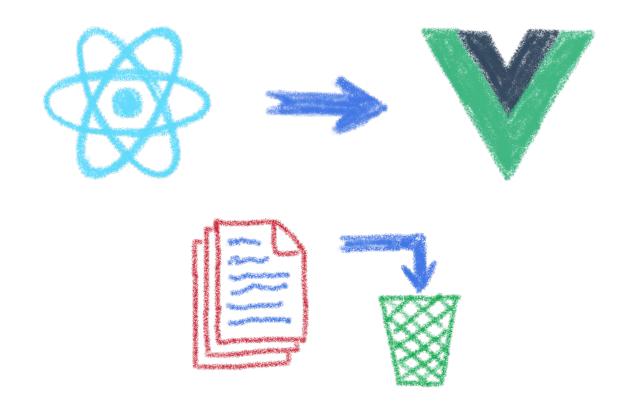






### The pain of switching frameworks?



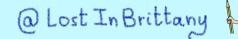


Rewriting once again your code...



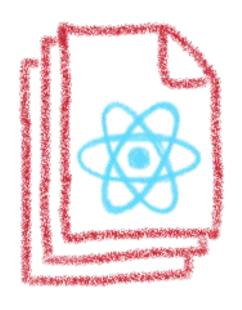


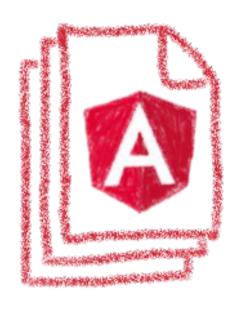




#### The impossibility of sharing UI code? | | FrontSide







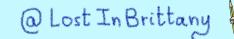


Between apps written with different frameworks



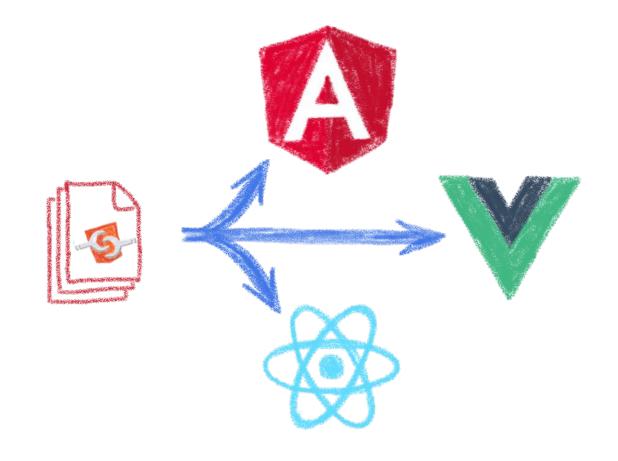






#### Web Components change that



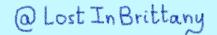


In a clean and standard way











# They are the interoperable alternative



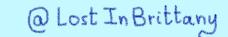


Any framework... or no framework at all











## They are truly everywhere A



- 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



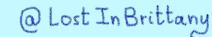
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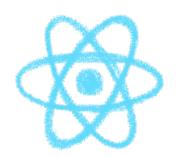




