

Component Driven Development with Storybook

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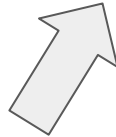
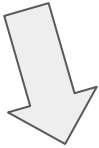
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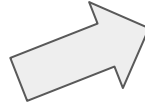
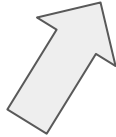
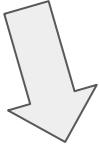
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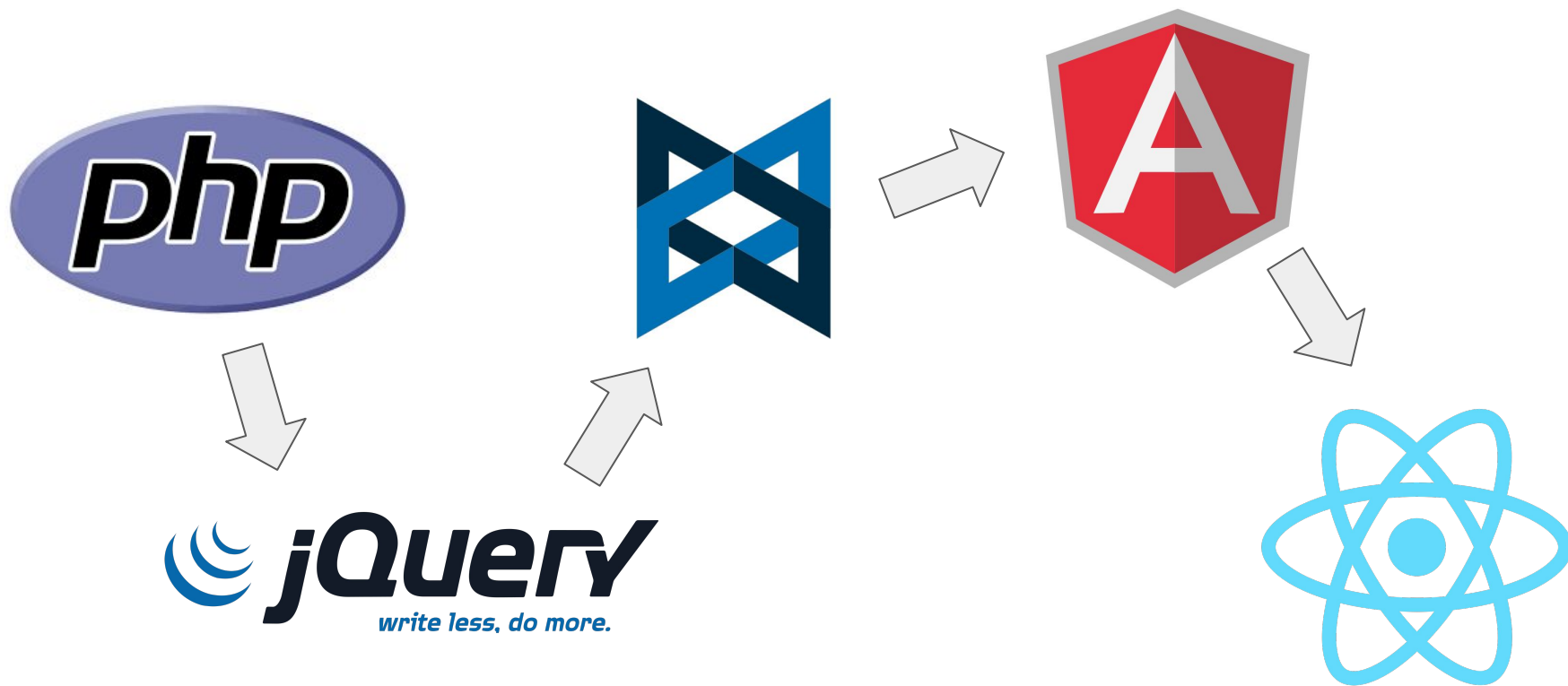
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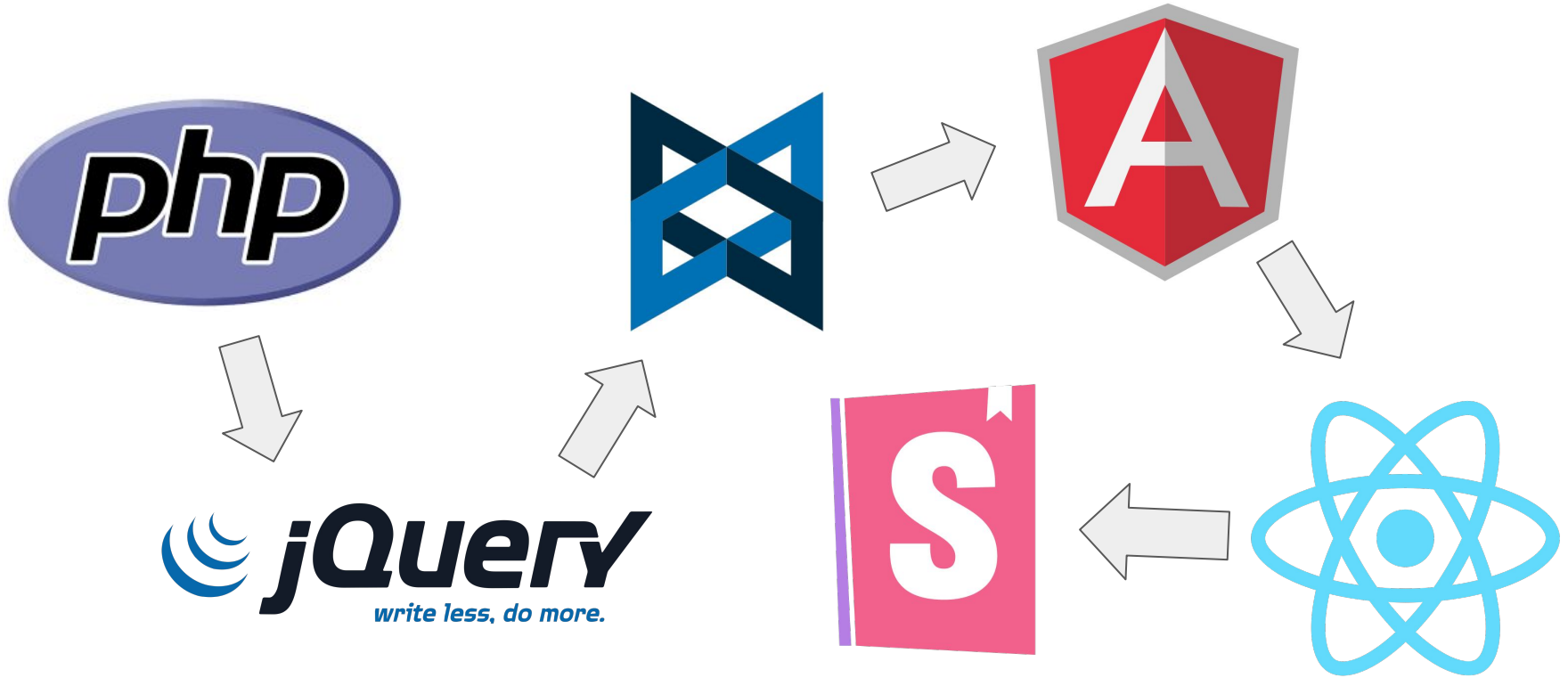
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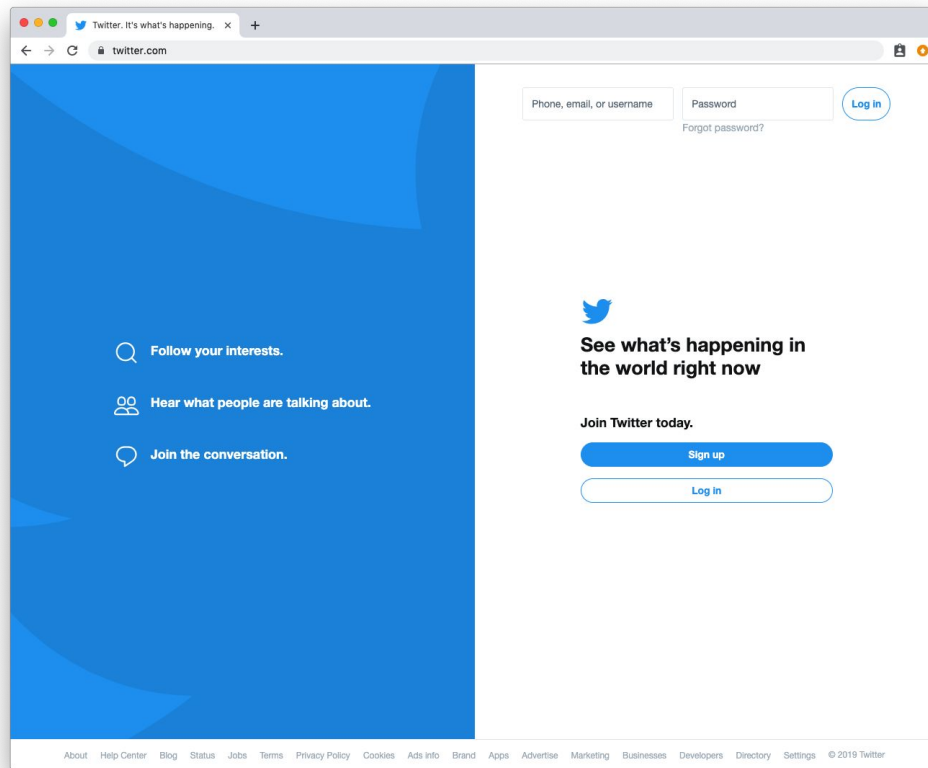
