# Using icons in web design

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**DESIGN FUNDAMENTALS** 

# Where to find decent icons?

Free icons have one key issue:

# Small icon sets = not very versatile

### Awesome Features





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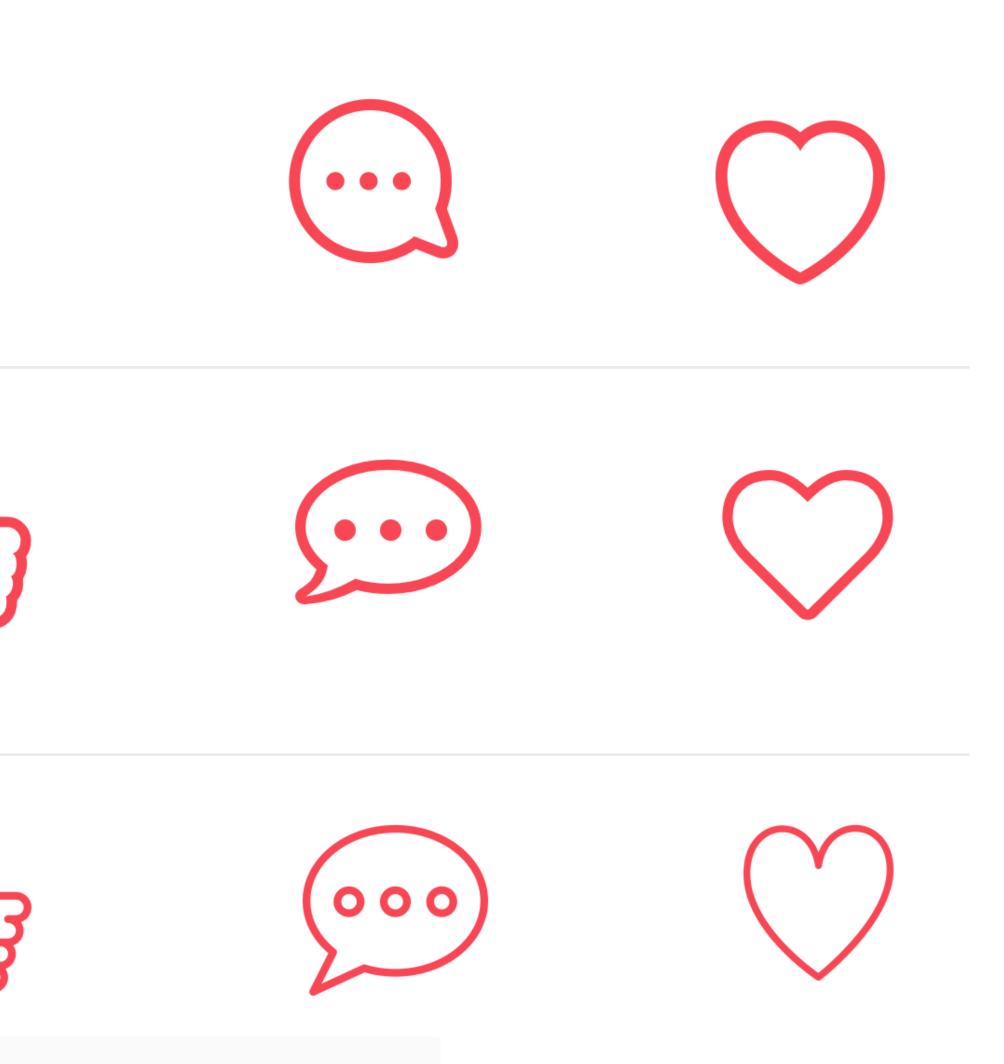
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Fat icons:



FontAwesome:

Streamline:



If you can invest in only one thing, make it a decent icon set.

## Free

## material.io/icons

Not the most beautiful but well made.

## pixelbuddha.net/freebies

Limited amounts but high quality.

### linea.io

One of the largest free icon sets

### thenounproject.com

Good for obscure icons, hard to stay consistent

# Paid

# fontawesome.com/pro

Very large set, easy to use in the browser

# streamlineicons.com

Fantastic quality and very large icon set

### webalys.com/nova

Inspired by Material Design icons, but better

Applying icons to your design

Icons should provide **additional** information rather than be used as information on their own

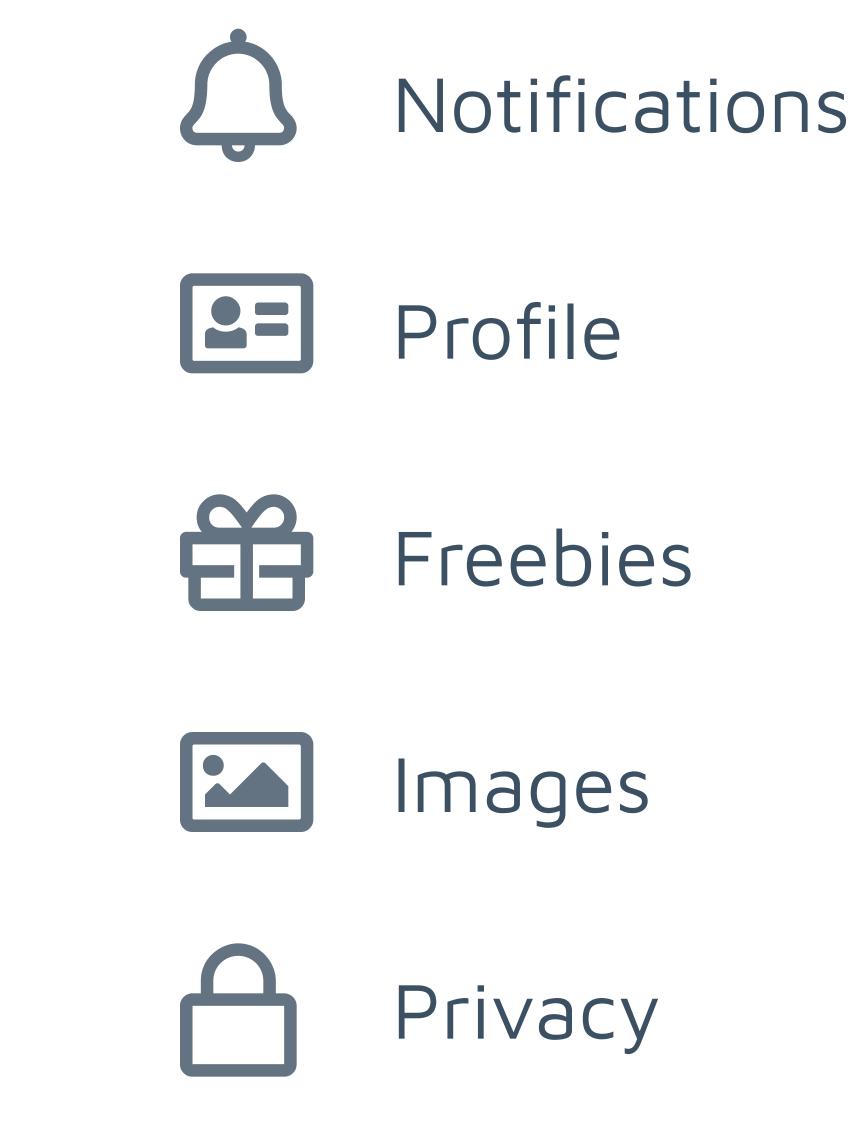












Freebies

Images

Privacy

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3. Is there enough space for a label?Without it interfering with othertext around it?