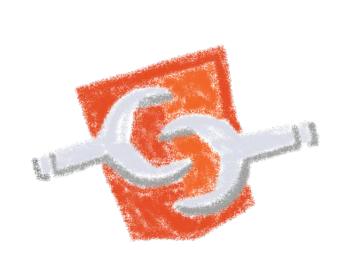


## You can have a single implementation & FrontSide











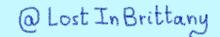


And it simply works everywhere





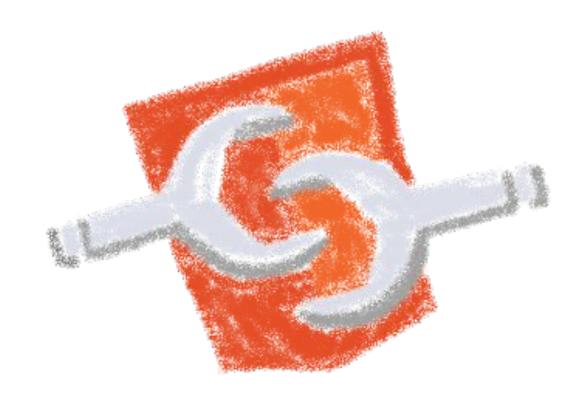






#### When you need interoperability





Nothing beats the standard











#### But how to do it?

# Designing, developing and managing a catalog of Web Components



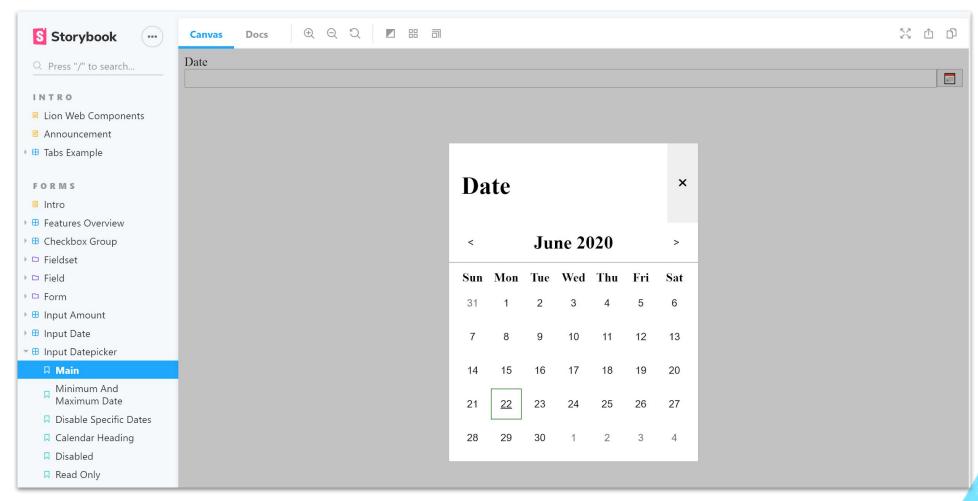






#### Learning from the best

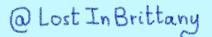




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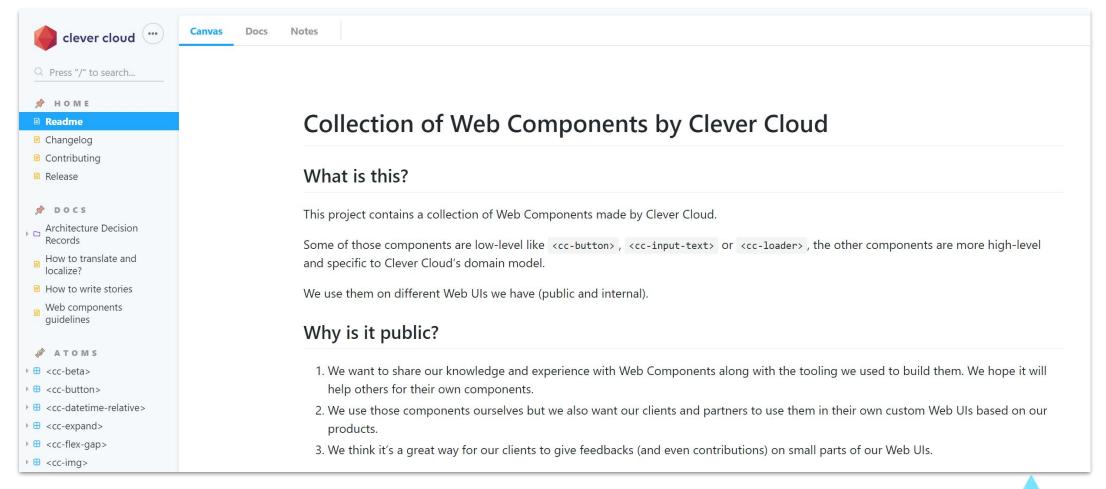






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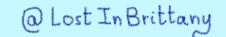


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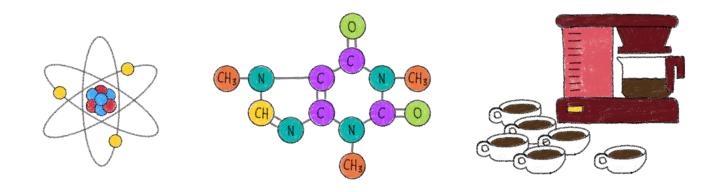






## What kind of components?

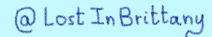
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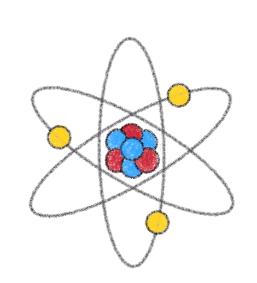


