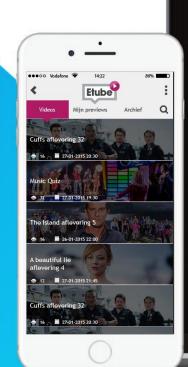
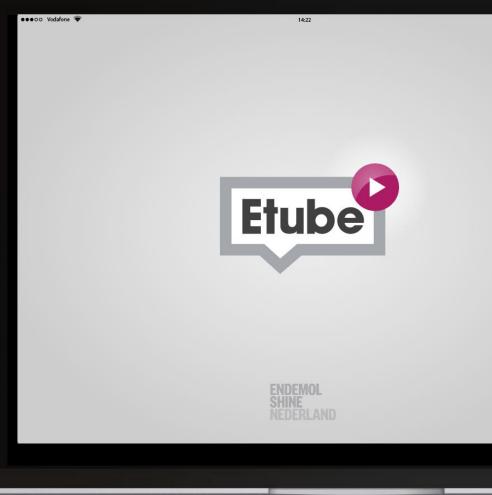
# Living Style Guide Webinar

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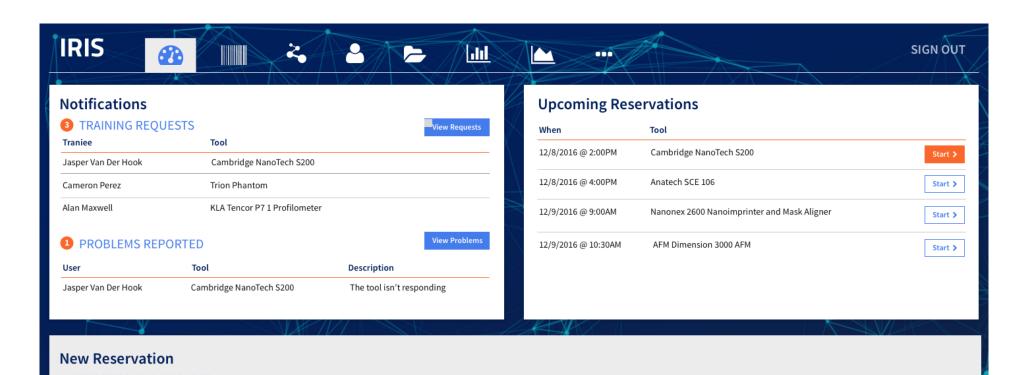
## Living Style Guide Topics

- What is a living style guide
- What problems does it solve
- Who is it for
- How to integrate it with your application development
- The tools for creating your own Living Style Guide



## Great UX is Possible in All Applications

- Creating a great UI for your application is the first step towards a great end user experience
- How to incorporate great UX in your app development consistently over time, across projects





# What is a Living Style Guide?



## LSG what's that?

- A living style guide sometimes called a Pattern Library is a reference for a team to understand how an application's UX and UI will look and function.
- A central repository for the visual and functional patterns that make up an application or suite of applications.
- It creates a shared understanding among all team members and is a place for the whole team to reference how something should look, function, and be executed.



# Origin/Evolution

- Living Style Guides (LSG) originated from brand guides
- Either printed or a pdf which require layout software to update
- As an application where your team can all contribute a LSG can be more alive than its printed predecessor

#### Primary and Secondary Colors

#### Color Balance

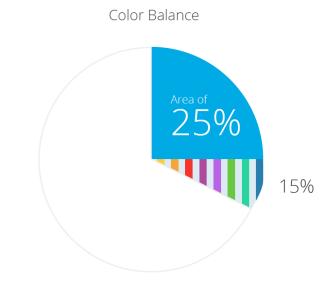
Similar to our product, always ensure that enough white space is retained in design—with only Mendix Blue using approximately 25% of the page or design. This applies similarly when using imagery: the image becomes the white space.

#### Supporting tints

Tints of Mendix Blue and Darks are for use as demonstrated to the right. The lighter tint of the blue is used the more space can be painted with this color.

