

Where do you build a Design System?

About Design System Kit

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Style

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- Displaying Content
 - [List](#)
- Input
- Navigation

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- Glossary
- Tone of Voice

Culture

- Code of Conduct

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Properties

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DSK

a workbench for
collaboratively creating
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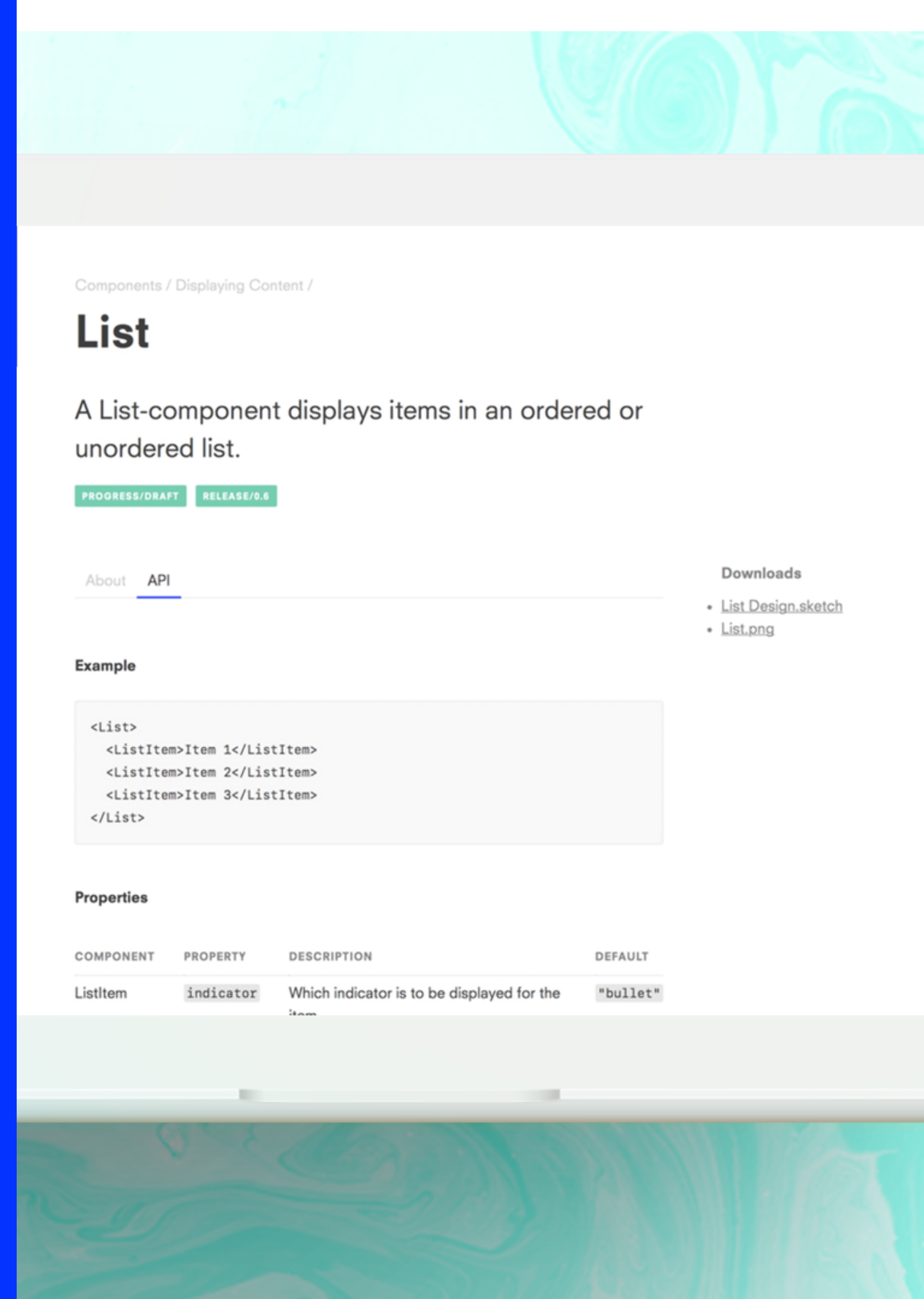
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DSK