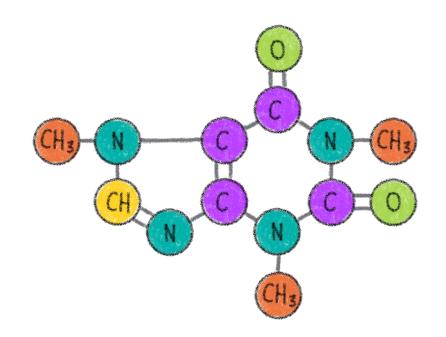




#### A matter of size and complexity







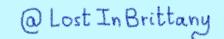


What kind(s) of components you want to build





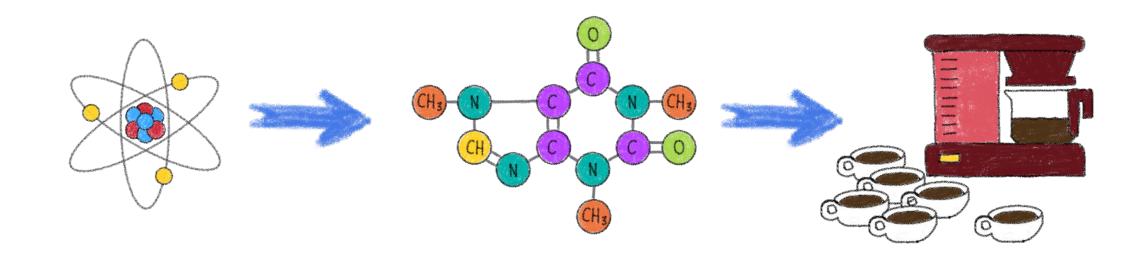






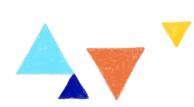
#### Build from the bottom and go up





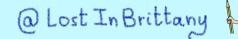
Eat your own dog food





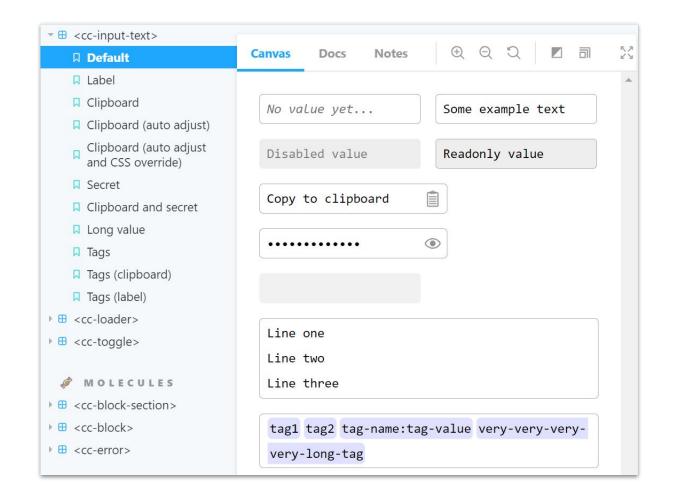


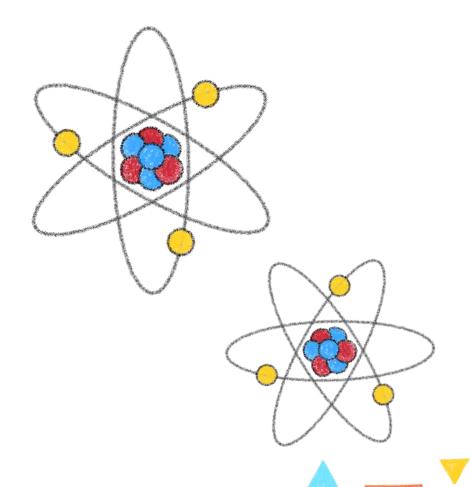




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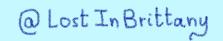