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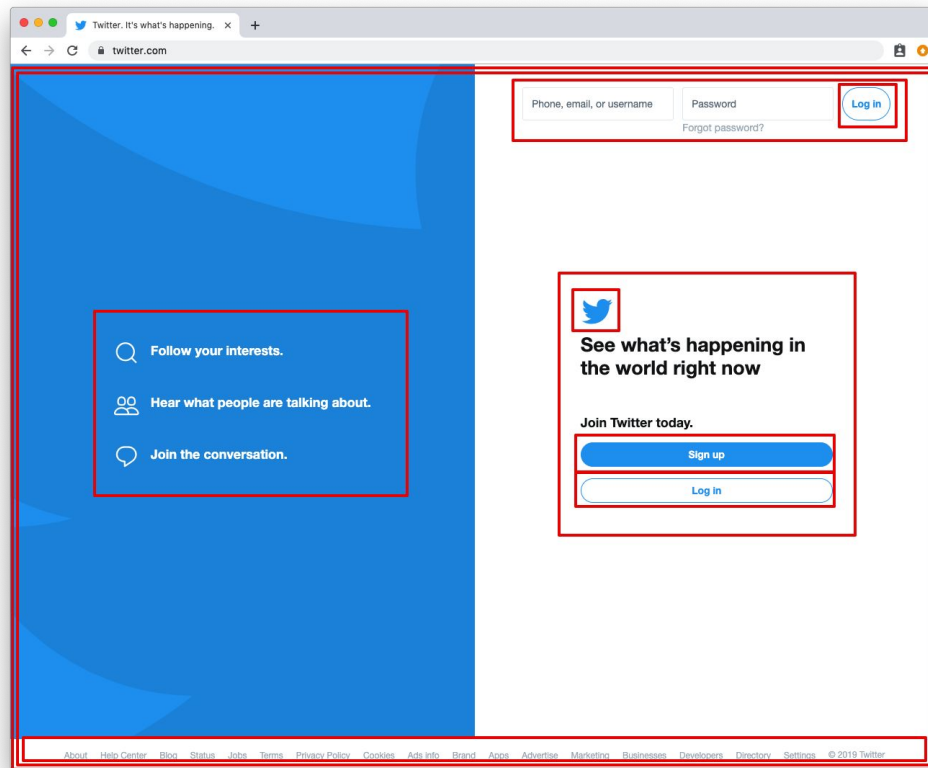
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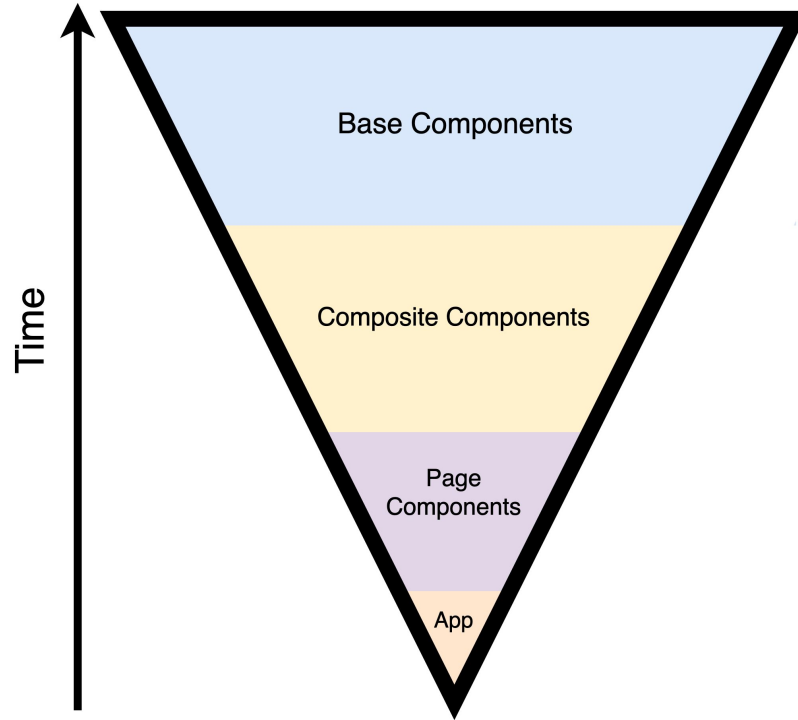
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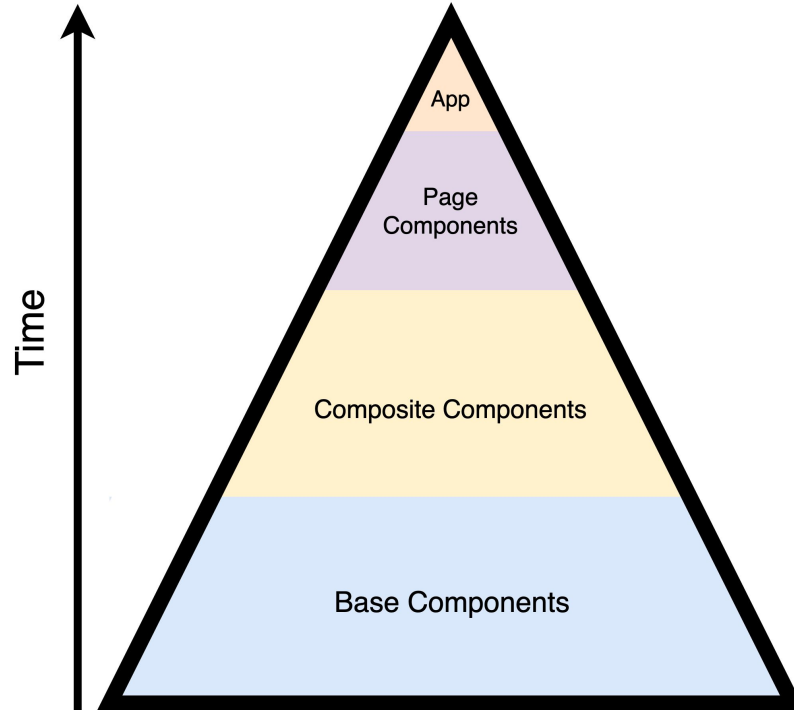
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How do we normally build an app?



