



# PatternFly Community Meeting

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# Agenda

## Topics

- New features and enhancements - Jenny Shandelman, Rebecca Alpert, and, Katie McFaul
- Colors and Css variables enhancements on site - Gina Doyle
- PatternFly content style guide - Abi Donahue
- E-training for Sketch library - Mary Shakshober
- Website research findings - Steve Cauffman

## What's coming up

- What we're working on next - Rachael Petrie and Zack Allen

## Q&A



# New features and enhancements

- [Card view](#) - Jenny Shandelman
- [Extra-large empty state](#) - Rebecca Alpert
- [Select enhancement](#)- Katie McFaul





# Topics



# PatternFly site: Colors page and CSS variable mapping

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# Colors page [See it live!](#)

## Updates and new additions

- Groupings of colors based on variables and how they are used within components
- Specifics per each color swatch including variable names, hex value, information about where that color is used
- See the whole color palette and for each color, get the palette color name, hex value and all variables associated with that color

P.S. Thank you Zack!

The screenshot displays the PatternFly Colors page, which is organized into several sections:

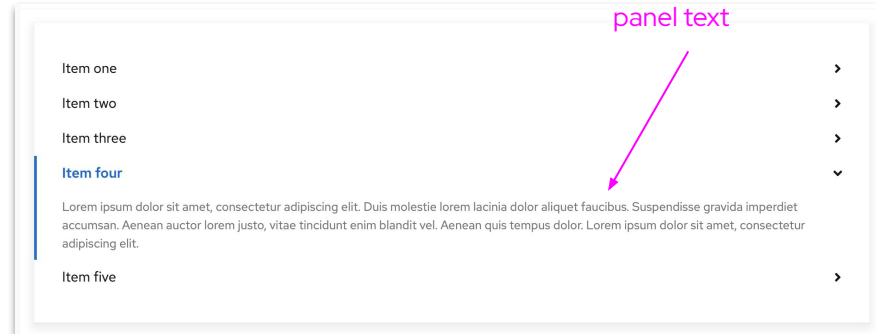
- Colors**: The main header, with sub-sections for Primary colors, Typography and iconography colors, Background colors, Status and state colors, Shadows, Contrast ratios, and Color palette.
- Primary colors**: This section features the PatternFly blue. It includes a description: "Primary colors are the colors displayed most frequently across your application screens and components. Our primary colors are used within a variety of components and are typically applied to default or active states and hover states." Below this, there are two color swatches: "Default" (hex #0066CC) and "Hover" (hex #004368).
- Typography and iconography colors**: This section explains that these colors are used for text and icons. It shows a list of color swatches: "Red Hat OpenShift Cluster Manager" (hex #151515), "OpenShift-4 clusters" (hex #737679), and "Link button" (hex #0066CC).
- Color Families**: A grid of color swatches organized into families: Grey, Blue, Green, Cyan, and Purple. Each family has 10 shades, from 100 to 900. The Blue family is highlighted, showing shades from #DEF3FF to #004368.
- Global CSS variable**: A tooltip for the Primary color (PatternFly blue) showing the global CSS variable `--pf-global--primary-color--100`, the hex value `#0066CC`, and a usage note: "This color is most commonly used as default or active state for many components including badges and spinners."



# Variable mapping [See it live!](#)

## Updates and new additions

- CSS variables page is broken into 3 groups
  - CSS variables
  - Chart CSS variables
  - Font type CSS variables
- Variables per component show a full mapping of how that variable gets to the value ([accordion example](#))



```
</button>  
</h3>  
<div class="pf-c-accordion_expanded-content pf-m-expanded">  
  <div class="pf-c-accordion_expanded-content-body">Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur  
adipiscing elit. Duis molestie lorem lacinia dolor aliquet faucibus. Suspendisse gravida imperdiet  
accumsan. Aenean auctor lorem justo, vitae tincidunt enim blandit vel. Aenean quis tempus dolor.  
Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit.</div>  
</div>  
<h3>  
<button class="pf-c-accordion_toggle" aria-expanded="false">
```

I need...  
Variable

Selector	Variable	React token	Value
pf-c-accordion	--pf-c-accordion_expanded-content--Color	c_accordion_expanded_content_Color	#737679
<b>Mapping</b>			
	--pf-c-accordion_expanded-content--Color	Variable	
	--pf-global--secondary-color--100	Global CSS variable	
	\$pf-global--secondary-color--100	Sass variable	
	\$pf-color-black-600	Palette color	
	#737679	Hex value	

P.S. Thank you Joachim!