Flexibility and configurability are key



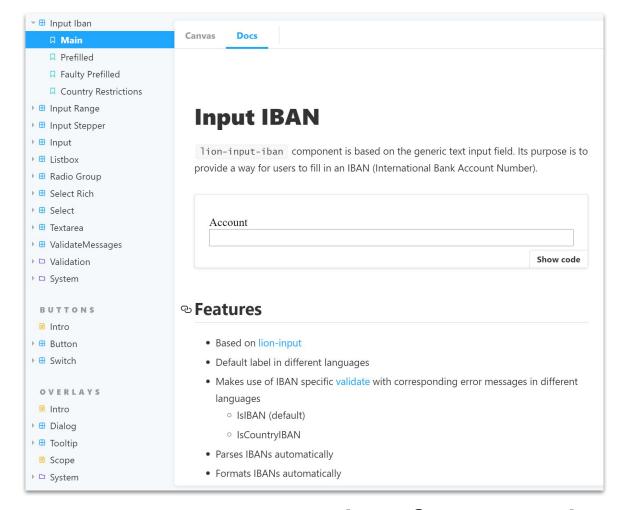


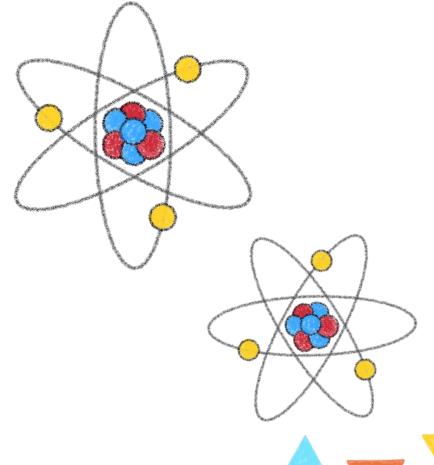




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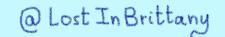