### A better answer to Build vs. Buy

Companies of all sizes face the question of whether to build or buy a billing solution. Stripe Billing gives you a better option.



### Understand every user's journey

Follow the digital footprint of every user across mobile and web devices. Know precisely what happens inside your product.



### **Build faster with instant answers**

Pull up the numbers you need at a moment's notice. Experiment immediately with A/B testing and notifications.

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### **Agile Planning**

Add stories to your backlog, tag them with epics and estimate complexity with story points.

<b>Scrumpy</b> Agile project managem	nent tool	•
Current Sprint	18.09.17 - 02.10.17	

### **Sprint Progress**

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Watch the live progress, see how good your team performs and if you are on track.

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### Unlock insights for everyone

Whether you're an executive, product manager, or data scientist, you have a set of tools tailored to your unique product questions.



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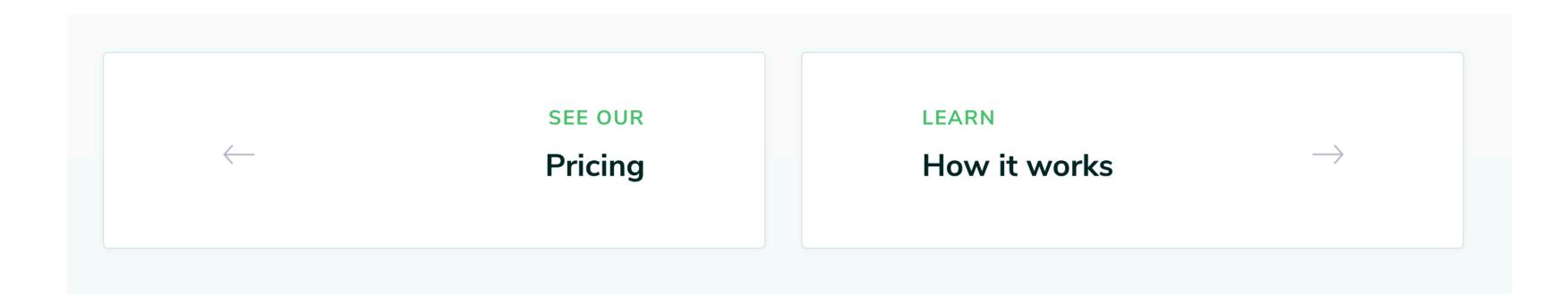
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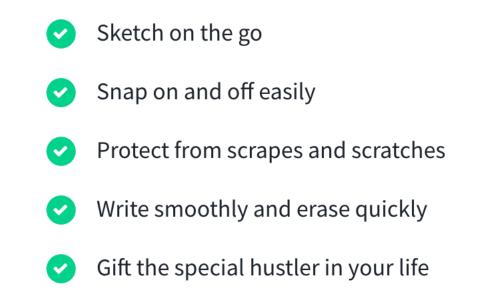




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### A Hustle-what?

HustleCase is a lightweight whiteboard laptop case that makes it easy to:





We love collaboration and want you to invite unlimited clients and freelancers to your projects.

### **G** Live Updating

iterations from Figma.

### **Smart Notifications**

Never lose a thread: Notifications are designed to update you on the most important stuff only.



Every story comes with a comments section. You can can also use markdown for highlighting.

### **Better understand your customers**

"Who are my best customers and what features do they love?" Find out with Engagement, People, and JQL.

### Improve acquisition and activation flows

"How do I get more customers and engage more deeply with the ones I have?" Find out with A/B Testing and Notifications.

### Drive up customer retention and revenue

"How can I keep customers around longer and earn more from them?" Find out with Funnels and Retention.

Real time is a thing, so we implemented instant updates, i.e. with design

### **Discuss Specific Features**

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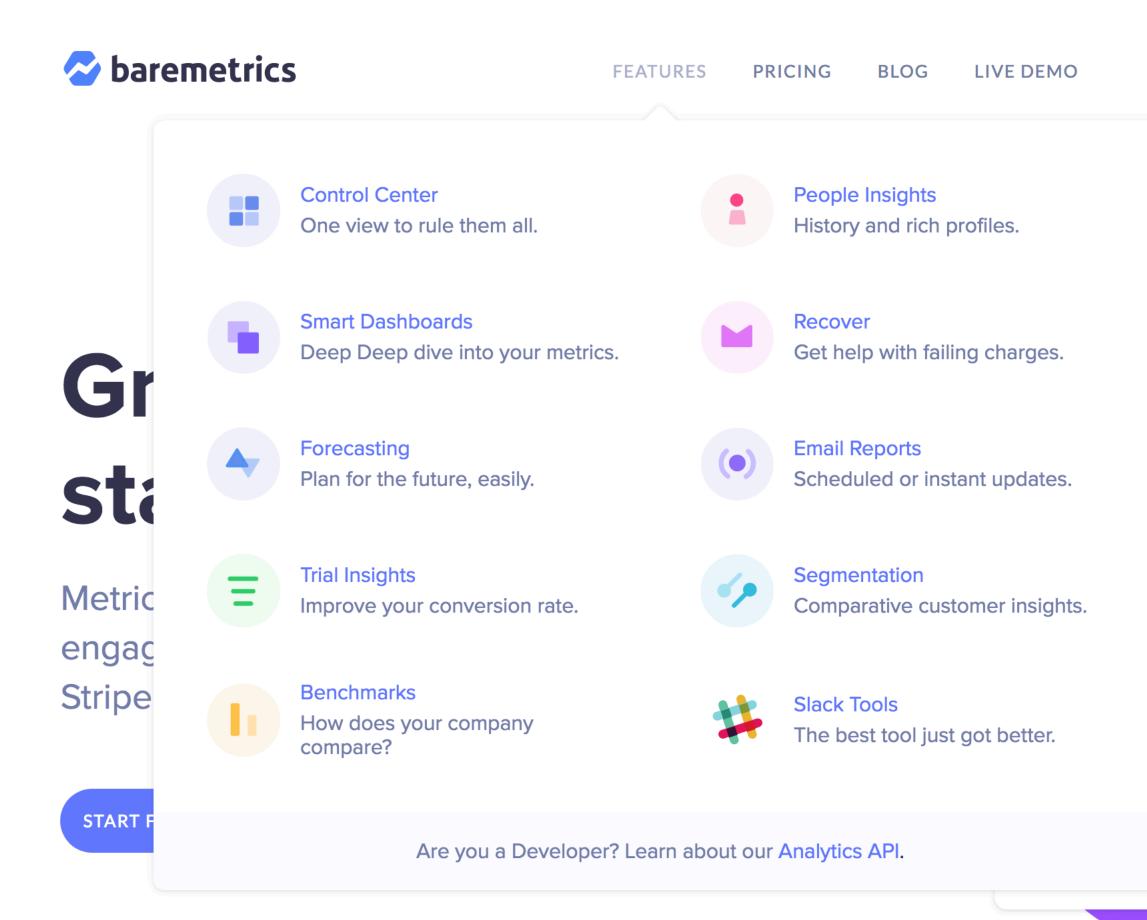
### Fast & Beautiful Interface

Our interface is built with performance in mind, everything is snappy and looks just purrrrr.