Component Driven Development



The CDD Workflow

1. Build each component
2. Create component library
3. Combine components

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Storybook is a rich tool for exploring and building component libraries

It supports most popular Javascript frameworks, and is growing extensively in industry











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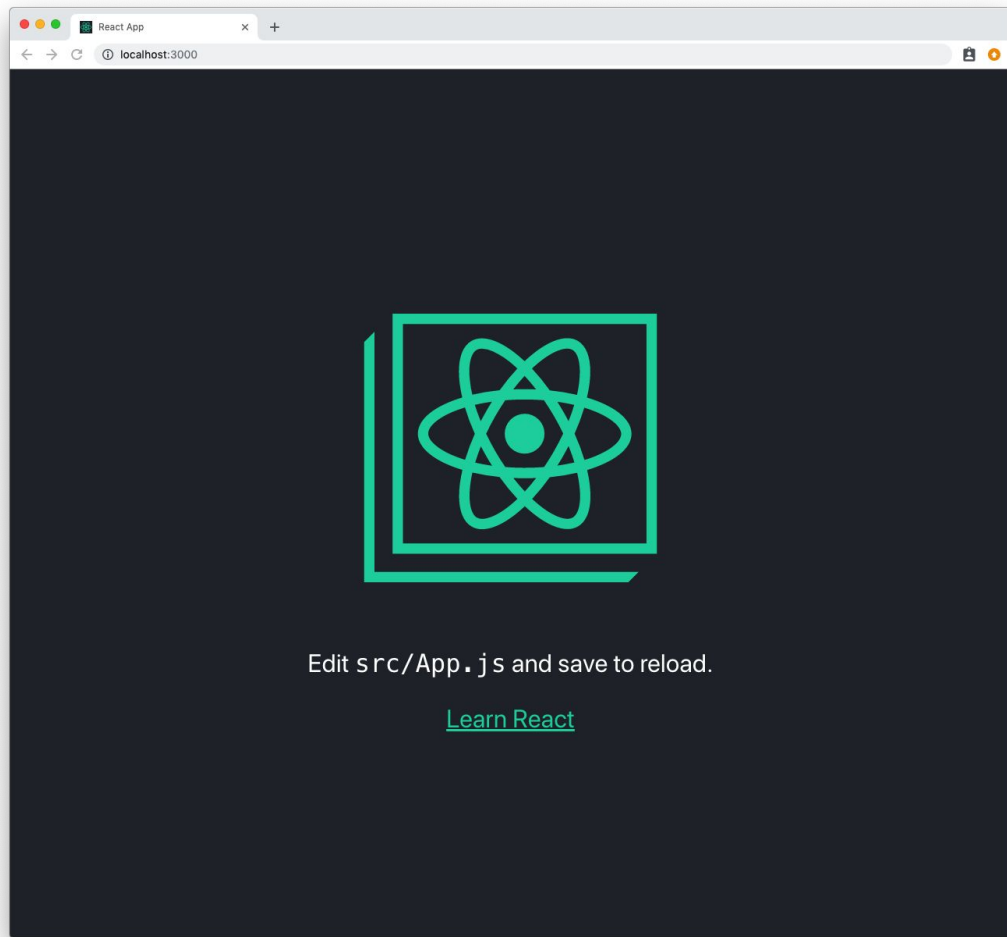
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Let's get started!

```
# Create our application:  
npx create-react-app demo  
cd demo
```

```
# Add Storybook:  
npx -p @storybook/cli sb init
```

```
npm start
```