Encode often used patterns



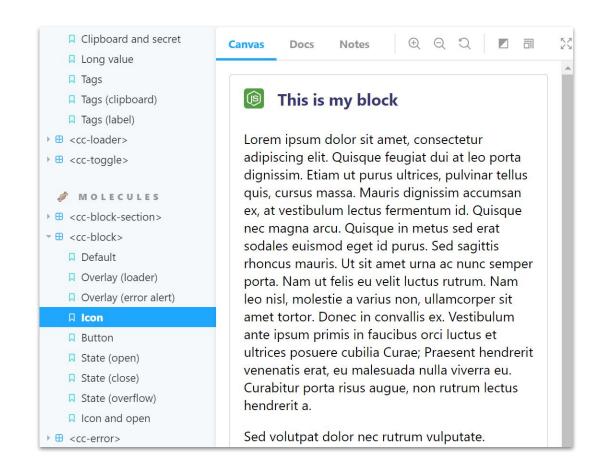


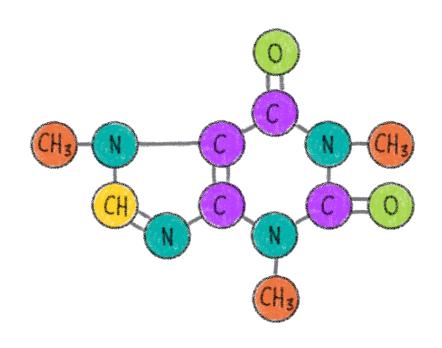




#### And what about the molecules?





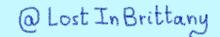


Capitalize on your atoms
Keep the flexibility and configurability





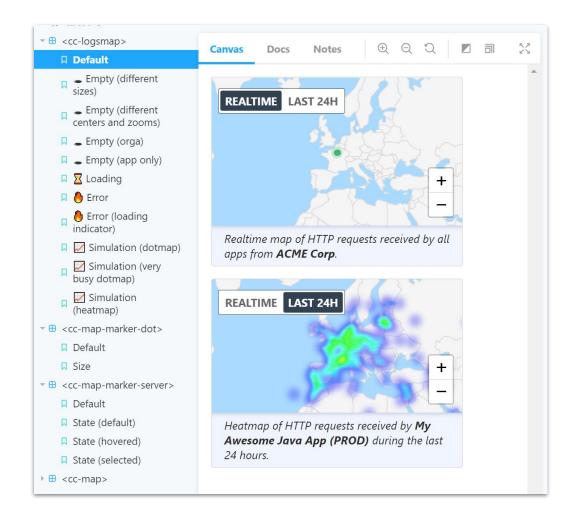






#### Big smart business components





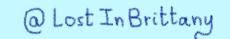


Encoding your business logic



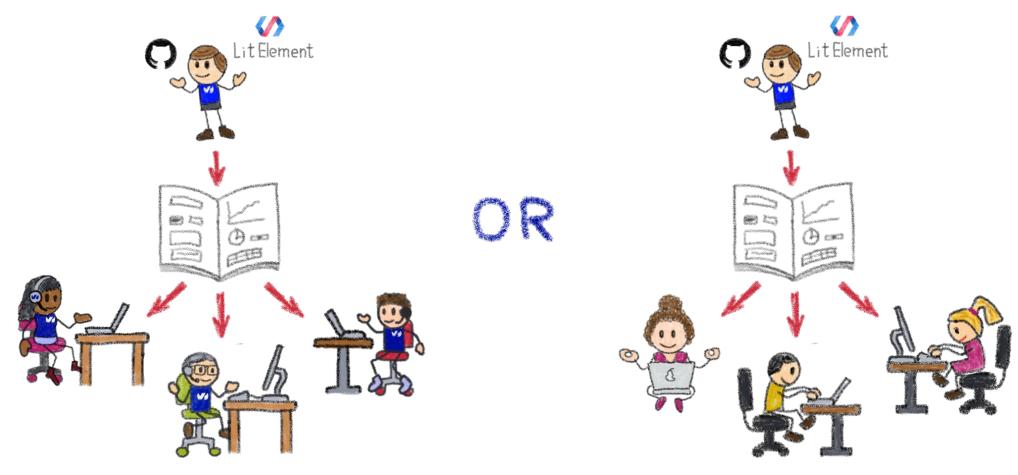






#### Internal or external customers?



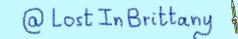


Who are your target users?