### **Quick Search** Q

Nothing gets lost. Just hit Command + P to open quick search and find the things you need.





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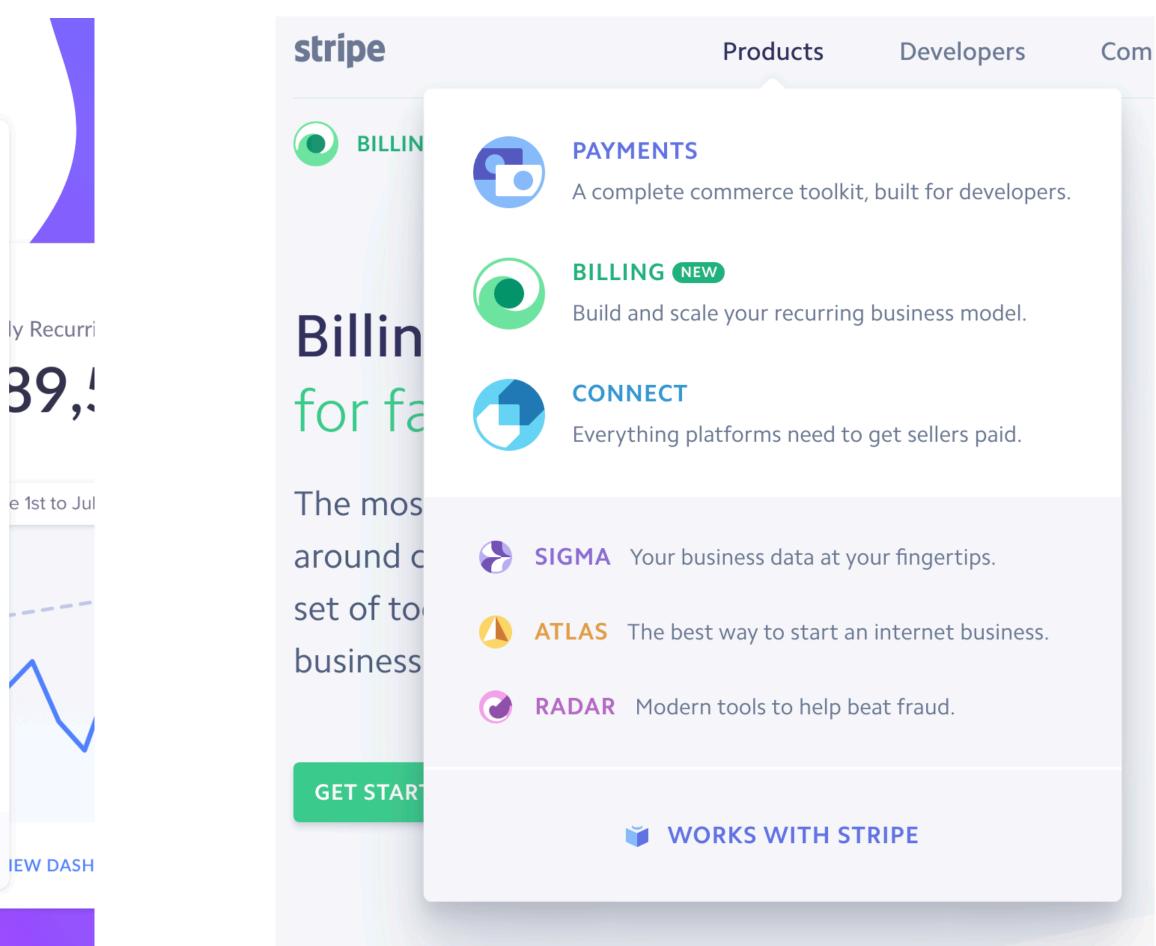
Find work & employees

Jobs

### Membership

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Webinars & early-birds



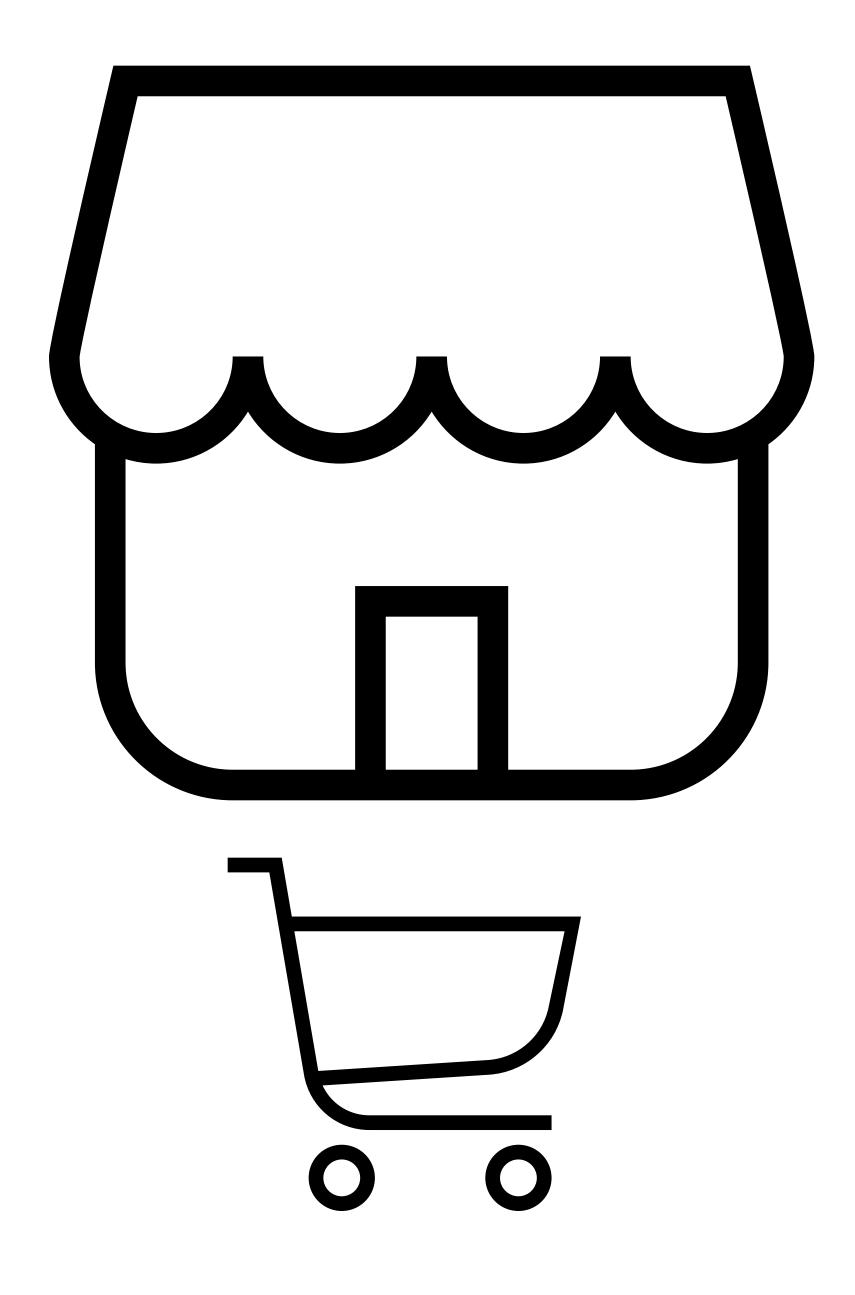


**Q** Topics



# **#1** Icons should be small and consistent in size















Everdo offers many features you'll find indispensible.



