Style Guides in Web Design Best Practices

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AGENDA

- 1. What is a Style Guide
- 2. Case for Style Guides
- 3. How to create Style Guides



WHAT IS A STYLE GUIDE

- 1. Defines design standards for an organization
- 2. Containers for institutional knowledge
- 3. Components are not limited to Typography, Color, Code
 - Other examples: Editorial, Accessibility
- 4. Consists "Legos" that fit together to form templates

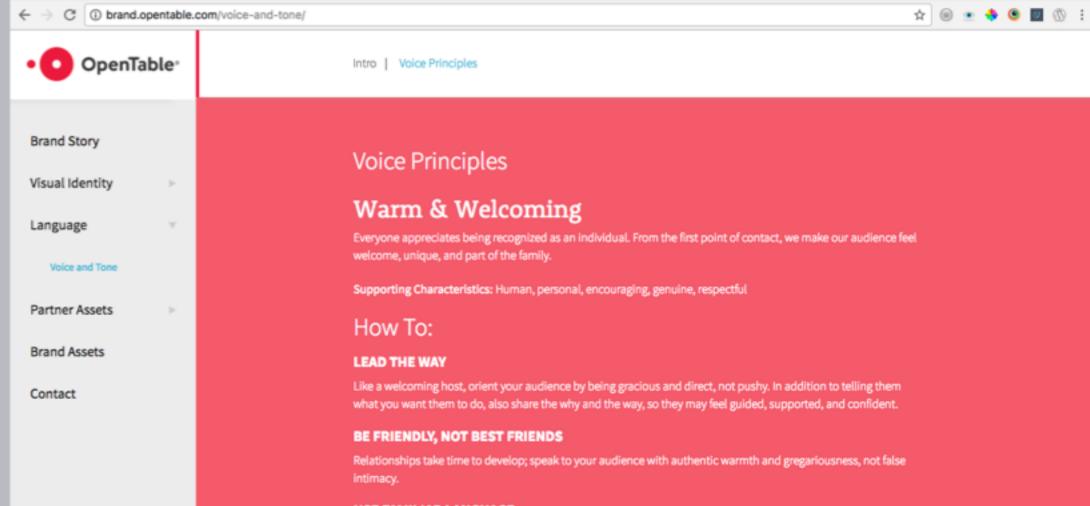


WHAT IS A STYLE GUIDE

- 1. Consistent visual language to facilitate collaboration
- 2. Shared Vocabulary for an organization
 - What is an Isotope?
 - What do you mean by sentence-style capitalization?
 - How do I create a sidebar widget?
 - What is a call to action button?
- 3. Describes How To's, Do's and Don'ts



Examples



USE FAMILIAR LANGUAGE

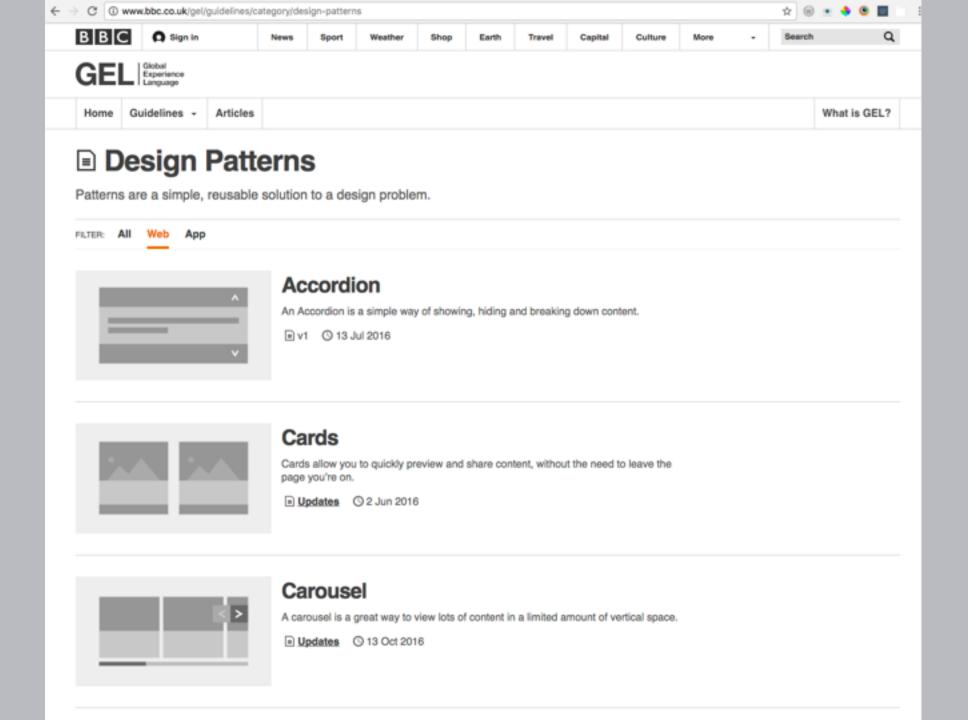
Our audience isn't necessarily technical, so use language that is simple yet smart, relevant, clear, and conversational.