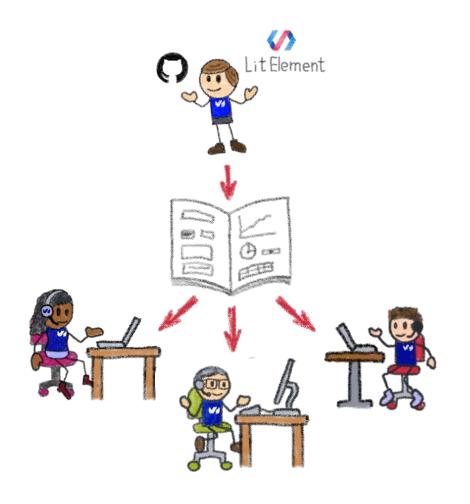






#### Internal customers need off-the-shelf components



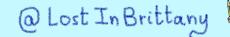


A well defined and coherent look-and-feel



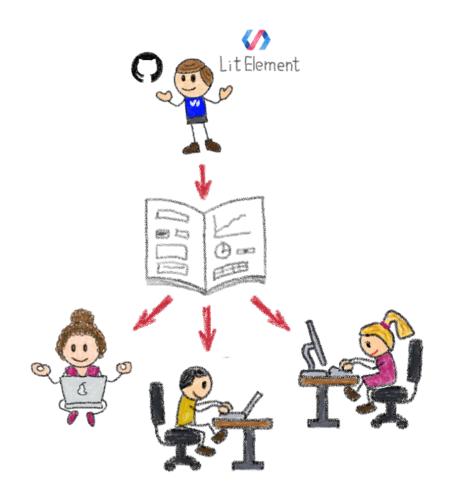






#### External customers need to be able to tweak





Theming and customizing components











## How to organize the catalog

Packages, imports and pragmatism

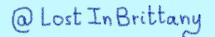






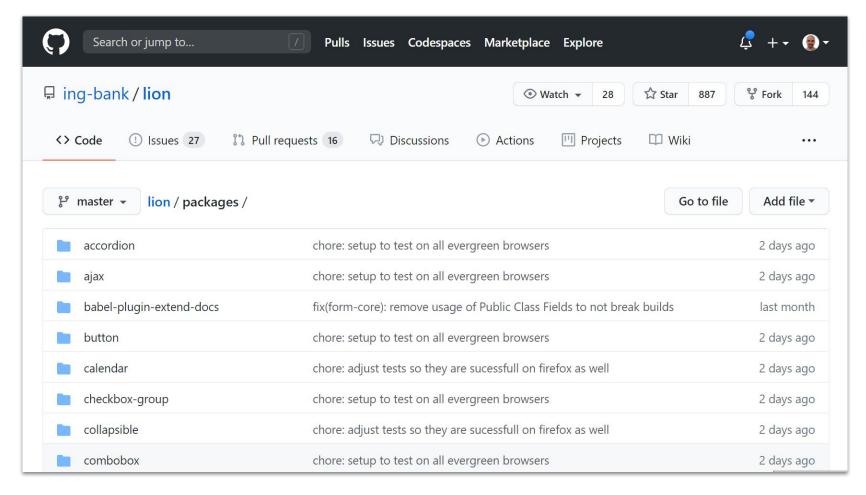






### A single repository

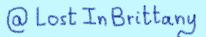




Single source of truth for the catalog









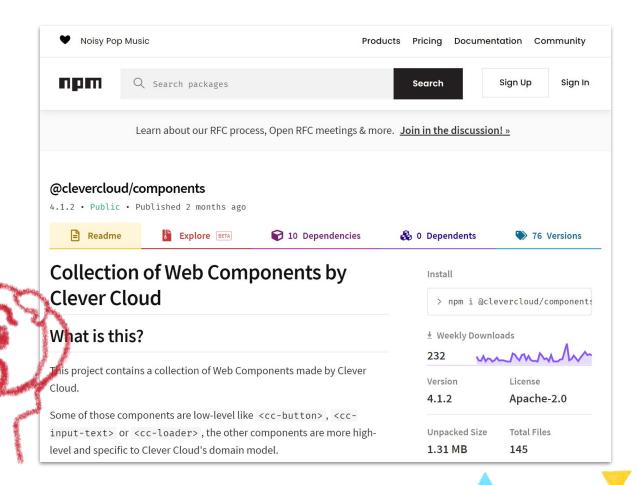
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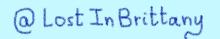
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Form System		A system that lets you make complex forms with ease, including: validation, translations.	<b>✓</b>
combobox	npm v0.1.2	Text box controlling popup listbox	✓
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form-core	npm v0.6.3	Core functionality for all form controls	✓
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input- datepicker	npm v0.17.0	Input element for dates with a datepicker	× )
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A packet per component or a global one









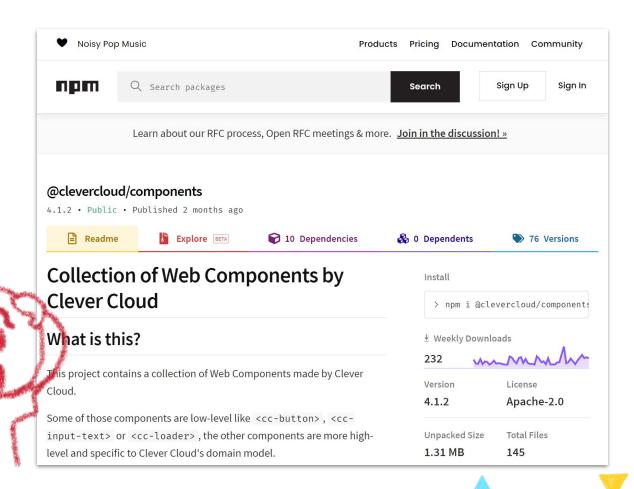
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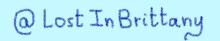
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Individual versioning vs global one