### Tags and Contexts

Organize your tasks and easily pick what's relevant.



### Scheduling

Never miss what needs to be done with flexible scheduling and due dates.

Areas

Separate life and work, or other major parts of your life.

Capture and store information that does not requre action, but is relevant to your projects.



### Everdo Features



### Projects

Keep track of the big picture and goals in your work and life.



### Time and Energy

Filter tasks based on available time and energy.



### Focus

Mark highest priority and active tasks to keep track of them.



### **Reference** Items

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### Checklists

Every action and project can have one or more checklists.

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### Data Import/Export

Easily migrate data from other todo lists and productivity apps. Export your data in a variety of formats.





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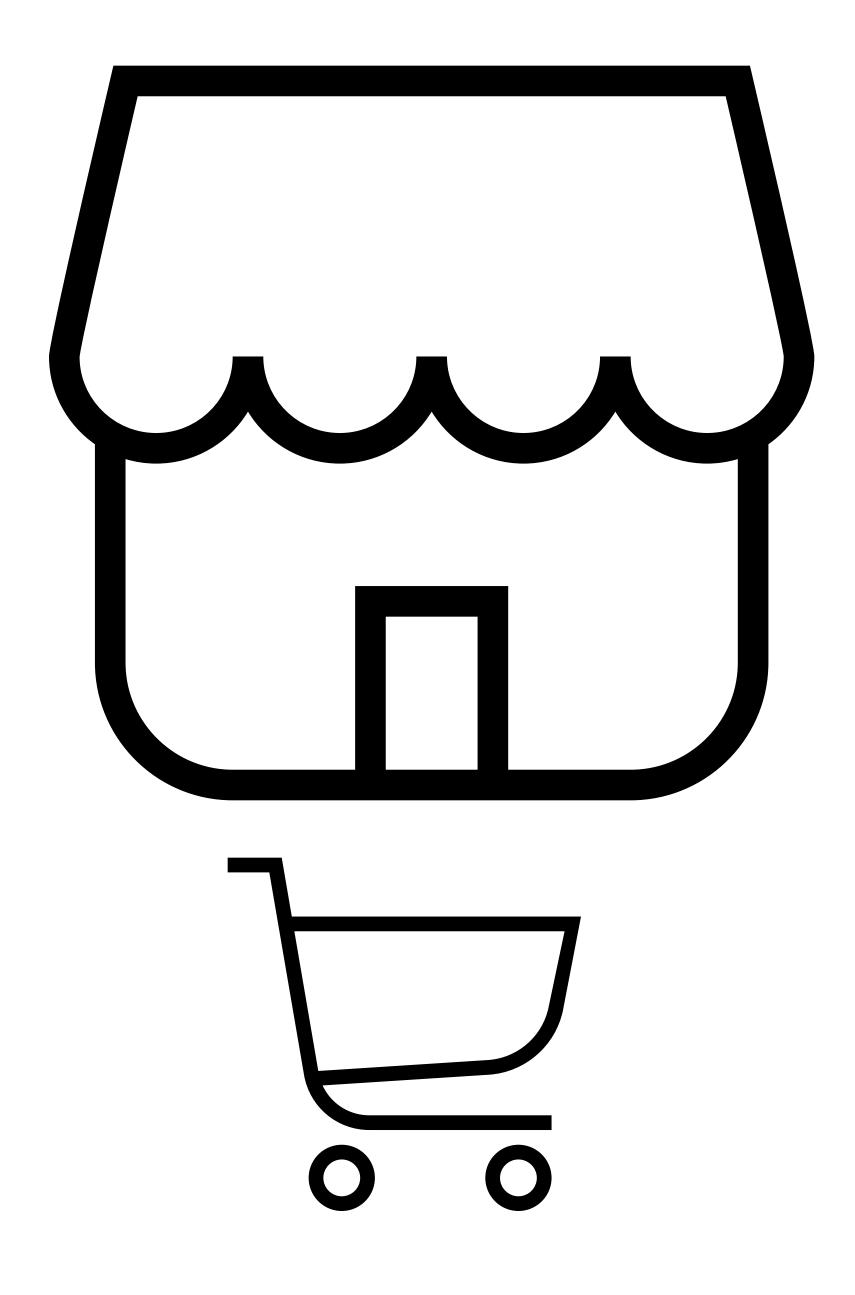
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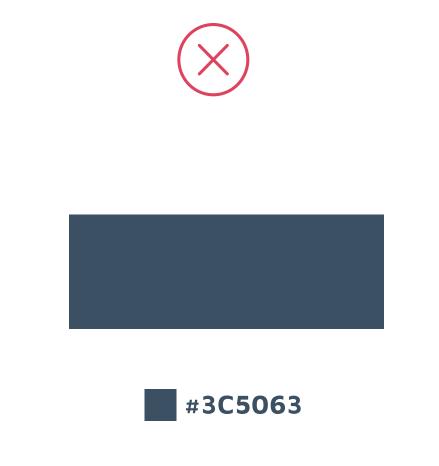