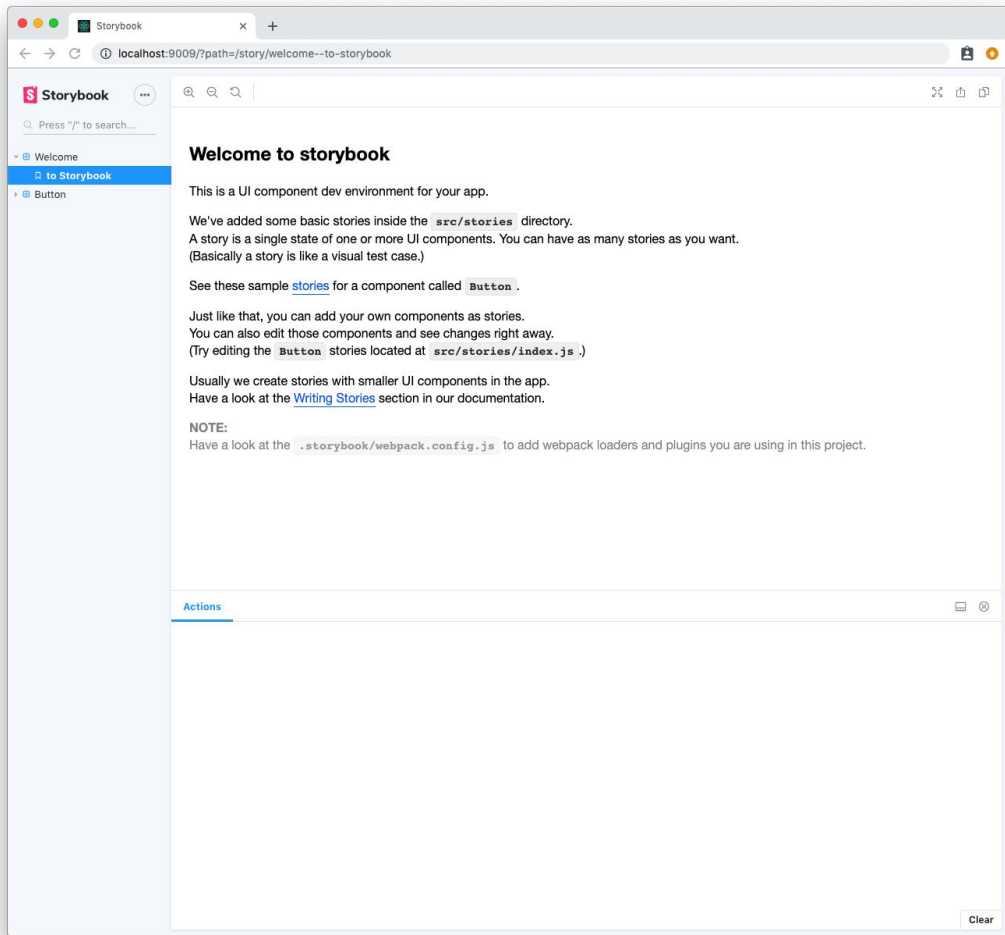
```
~/workspace/storybook-talk/storybook-demo - npm test

PASS src/App.test.js
  ✓ renders without crashing (37ms)

Test Suites: 1 passed, 1 total
Tests:       1 passed, 1 total
Snapshots:   0 total
Time:        2.479s
Ran all test suites.

Watch Usage: Press w to show more.
```

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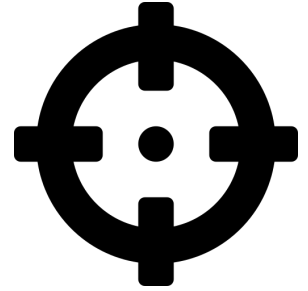


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npm run storybook
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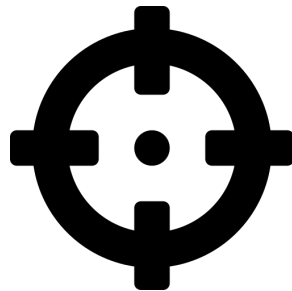
Demo: Task Component & Story

Benefits of Component Driven Development

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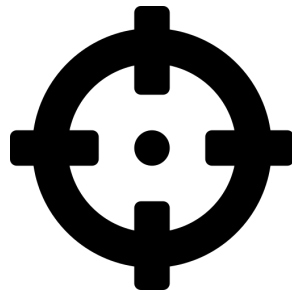
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CDD isolates the component you're really building

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CDD encourages enumerating all component states

You can confidently put new components into production



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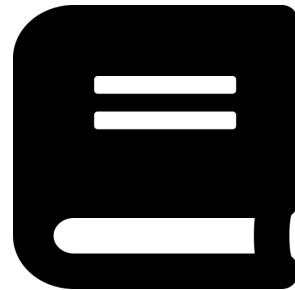
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Sharing a proposed UI change is as easy as a URL

Focus conversations on one single component at a time



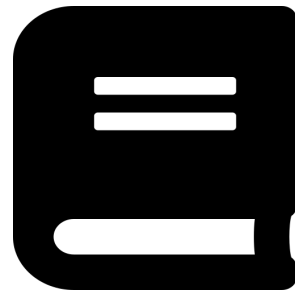
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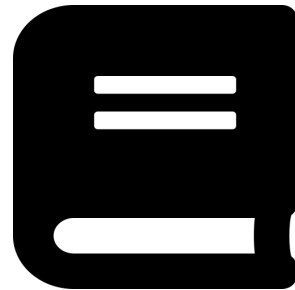
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Supercharge code reuse within your organization