# PatternFly content enhancements: Style guide

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- 1 Medium
- 2 Twitter
- 3 GitHub documentation
- 4 Home page copy
- 5 Style guide





Styles >

Usage and behavior >

Content v

Style guide

Voice

Writing

## Style guide

### Common terminology

Term	Usage
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# Design guidelines



## Content



*Style guide*  
*Voice*  
*Writing*



# 3 parts of the current style guide:

## Style

- Mechanics
- Capitalization, punctuation, and more

## Voice

- Being clear, concise, useful, conversational, consistent
- Writing for all audiences

## Writing

- UX writing in the design process
- UX writing tips





## Identify need

- In-depth UX writing details
- Template for Flyers
- Single source of truth





Create solution

- Feedback
- Research
- Group decision



# PatternFly style guide



Unify all UX writing guidelines into a single PatternFly style guide.



Expand upon what we have to include more in-depth, comprehensive UX writing guidelines and best practices.



Strengthen our content community.



**Creating new content &  
removing irrelevant content**

**Research**

**Final updates**

**Drafting**

**Reviewal & feedback**

**Launch**



**Thank you!**



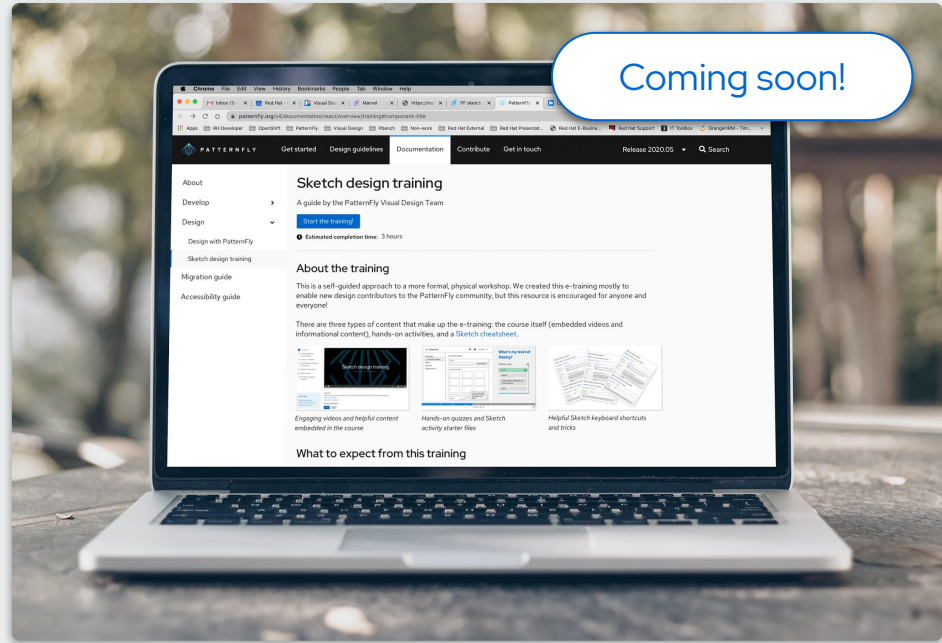


# Sketch design e-training for PatternFly

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A resource by the PF visual design team



# A self-guided approach to in-person workshops with...

Helpful videos and content embedded in the course

The screenshot shows a course page for 'Sketch design training'. On the left, a table of contents lists seven steps: 1. Before the workshop, 2. Library vs template, 3. General Sketch efficiency & productivity, 4. Symbol customization, 5. Spacer system, 6. Detaching from the symbol, and 7. PFD library upkeep & feedback. The main area features a video player with the title 'Sketch design training' and 'Introduction Before the workshop'. Below the video are tabs for 'Topic overview' and 'Activities and links'. A 'Lesson name' section contains 'Introduction Before the workshop' and 'Estimated completion time' of '37 minutes'. A 'Description' section follows. A 'Quick links' box at the bottom left contains 'Sketch cheat sheet', 'Patternfly template file', and 'Patternfly library', with a 'Next: Topic one' button and a 'Back' button.