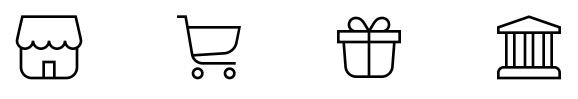




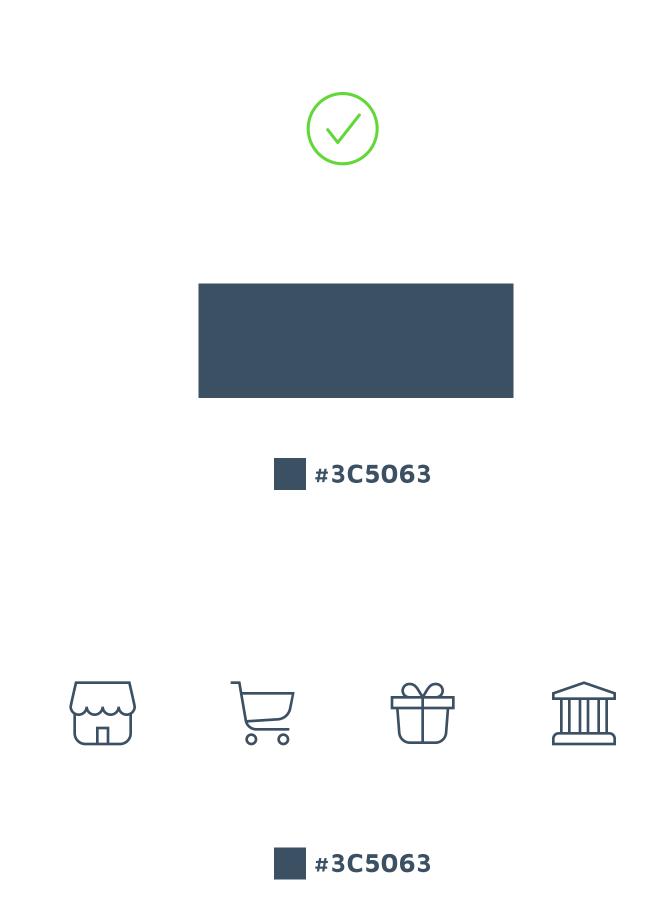


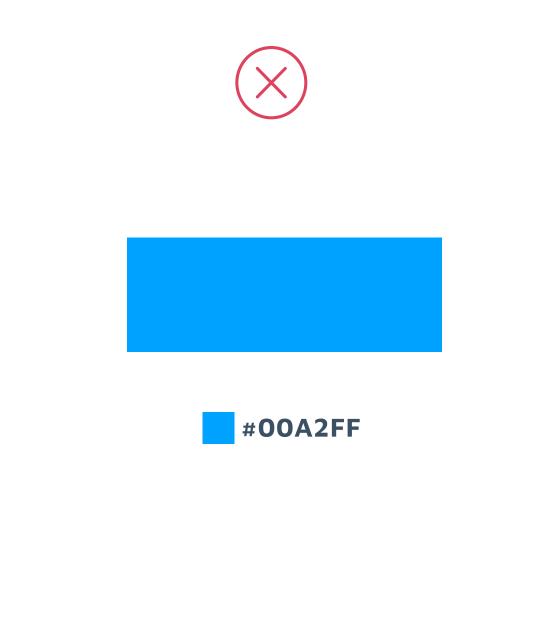
# **#2** Always try to match the colour with your brand