#### **Secondary Colors**

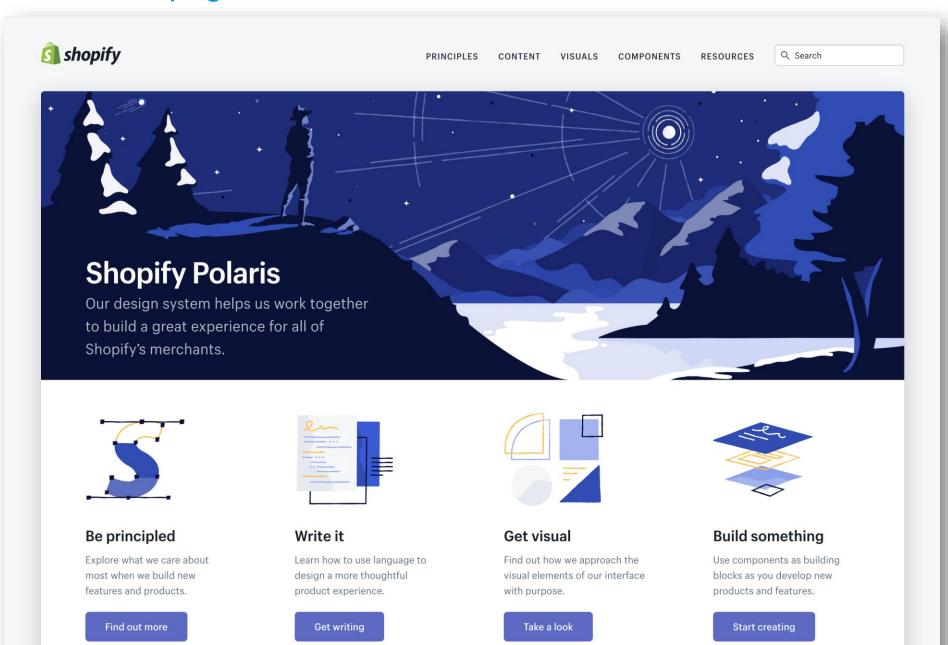
Additionally, the secondary color palette is used as accents and must not use more than 15% of your canvas.