### Lots of web components libraries





LitElement



hybrids











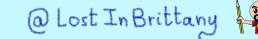


For different needs and sensibilities



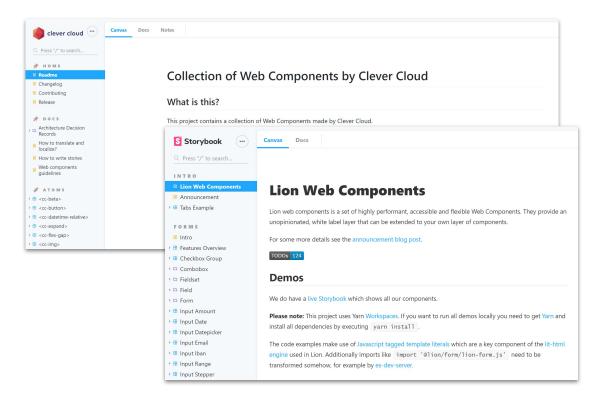


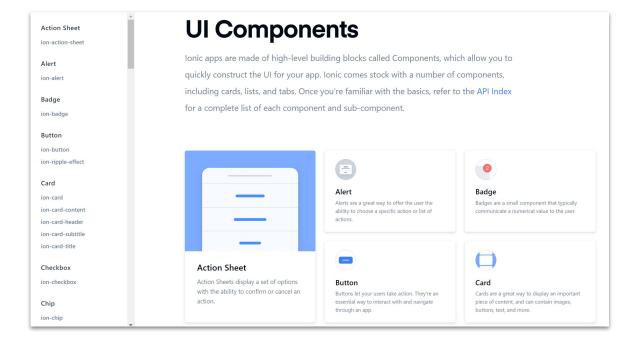




### Which ones to use?









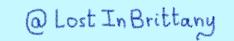


All are good, but these are popular favorites













# **Driving-up adoption**

Making devs use your components







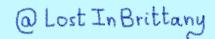






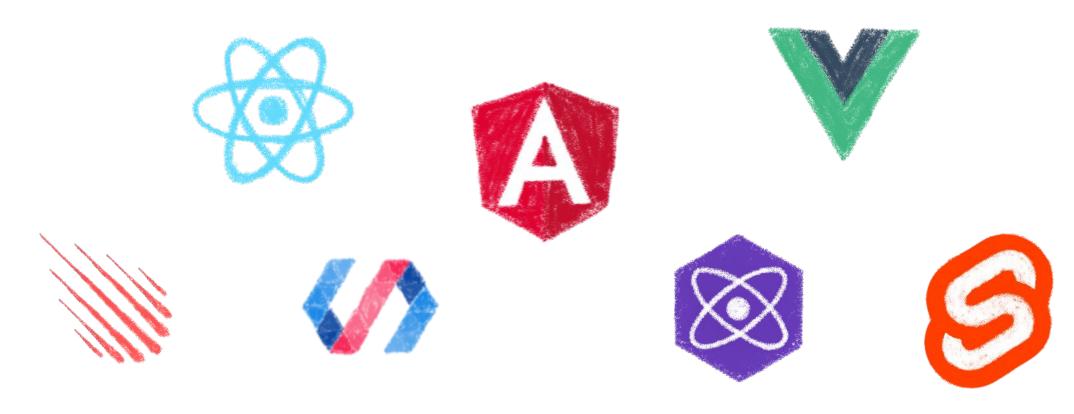






## Think who are your target users



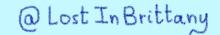


Users of any framework current or future...











### They aren't used to your library



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                                                    import { Component, Prop, h } from '@stencil/core';
                                                   import { format } from '../../utils/utils';
       tag: 'my-component',
                                                     styleUrl: 'my-component.css',
        > dist
        > node modules
                                                   export class MyComponent {
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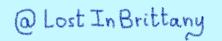


And they shouldn't need to be

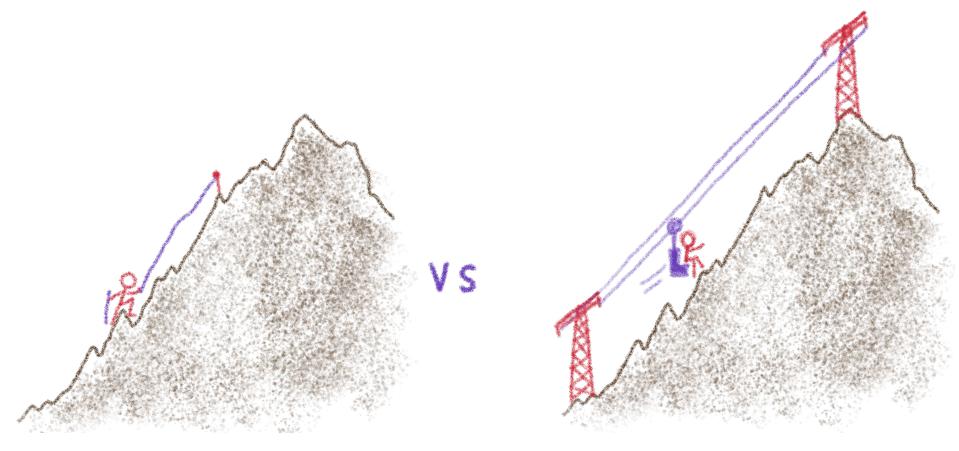








## Go the extra mile to drive up adoption & FrontSide

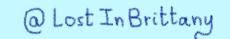


So they don't need to do it









## Make it easy to use



#### How to install

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

#### How to use

#### **Use a Web Component**

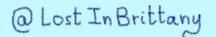
```
<script type="module">
  import '@lion/input/lion-input.js';
</script>
<in-input name="firstName"></lion-input>
```