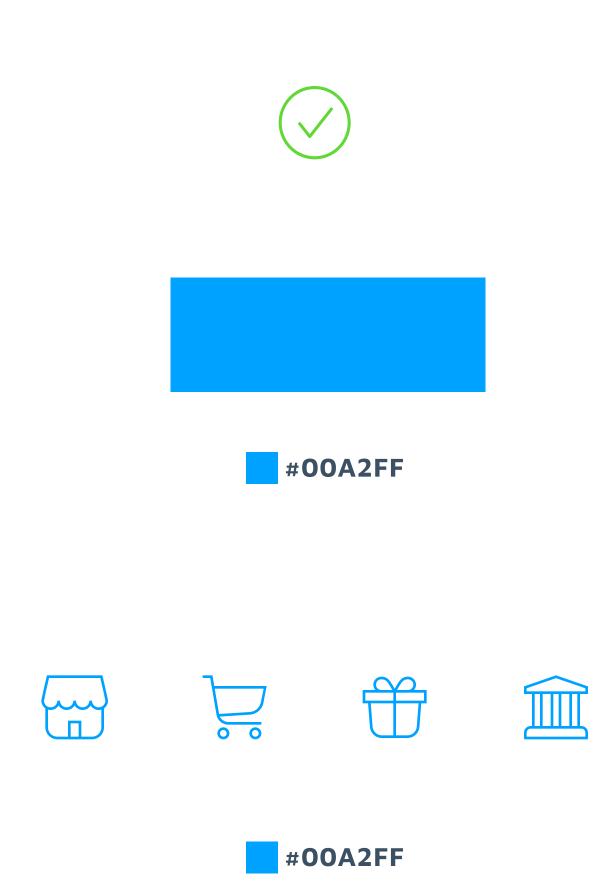




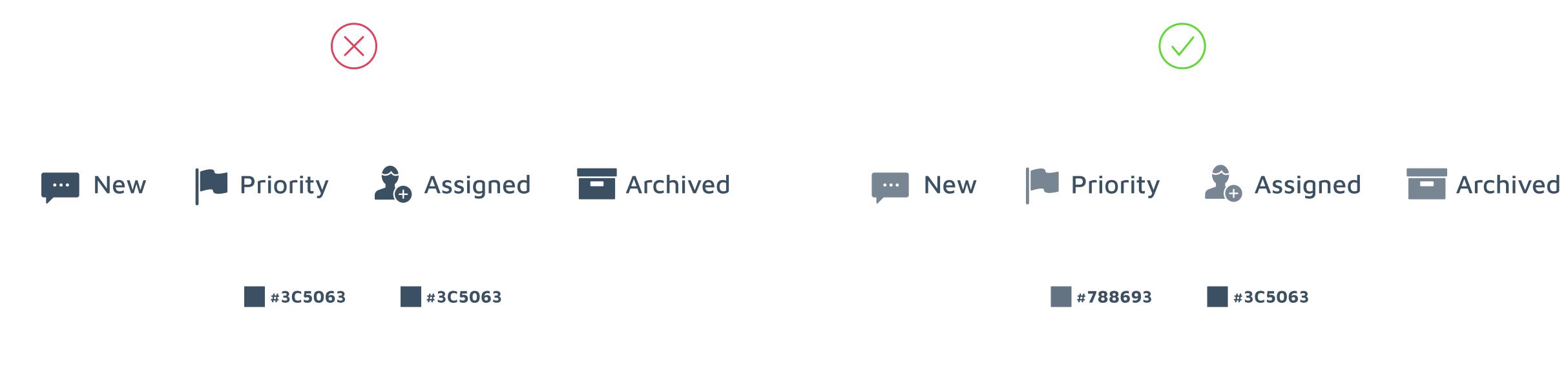


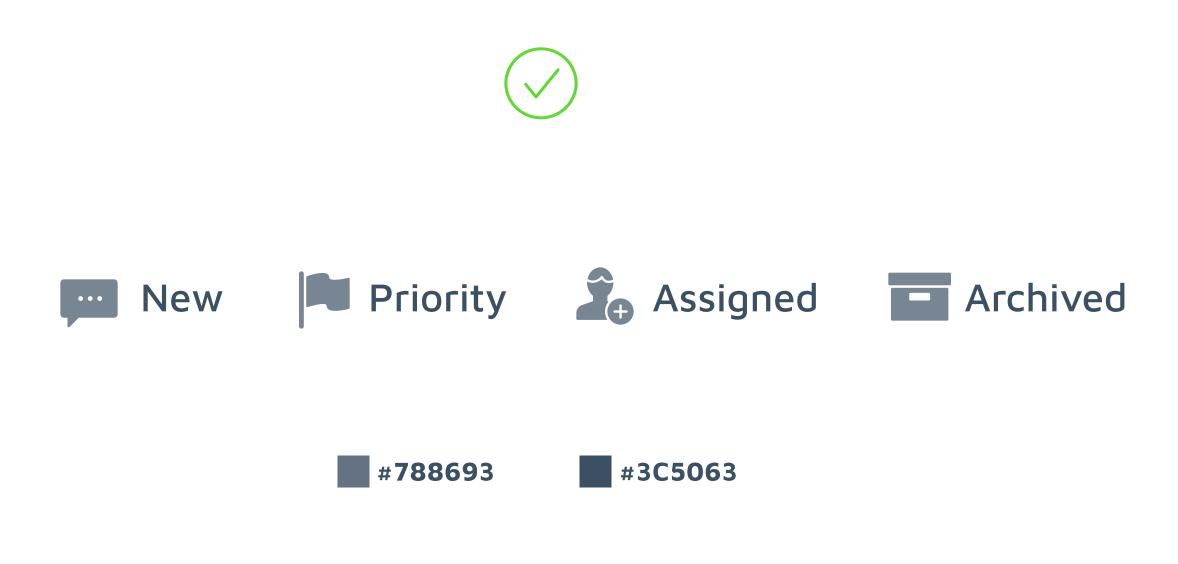






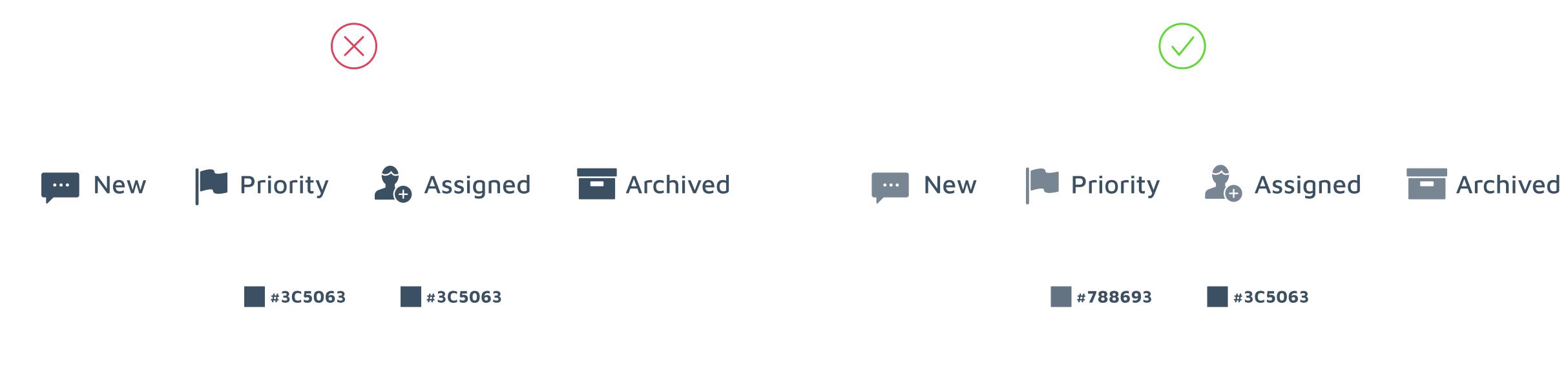
# **#3** Try making your icons a lighter colour than the label

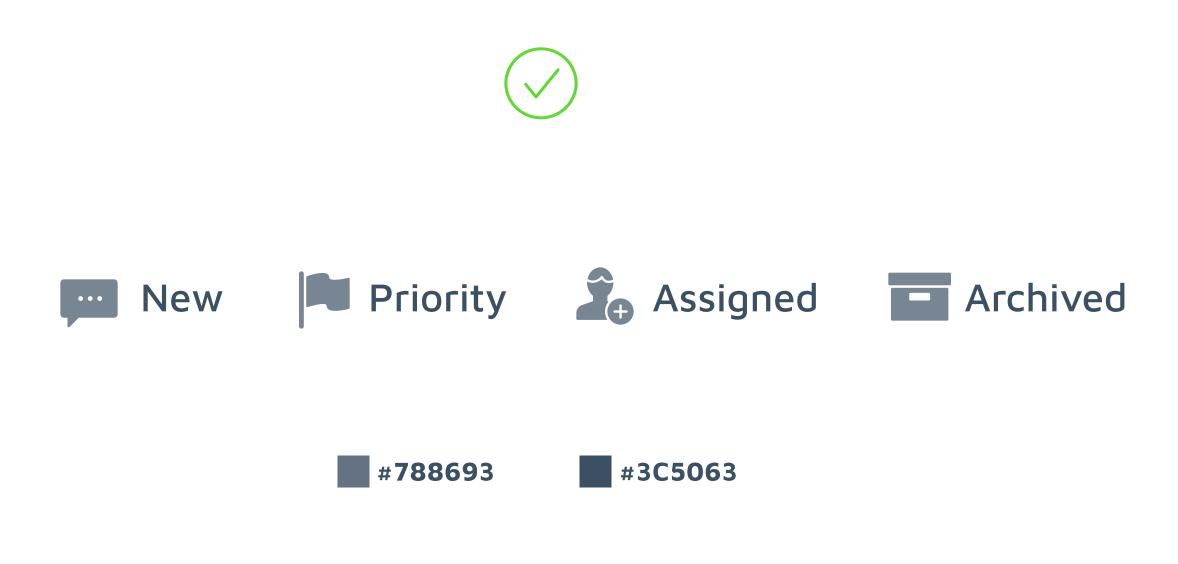




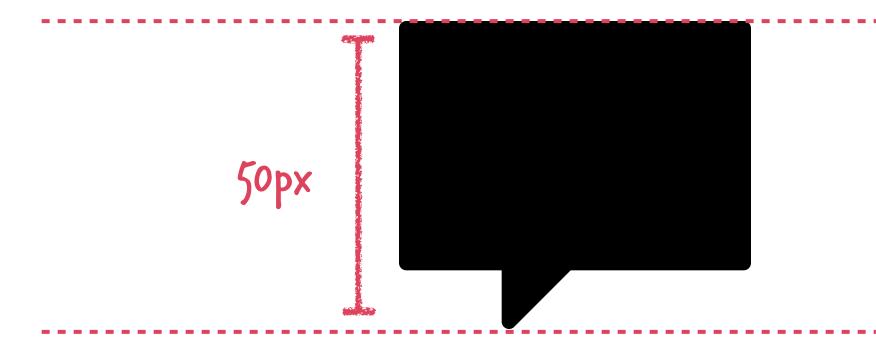


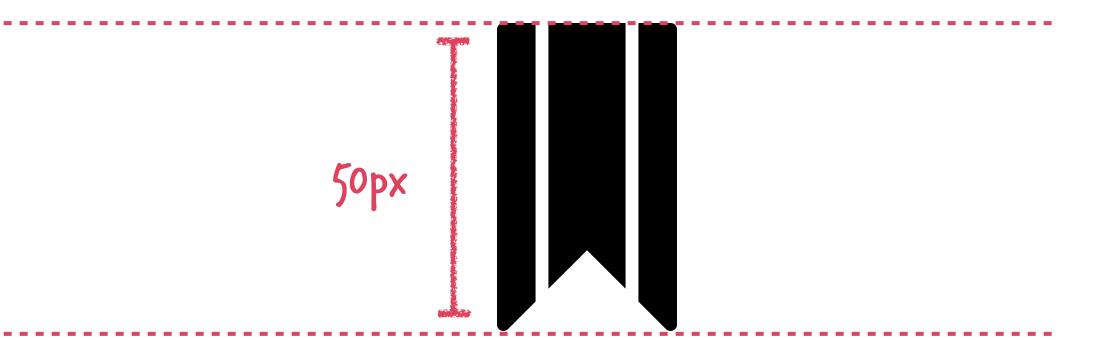
# Go a few shades lighter for your icons



