

CSS Extensible Architecture for the JavaScript Storefront

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Goals

- Deliver configurable styles
- Deliver extensible styles
- Deliver component lib that allow for style customisation without replacing components
- Deliver optimized styles (no duplication)

Problem #1 SASS is not processed as we ship compiled components



Problem #2 Selectors will never get the highest specificity

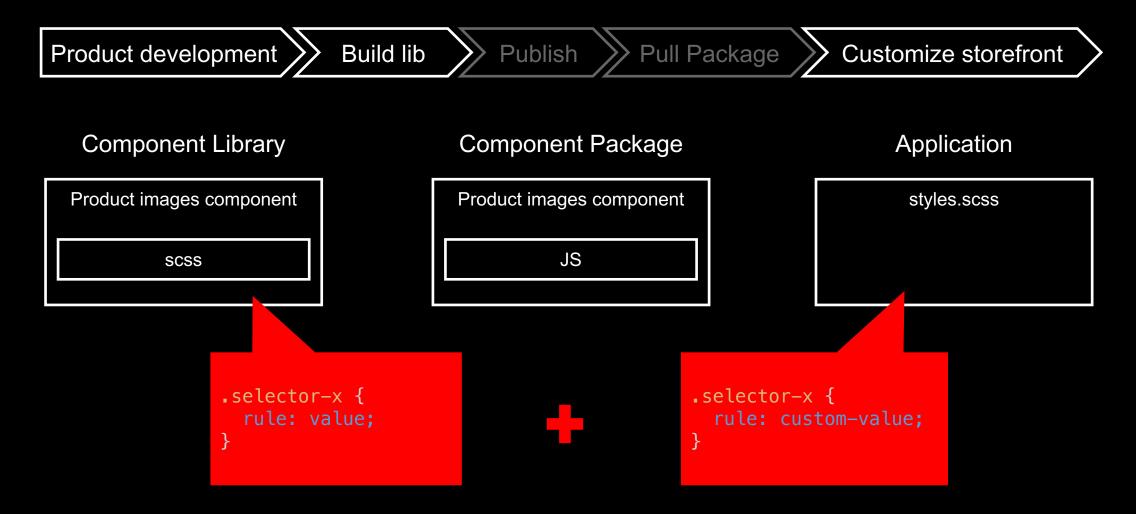
Pull Package Product development Build lib Publish Customize storefront **Component Library** Component Package **Application** Product images component Product images component styles.scss JS SCSS .v-product-images { & items { margin: 20px;

SOLUTION

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Problem #2 Selectors will never get the highest specificity

- Use CSS variables for CSS configuration
- Move scss to style library (so SASS is compiled)

Problem #3 Spartacus styles will not get replaced in the compiled bundles





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- Move CSS to library
- Use placeholder selectors
- Use sass feature toggles

BONUS

Use flags in themes to demonstrate styles

storefrontstyles/scss/[...]/_pictures.scss

```
@if $overlayWhileLoading == true {
    &.initialized:before {
        @extend %overlay !optional;
    }
}
```

Problem #4 Mark-up is too opinionated and doesn't provide enough flexibility

```
<div class="y-product-reviews tab-review--container">
  <div class="y-product-reviews tab-review--details">
     <h5>{{review.headline}}</h5>
     <div class="row">
        <div class="col-auto mr-auto">
          <y-star-rating [rating]="review.rating" [disabled]="true"></y-star-rating>
        </div>
     <div class="col-auto">
        <div class="y-product-reviews tab-review--date">{{review.date | date}}</div>
     </div>
  </div>
</div>
 {{review.comment}} 
  <span class="y-product-reviews tab-review--name">
     {{review.alias? review.alias : review.principal?.name}}
  </span>
</div>
```

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BONUS

- Smaller DOM
- Simpler selectors

Problem #5 DOM is polluted with unnecessary mark-up

SOLUTION

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```
<cx-product-images>
    [...]
</cx-product-images>
```

- Avoid outer DIV
- Use :host selector for component styles
- Avoid BEM (see next)

BONUS

- Smaller DOM (performance)
- Simpler selectors

Problem #6 Selectors are over engineered

- BEM was introduced to provide unique selectors cross a single DOM
- Today's JS frameworks provides component encapsulation
- There's still the need for a clear convention to selectors



Problem #6 Selectors are over engineered

- Avoid BEM
- Use simple selectors
- Use clean mark-up, no nesting if possible
- Use HTML semantics where possible

Problem #7 Some components are duplicated in the DOM

```
<ng-container *cxOutlet="outlets.TAB">
   <div class="y-product-details__tabset" #tabSetWrapper>
      <y-product-attributes [product]="product"></y-product-attributes>
  </div>
  <!-- Mobile accordion -->
  <div class="y-product-details tabset-mobile">
     <ngb-accordion #acc="ngbAccordion">
        <y-product-attributes [product]="product"></y-product-attributes>
     </ngb-accordion>
  </div>
</ng-container>
```



Problem #7 Some components are duplicated in the DOM

Use CSS to control responsive layouts