### 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();

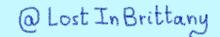
export const main = () => {
   return html` <lion-input-iban label="Account" name="account"></lion-input-iban> `;
};
```

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





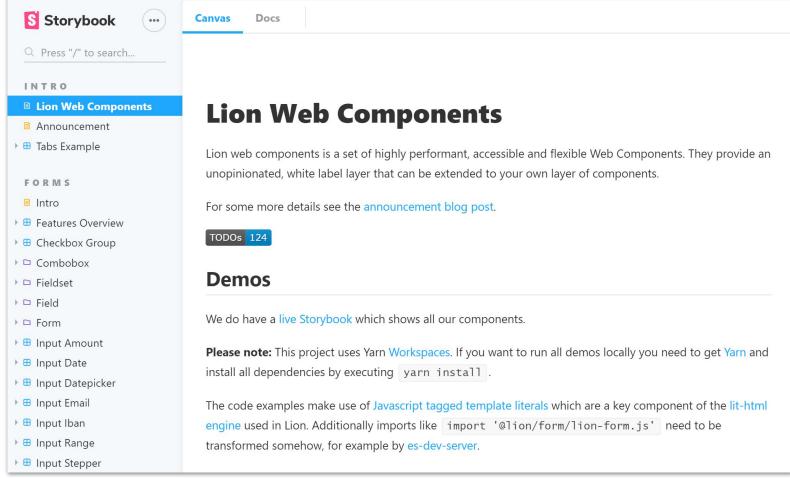






## **Documentation isn't enough**







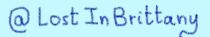


Storybook make adoption easy





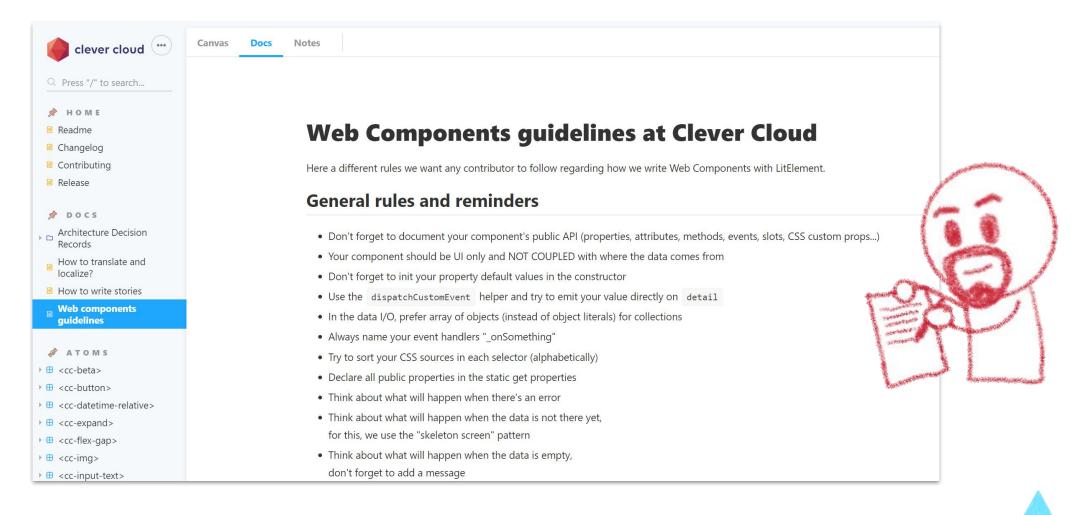






## Keeping a coherent writing style

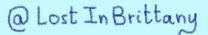




### Write down your guidelines



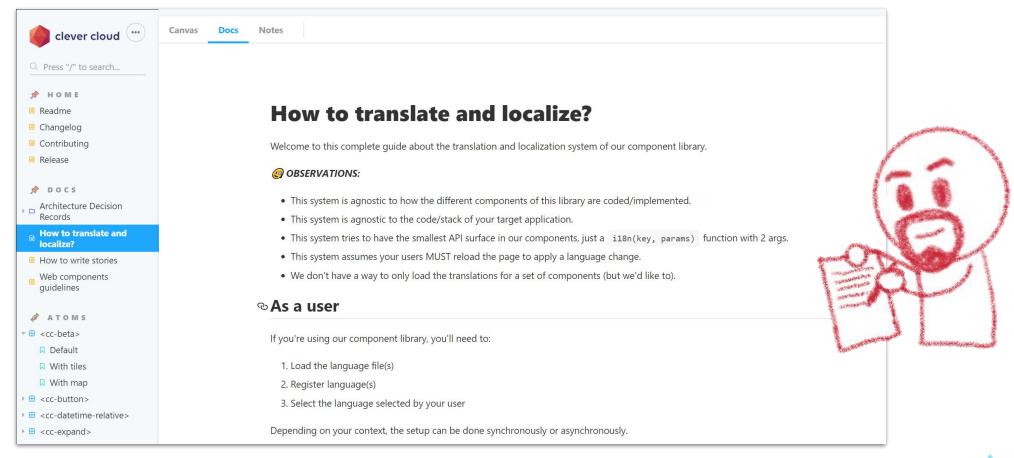






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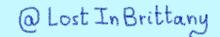


Prepare everything for internationalization













# That's all, folks! Thank you all!