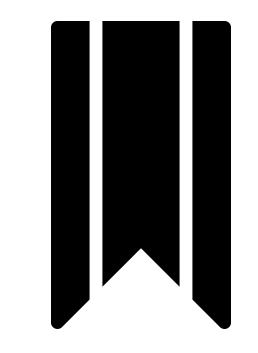


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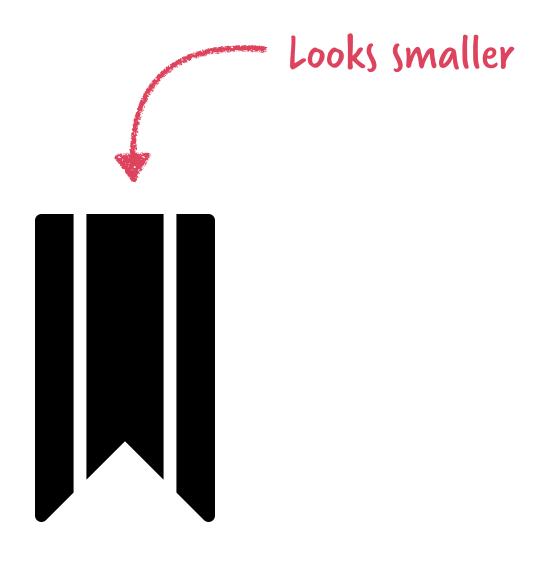


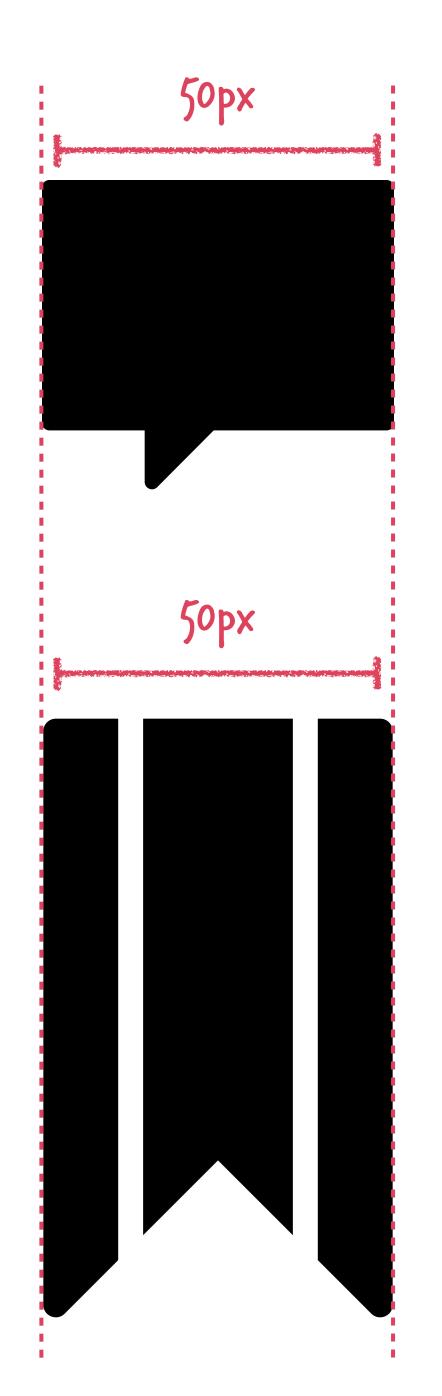




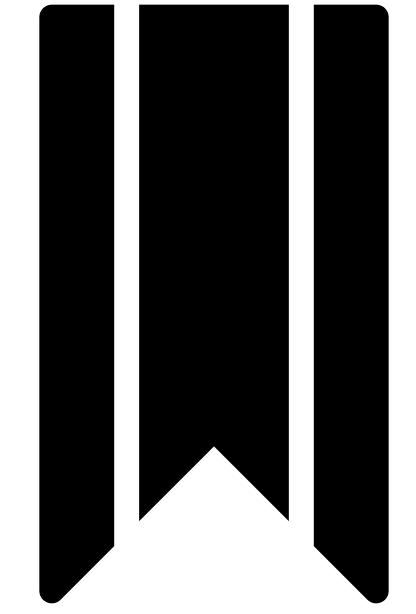




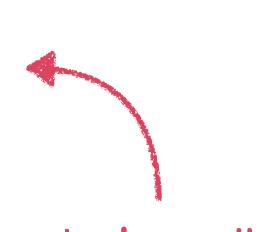












### Looks smaller

### **Area Alignment**

Alignment based on the area of elements versus the edges of elements.

- Asymmetrical elements often do not align properly using conventional edge- or center-based methods.
- In such cases, align elements based on their areas or visual weights, not based on their edges or rectangular centers.
- This technique must be applied using the designer's eye and judgment, balancing elements on the axis of alignment as if they had mass.
- The principle applies to ragged-edge text blocks as well as graphical elements.
- Align based on area when elements are nonuniform and asymmetrical.
- See Also Alignment Closure Good Continuation Orientation Sensitivity • Uniform Connectedness



The left column is center-aligned using the rectangular centers of figures. The right column is center-aligned using the areas of figures. Note the improvement achieved by area alignment.