Use your stories to generate detailed documentation

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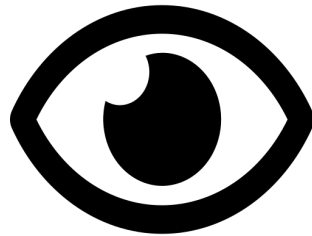
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Provide clean, complete iterations to stakeholders earlier

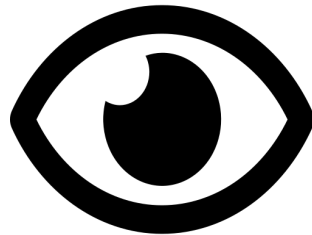


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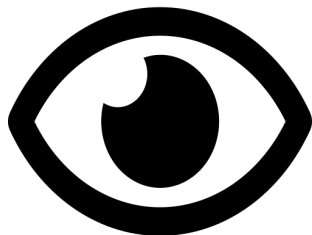


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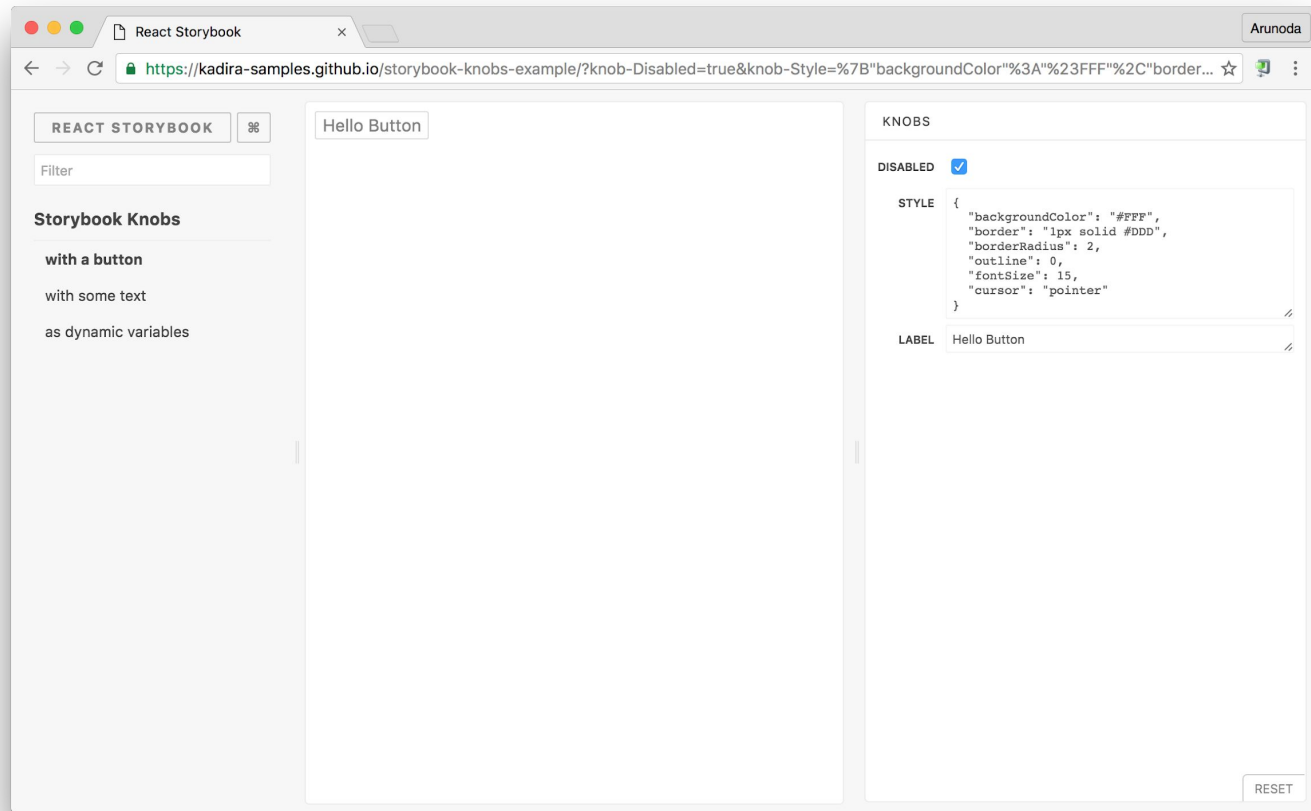
Programmatically validate previously difficult UI code