Hands-on quizzes and Sketch activity starter files

The screenshot shows a quiz interface titled 'What's my level of fidelity?'. On the left is a 'Create Workspace' sidebar with sections for 'Dashboard', 'Create Workspace', 'Stacks', 'Factories', and 'Organizations'. The main area contains a 'Language template' grid with several empty boxes and a 'Custom' button. A callout box points to the grid with the text 'Links to content like categories and tags are found in the footer'. On the right, a 'Choose one' dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'Lo-fi' (selected with a green checkmark), 'Mid-fi', 'Somewhere between lo-fi and mid-fi', and 'Hi-fi'. The bottom of the screen shows a progress indicator '4 / 9'.

Helpful Sketch keyboard shortcuts and tricks



# Current direction for what's to come...

Check out a sneak peak

Get started   Design guidelines   Documentation   Contribute   Get in touch   Release 2020.03   Search

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- Design v
  - Design with PatternFly
  - Sketch design training
- Migration guide
- Accessibility guide

## Sketch design training

A guide by the PatternFly Visual Design Team


[Start the training!](#)

Estimated completion time: 3 hours


### About the training

This is a self-guided approach to a more formal, physical workshop. We created this e-training mostly to enable new design contributors to the PatternFly community, but this resource is encouraged for anyone and everyone!


There are three types of content that make up the e-training: the course itself (embedded videos and informational content), hands-on activities, and a [Sketch cheatsheet](#).



Engaging videos and helpful content embedded in the course



Hands-on quizzes and Sketch activity starter files



Helpful Sketch keyboard shortcuts and tricks

### What you'll learn

Blurb about the content that will be taught in the training. Blurb about the content that will be taught in the training. Blurb about the content that will be taught in the training.

There are several lessons that are most helpful when completed in order.

**Introduction**

Before the workshop

time in minutes

Some text about the lesson

**Topic one**

PatternFly philosophy on mockup fidelity

time in minutes

Some text about the lesson

**Topic two**

Symbol library vs. template

time in minutes

Some text about the lesson

**Topic three**

General Sketch efficiency & proficiency

time in minutes

Some text about the lesson

**Topic 4**

Symbol customization

time in minutes

Some text about the lesson

**Topic five**

Spacer system

time in minutes

Some text about the lesson

**Topic six**

Detaching from the symbol

time in minutes

Some text about the lesson

**Topic seven**

PF4 library upkeep & feedback

time in minutes

Some text about the lesson



Any questions?



# PatternFly Website Usability Results

# Background

- This study was conducted as the second part of an overall effort to evaluate the usability of the PatternFly website.
  - First portion looked at the masthead and sidebar navigation structures.
- The PatternFly team was primarily interested in the effectiveness of the documentation presented on the PF website.
  - Also interested in mobile use and usability of search functionality.



# Method

- This study used a semi-structured interview method to obtain qualitative data about users' experience with the PF website
- 6 participants were recruited internally.
- Interviews lasted approximately 30-45 minutes each
- 4 participants classified themselves as designers
  - Other 2 classified as developers.
- Questions ranged from basic information about participant's role, use of the website in mobile devices, use of the search function, and use of the documentation.
- At the end, participants were presented with an alternative mockup of the documentation and asked their thoughts.





# Result Highlights

# Documentation - Does it meet your needs?

- 2 participants (1 designer, 1 developer) said the documentation meets their needs
  - 4 participants said it does not.
- Primary reason for this was related to the examples
  - 3 participants (2 designers, 1 developer) mentioned that the examples are isolated and lack context about how the components fit together with each other on a page.
    - “I wish there were more demos, examples in context. Wish more things were clickable. More real life actual code examples to see the interactions.”
  - 2 participants (1 designer, 1 developer) mentioned that there is a significant gap between the design guidelines and documentation
    - Some components exist in the documentation and not the design guidelines
      - “The divorced nature of the design guidelines from the widgets makes it harder for me to use. Certain widgets exist only as HTML or React but not both”
      - “There’s a gap between the design guidelines and documentation with no link between them”



# Documentation - Pain Points

- Two major pain points observed
  - Not enough examples shown in context.
    - Participants suggested multiple solutions...
      - Having multiple versions of examples, one isolated, and one in context to see interactions.
      - Having a dummy app with all components built to see how each one works.
    - Having to navigate back and forth between design and usage of components.
      - Participants were frustrated with having to go back and forth between design guidelines and documentation for the same component.
  - Designers do not necessarily know the difference between HTML and React
    - Need more explanation around each one.