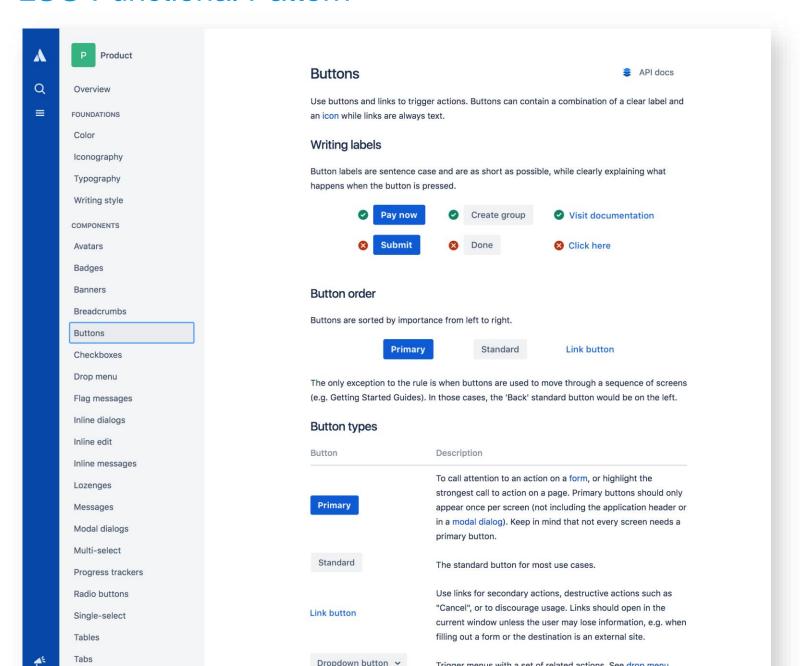


### LSG Home page



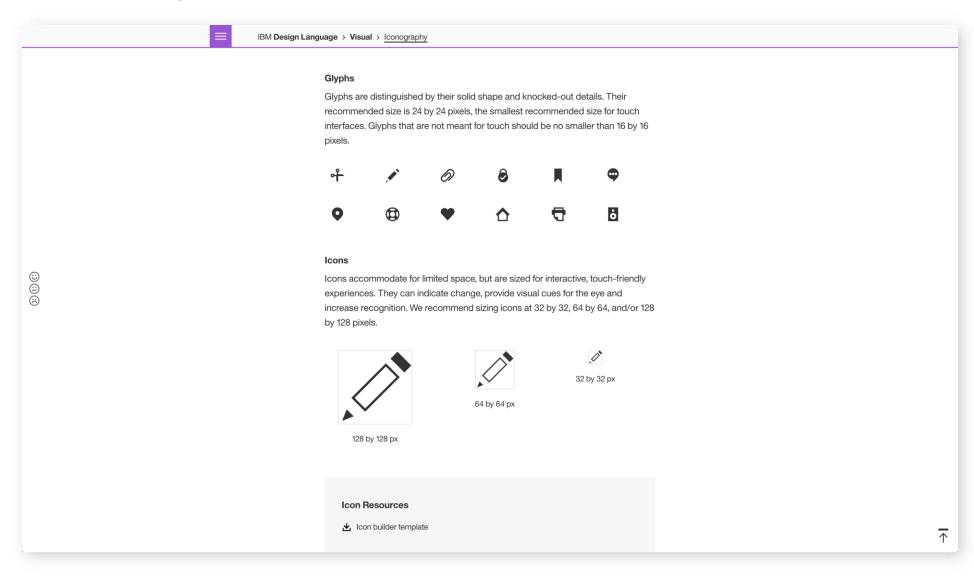


#### LSG Functional Pattern



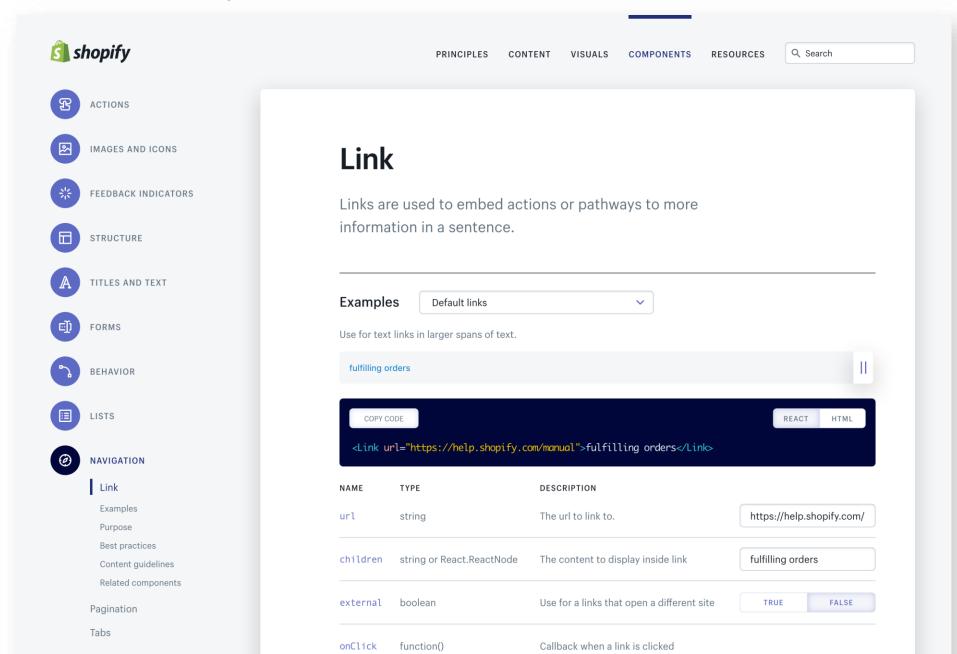


### LSG Perceptual Pattern





### LSG code sample





# Who is it for?

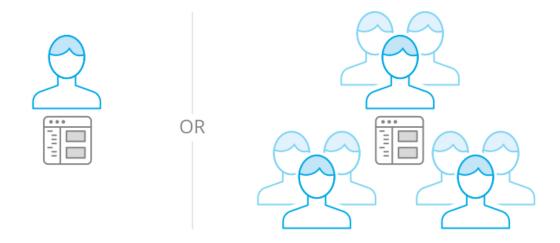


# Is a Pattern Library right for me?

- I'm apart of a small team with no full time Uxer.
- I'm apart of a large team working on concurrent projects.
- I have trouble coordinating developers and designers.
- I have trouble executing quality UI/UX through shifting development requirements.