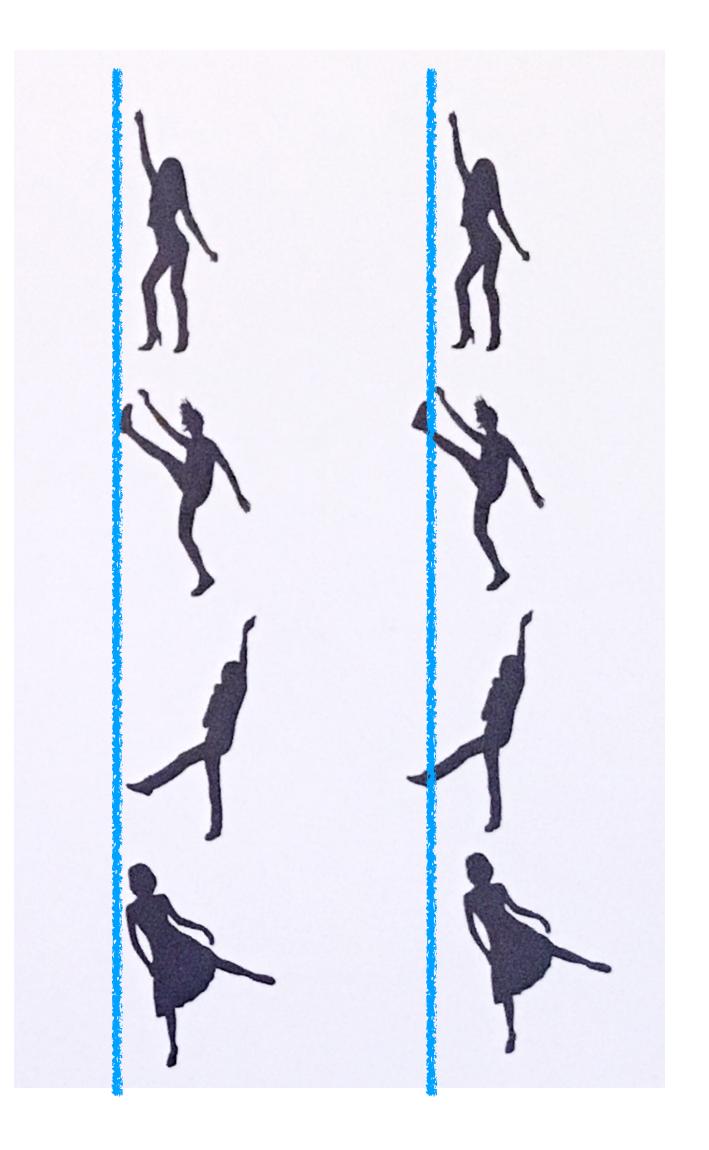




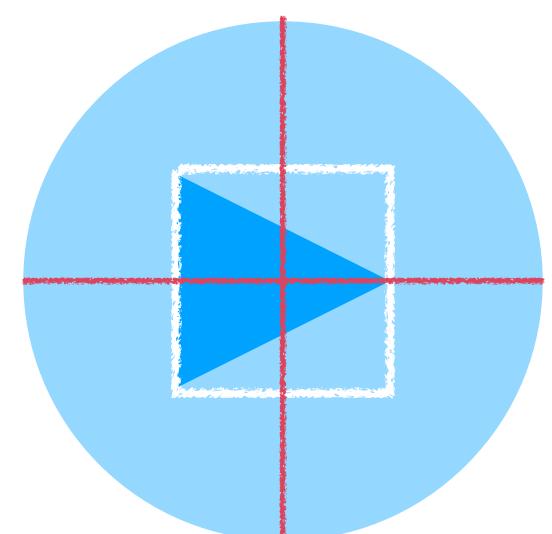




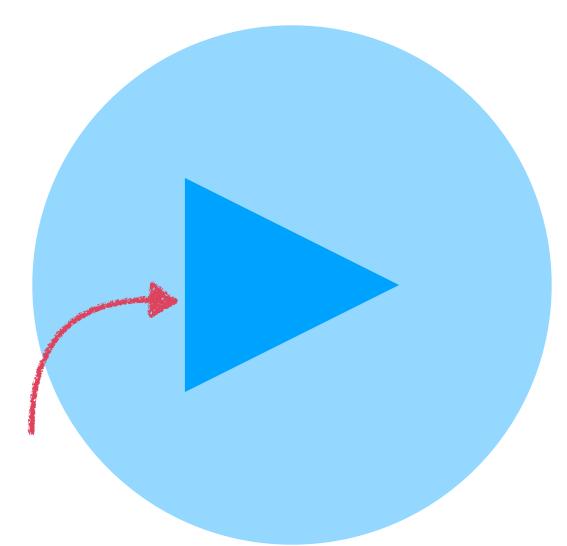






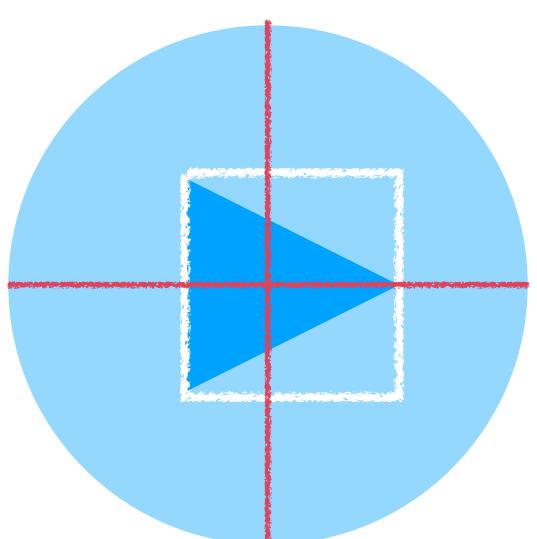








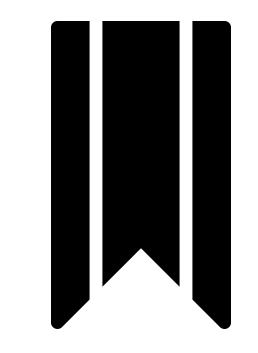




# Trust your eye in design

Design is crazy — you are not!









If your icons don't look aligned, put them in a container

### Meet Our New Dashboard

When exposed to a magnetic field, the boundaries move so that the domains <u>aligned</u> with the field



#### COOL DESIGN

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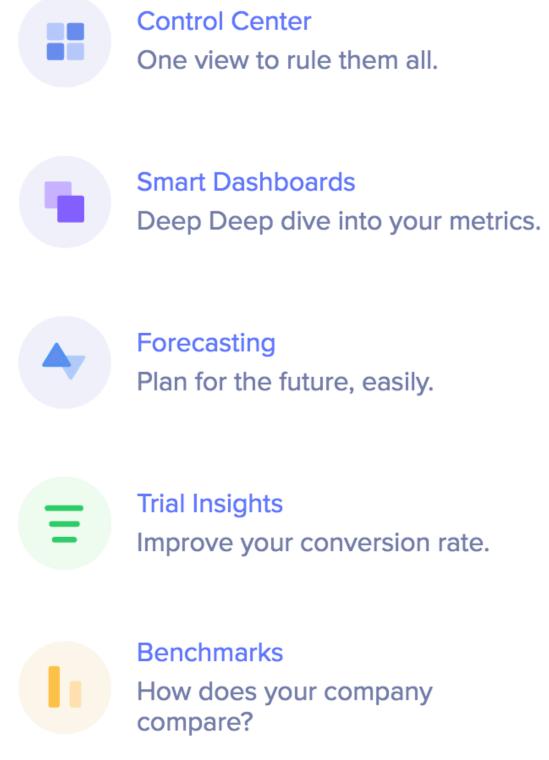


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People Insights History and rich profiles.



Recover Get help with failing charges.



Email Reports Scheduled or instant updates.



Segmentation Comparative customer insights.

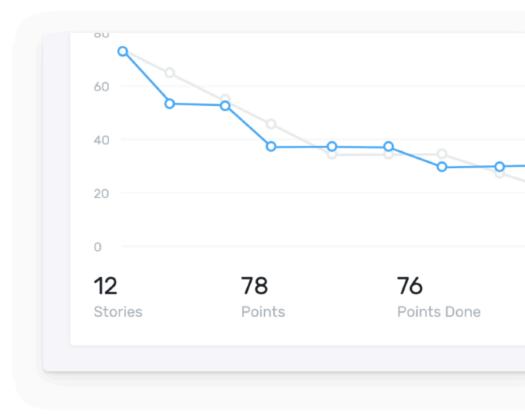


Slack Tools The best tool just got better.

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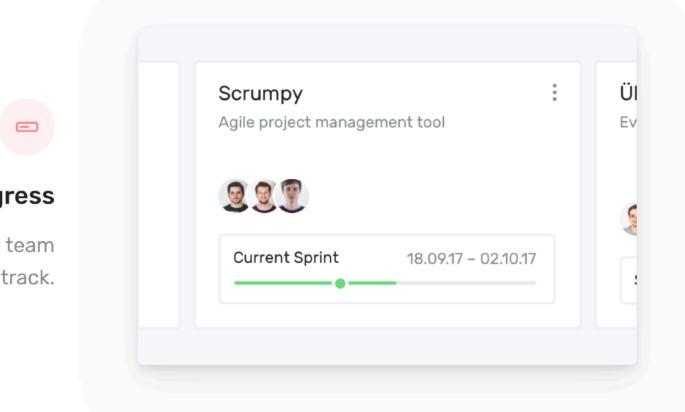




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#### **Detailed Reviews**

We help you analyze your previous sprints and predict when you will achieve Backlog Zero.



## Find a versatile icon set and start applying it to your design.

### EXERCISE