Storybook integrates with powerful automated testing plugins

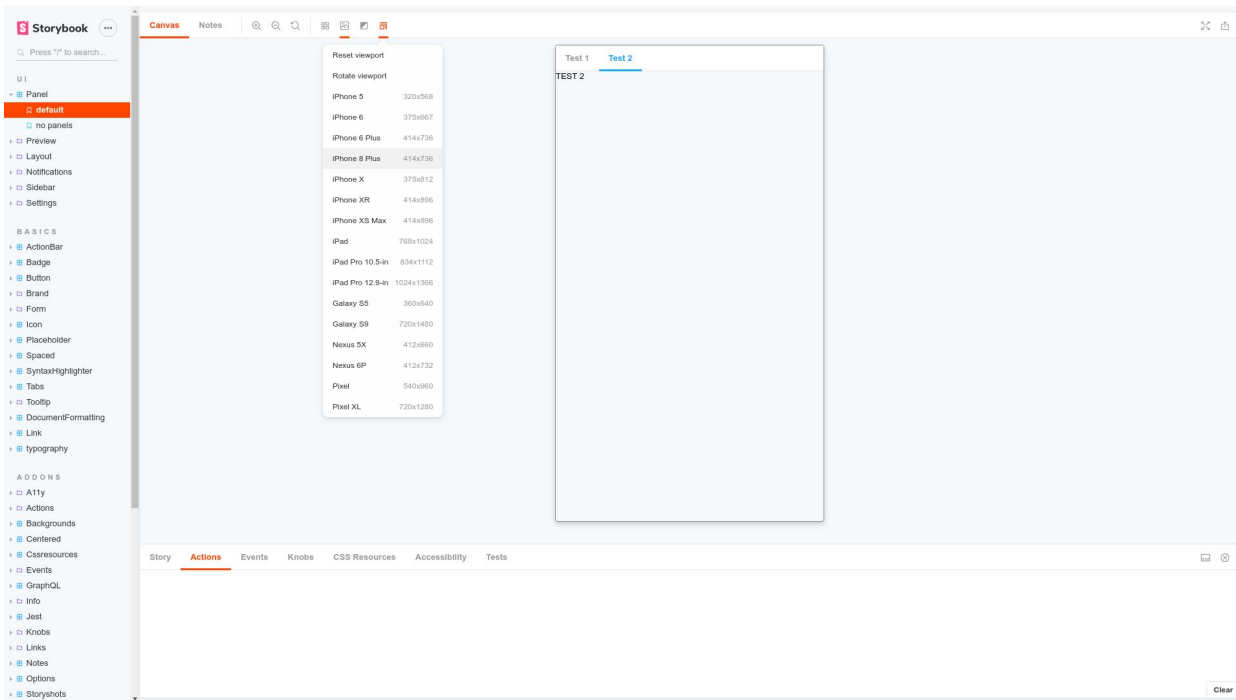


Exploring the ecosystem

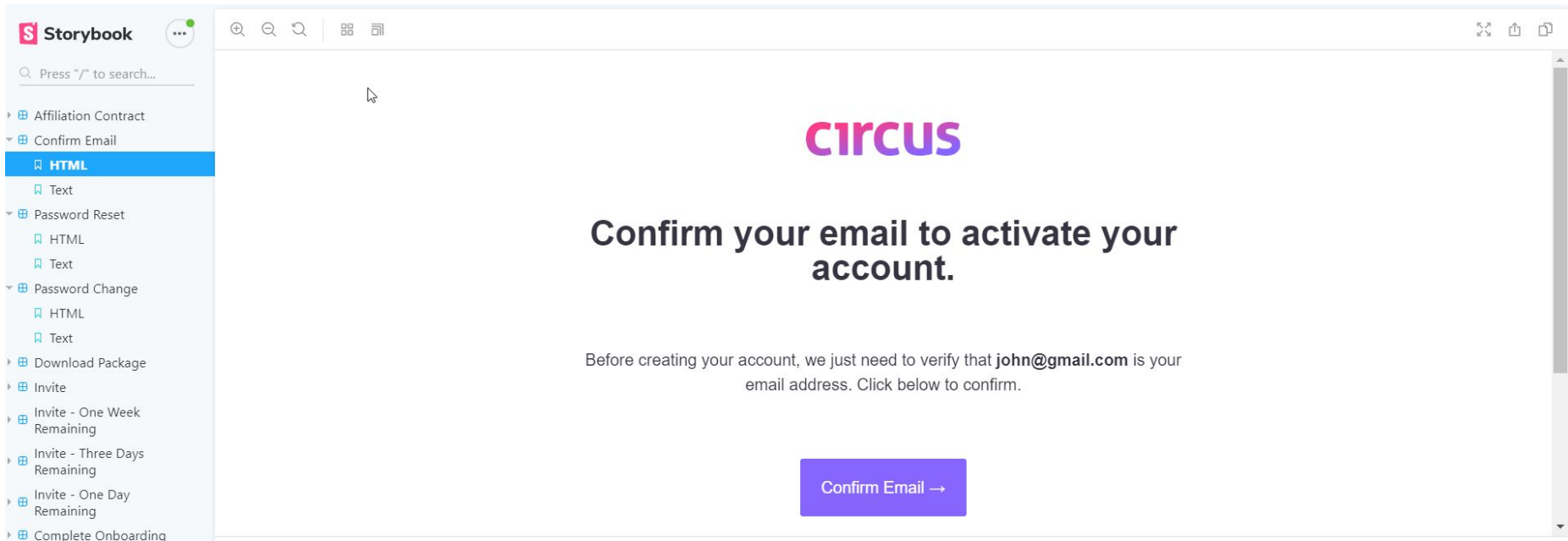
Knobs

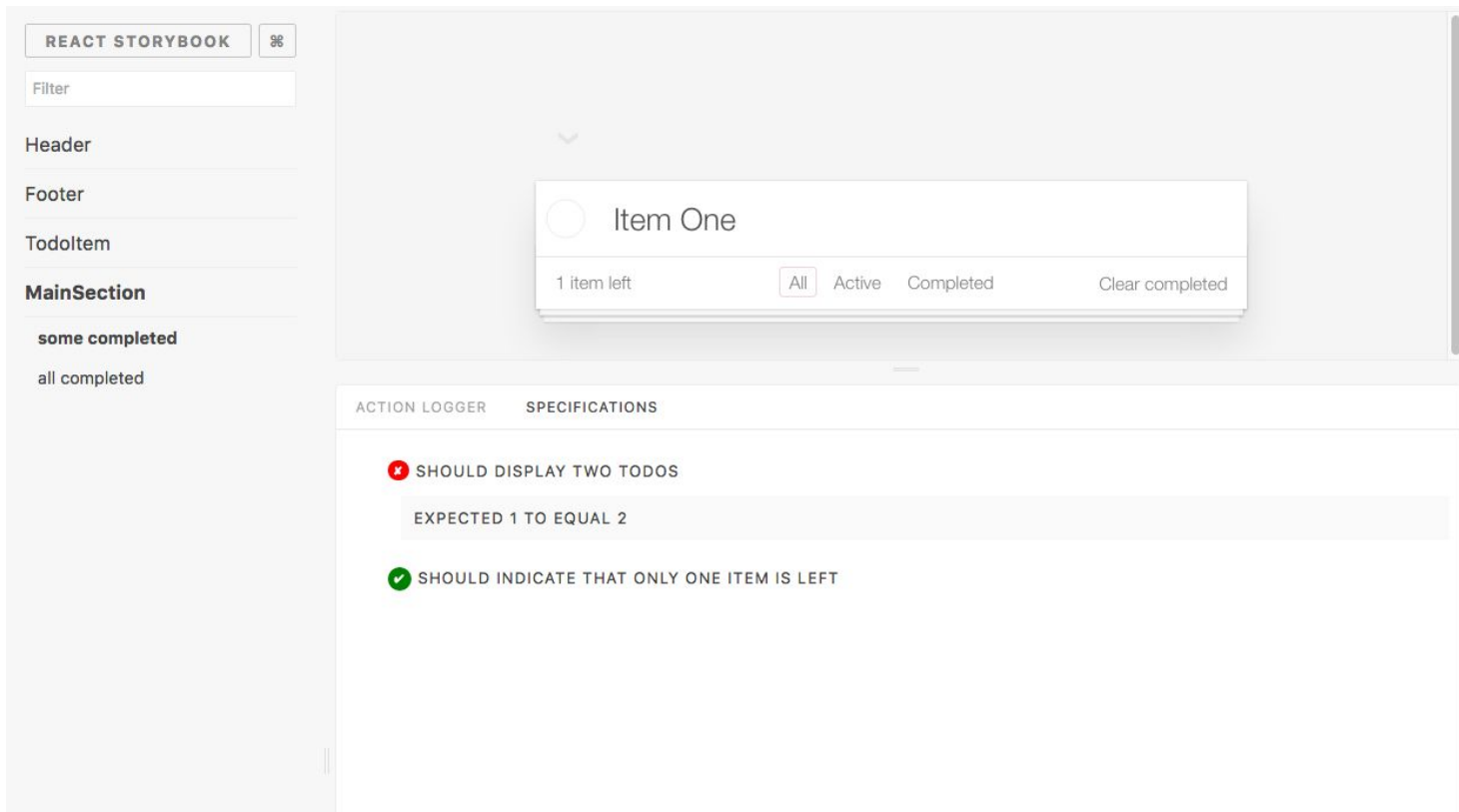


Responsive Design



Storybook your email templates!





TDD Integration

Story Shots

Button

✓ default view

x link button

- Snapshot

+ Current story

```
<button
  onClick={[[Function anonymous]]}
  style={
    Object {
      "backgroundColor": "#FFFFFF",
      "border": "1px solid #eee",
      "borderRadius": 3,
      "cursor": "pointer",
      "fontSize": 15,
      "padding": "3px 10px"
    }
  }
}>
  - Next Story
  + Go to Next Story
</button>
```

✓ some emojis as the text

✓ custom styles

Test summary

> 4 stories tested.

> 3/4 stories match with snapshots.

> 1/4 differ from snapshots.

Easy visual regression checks

Baseline Build 9 on master

New Build 10 on feature-branch

   [Diff](#)



Built-in Auto-documentation with DocsPage

Summary



CDD is a powerful paradigm for building user interfaces



Storybook is a feature-rich component explorer

Combined, they're a new, better way to build frontend apps!

Thanks!

Source code: <https://github.com/chrisfosterelli/cdd-with-storybook>

Learn Storybook: <https://www.learnstorybook.com/>

Do you use Storybook right now, or want to? Let's chat!

<https://twostoryrobot.com>

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