# Alternative Mockup

- Participants were shown an alternative mockup at the end of the interview and asked their thoughts.
- The alternative tries to address some of the pain points that people had mentioned
  - Also based off of the results from the first phase of the study on the navigation structure.



# Alternative Mockup

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Release 2019.10 Search

- Get started >
- Styles >
- Components ▾
  - Alert
  - Backdrop
  - Background Image
  - Badge
  - Buttons
  - Card
  - Check
  - Content
  - Dropdown
  - Form
  - Modal
  - Navigation
  - Table**
    - Examples
    - Props
    - CSS Variables

## Table

A table is used to display large data sets that can be easily laid out in a simple grid with column headers.

[Code](#) [CSS](#) [Design guidelines](#)









Examples Basic ▾

This example represents a state of interactivity.

Basic table ⓘ

### Ice cream flavors

This table demonstrates the best ice cream flavors around.

Name ↑	Type ↓	Status	Brand	Toppings
 <b>French Vanilla</b> <small>One of our best selling flavors of all time.</small>	 Organic	 Available <small>Up to date</small>	 Ben & Jerry's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sprinkles</li><li>Chocolate chips</li><li>Hot fudge</li><li>Oreos</li><li>Cookie dough</li><li>Reese's</li><li>Caramel</li></ul>
 <b>Dark Chocolate</b> <small>Rich and luscious with a chocolate ripple.</small>	 Gourmet	 Available <small>Up to date</small>	 Talenti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hot fudge</li></ul>



# Alternative Mockup

Title

Demos

Layouts

Virtual scroll

Contribute

Get in touch

React HTML

```
import React from 'react';
import {
  Table,
  TableHeader,
```

Knobs

variant  Tall  Compact

borders

canSelectAll

### Props

Name	Default
aria-label <small>string</small> Adds an accessible name for the Table	undefined
children <small>React.ReactNode</small> Content rendered inside the Table	null
className <small>string</small> Additional classes added to the Table	
variant <small>literal</small> Style variant for the Table	null
borders <small>boolean</small> Render borders	true
gridBreakPoint <small>'lg'   'md'   'sm'   'xl'</small>	TableGridBreakpoint.gridMd



# Alternative Mockup

selected. When this is used, one checkbox will be positioned in the first or second cell of a non-expandable row

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**canSelectAll** true  
boolean  
Enables or Disables the ability to select all

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**onRowEdit**  
( event:  
React.MouseEvent<HTMLButtonElement>,  
type: RowEditType, isEditable?:  
boolean, rowIndex?: number,  
validationErrors?: RowErrors ) =>  
void  
Function triggered when a row's inline edit is activated. Adds a column for inline edit when present.

**CSS Variables** >

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**Accessibility** >

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## Related components

To combine or lay out multiple buttons, use the [button group component](#)

For navigational actions that appear within or directly following a sentence, use the [link component](#)

[View source on GitHub](#).



# Alternative Mockup

- Overall, participants felt that this was an improvement over the current design.
  - “Yes, this makes a lot more sense, having it broken down into design and develop. I kinda like it.”
  - “I think this would work better for me. It feels like a more simplified navigation.”
- There were some issues that participants mentioned though
  - “Hard to tell what is UI itself and what is examples.”
  - “Pull components up to a top level nav category.”
  - “Not sure about the button types dropdown. Might be too granular.”
  - “Examples might be trickier to navigate. Is there a way to see all examples at once?”
  - “I would probably push carats all the way to the right.”
  - “May want to consider changing the "Code" section title to something else.”
  - “New Props section seems harder to read than old one”
  - “I would like an indicator that says which props are required or not”





Any questions?

**Thank you!**

# What we're working on next

- Working on [major release](#)
- Helpful link to [follow our release schedule](#) - Zack Allen





Q&A