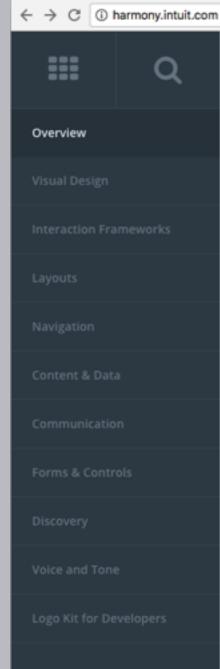
SPEAK FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF YOUR AUDIENCE

What motivates your audience's interest in your message? How much familiarity do they have to what you're speaking about? What is their context? Take your cues from your audience and meet them where they are.

BE MEMORABLE

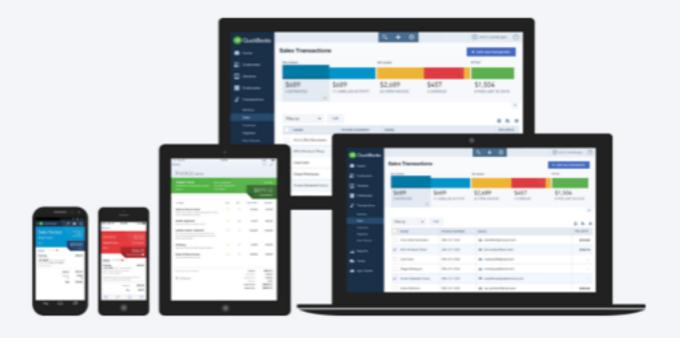
Leave an impression. Bring to life the dining experience—after all, that's what we're all about.





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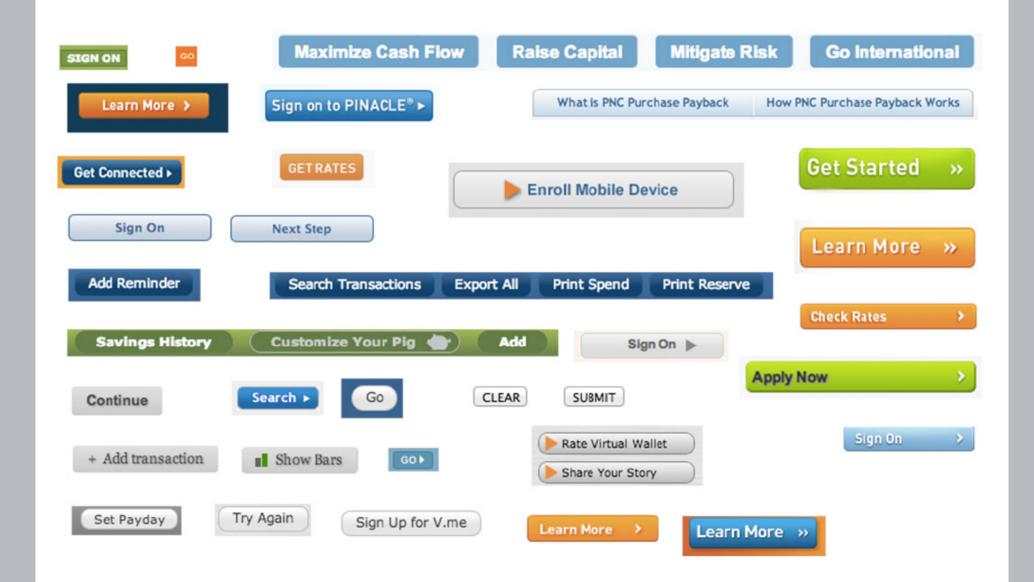


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CASE FOR STYLE GUIDES

- 1. Provide a memorable user experience
- 2. Savings of time and resources
 - Instead of designing a widget for the 15th time, it's already done.
- 3. Tested and proven solutions to design problems









Grid System

Typography

Form Elements

Navigation

Tables

Lists

Slats

Stats/Data

Form Elements

Buttons Select Inputs Field help Checkboxes & Radios

Buttons

Example

Standard

Primary Action

Send Now

Stop This Delivery

HOW TO CREATE STYLE GUIDES

- 1. Involving various teams in the organization
- 2. Name the project
- 3. War rooms and Design Week





Design System Week





MOVING FORWARD

- 1. How do we document our institutional knowledge and design language?
- 2. How do we provide a delightful UX?
- 3. How can a shared vocabulary help us?
- 4. Desired by our stakeholders?



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