#### No matter the size

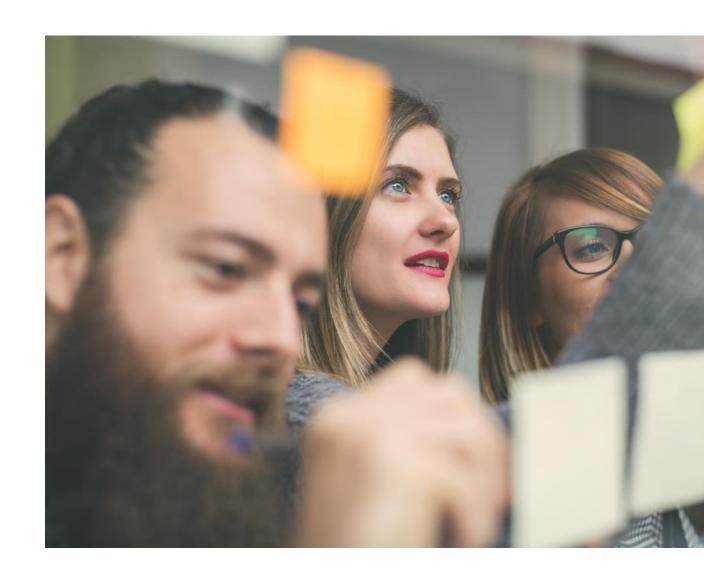


 Living Style guides serve to enforce the why and how to implement your design.



#### **Discussion Point**

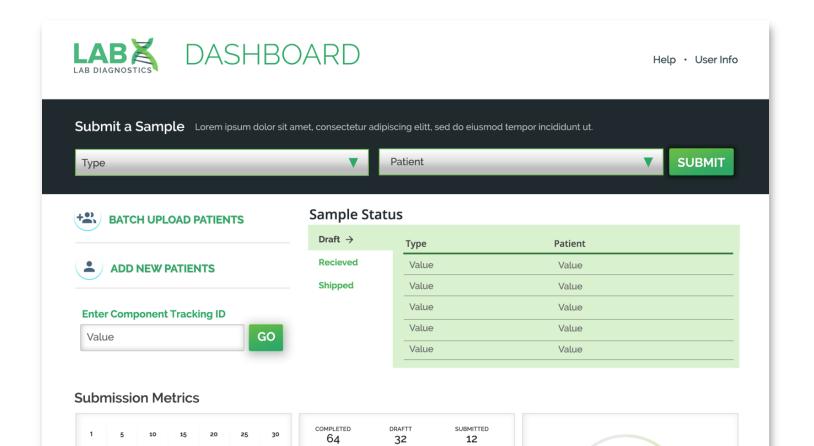
- A living style guide can serve as a mutually agreed upon anchor on how the application should look and function.
- It can serve to facilitate discussions and communication between team members.





## Executing designs

 What is designed with specific content in mind at the beginning of a project may not be present in the final application





# What problems does it solve?



## **Increased Productivity**



- With style guides, both the development and design teams can move at a faster pace.
- It allows a developer to quickly build a feature that inherits the already established design of the app.



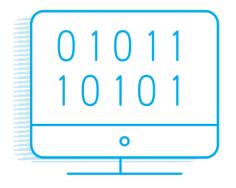
# Faster Problem Solving



- Allows designers to adapt existing patterns solve new problems
- Maintain consistency for the end user UX



## **Increased Maintainability**



- From a technical standpoint, living style guides help to avoid duplicated CSS and page layouts.
- This will leave your application easier to maintain.



# Speed up Onboarding



• As a deliverable, a living style guide acts as a personalized bootstrap that another team of developers and designers can pick up, work with, and build upon.



# **Increased Quality**



• The living style guide when integrated with your QA team can help maintain the quality of your UI and consistency for the UX.

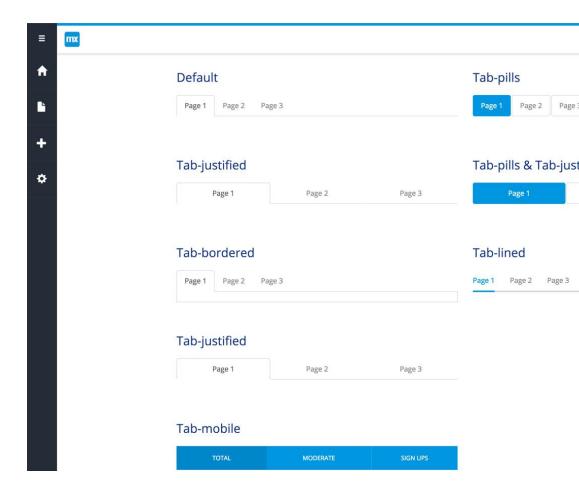


# Create your own Living Style Guide



## Creating your own LSG

- Creating your own living style guide in Mendix can be a simple as linking a series of pages together in a module.
- Or use the Atlas UI Reference App and add your own descriptions of when, where and why to use certain elements
- I recommend using a separate sandbox app to create the guide so the app can pull up and refereed to during development.





#### Who should own it?



- Someone involved with the design and/or development of application
- Joint ownership helps reinforces full team involvement



### When to create a LSG

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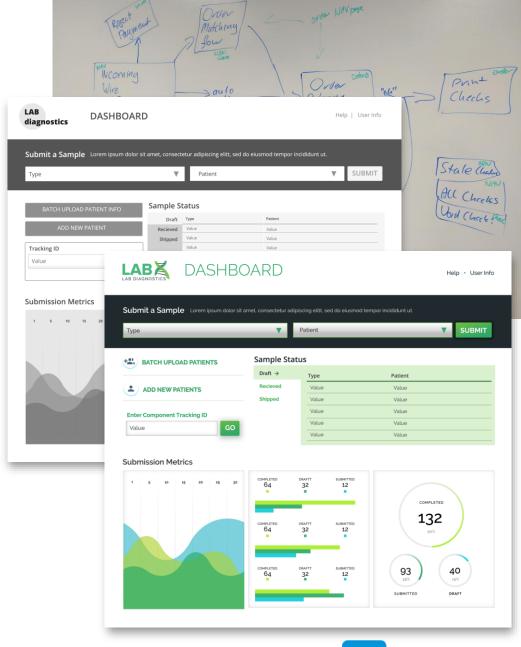
SPRINT 1

- LSG documentation should follow shortly after initial theme is created
- Assign user stories to document patterns created in the previous sprint



## LSG iteration

- A living style guide should be seen as an iterative process just as design and development iterates.
- To keep everyone up to date with the latest iterations organize Living Style guide catch-ups.
   This can be down in tandem with sprint reviews





- Category starting points
  - Functional Patterns
  - Perceptual Patterns
  - Page(s) anatomy
  - CSS helper classes



Page Anatomy

Find an item...

Perceptual Patterns

Functio

Buttons

Datagrid

Form Elements

Listview

#### **FUNCTIONAL PATTERNS**

#### **Buttons**

Toggle Sort Mode

#### **Primary Action**

btn-solid btn-primary

Use filled in button to show the primary action. The inverse/orange button has the highest hierarchy out of all the buttons as it serves a good contrast to the blue background and headings.

1 Try to limit the use of this style of button to one per page or section.

Chose the button rendering of primary

#### **Secondary Actions**

btn-solid btn-secondary

For secondary less important actions on the page use the primary or default button rendering in conjunction with the class btn-solid.

A Use warning, danger or success sparingly

1 Stick to using the primary(blue) or default(grey) button renderings

#### **Baseline action**

btn-default

For all other actions on the page stick to using just the button rendering without extra classes.

the order of importance for the user is inverse, primary then default.

#### **Datagrid**

Toggle Sort Mode

#### Datagrid

These are the backbone of the IRIS application. Any data that needs to be shown for Admin purposes a data grid is good fit.

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# Living Style Guide Module Demo



## Living Style Guide Module

- Perspective Release Jan 2018
- Developed by US Expert Services
- Uses the application's Styles for UI base
- Developed with Admin and User security roles
- Easy to create custom categories/ subcategories/ items



# Any Questions?