- Open Source
- 4 weeks to 0.5
- 7 months to 1.0
- young
- in production



Our Talk

Not a sales pitch

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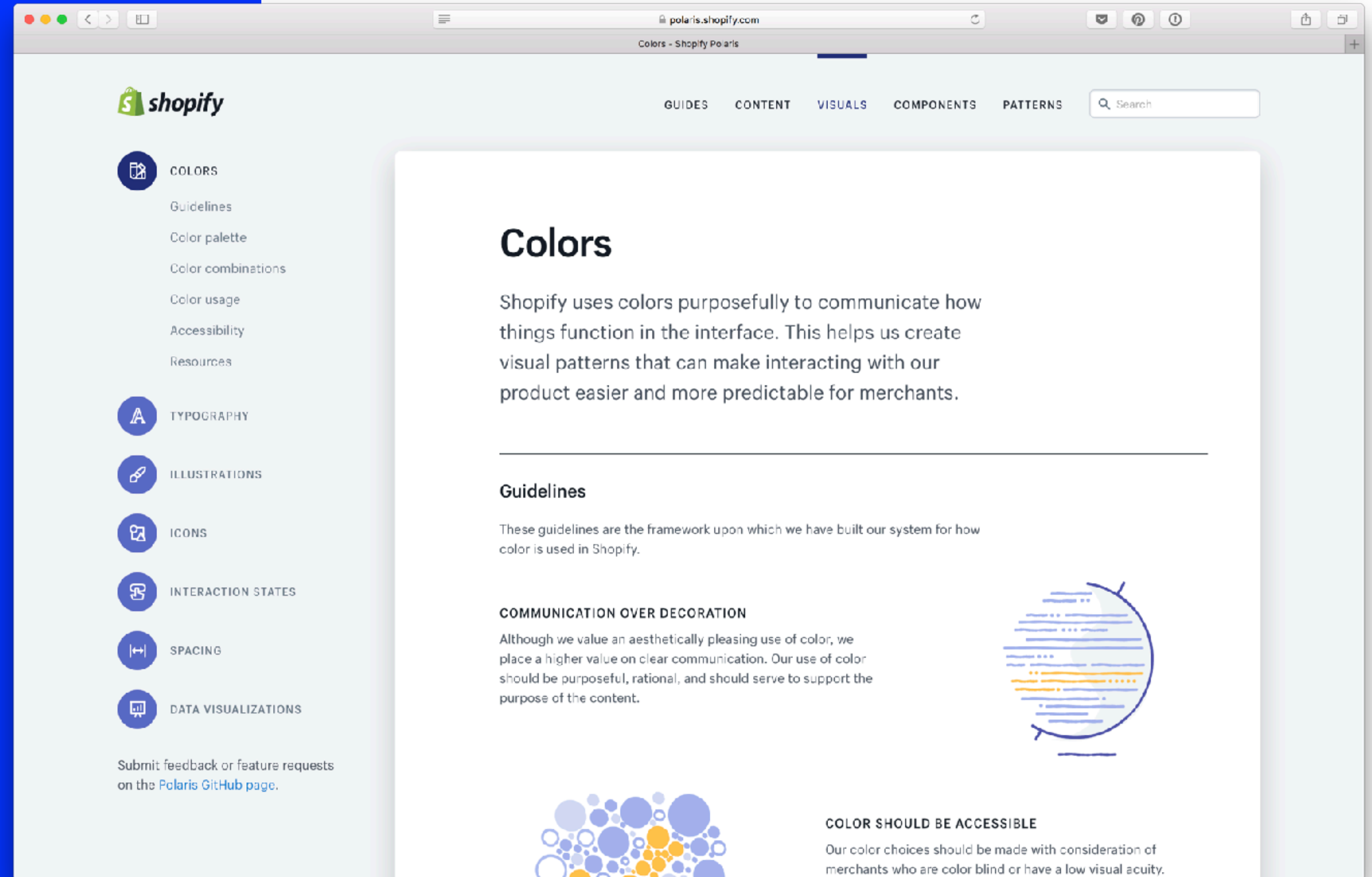
- What are Design Systems?
- Where do you build a Design System?
- Core Aspects
- Technical Implementation
- The Design Definitions Tree
- Deployment Options
- Architecture & API

What are Design Systems?

What are Design Systems?

Design Systems are repositories of organizational knowledge on design.

Basics



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'Colors' page of the Shopify Polaris design system. The browser's address bar shows 'polaris.shopify.com'. The page features a top navigation bar with links for 'GUIDES', 'CONTENT', 'VISUALS', 'COMPONENTS', and 'PATTERNS', along with a search bar. A left sidebar contains a navigation menu with icons and labels for 'COLORS', 'TYPOGRAPHY', 'ILLUSTRATIONS', 'ICONS', 'INTERACTION STATES', 'SPACING', and 'DATA VISUALIZATIONS'. The main content area is titled 'Colors' and includes an introductory paragraph, a 'Guidelines' section, and a 'COMMUNICATION OVER DECORATION' section. A decorative graphic of overlapping circles is at the bottom left, and a 'COLOR SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE' section is at the bottom right.

shopify

GUIDES CONTENT VISUALS COMPONENTS PATTERNS Search

COLORS

- Guidelines
- Color palette
- Color combinations
- Color usage
- Accessibility
- Resources

TYPOGRAPHY

ILLUSTRATIONS

ICONS

INTERACTION STATES

SPACING

DATA VISUALIZATIONS

Submit feedback or feature requests on the [Polaris GitHub page](#).

Colors


Shopify uses colors purposefully to communicate how things function in the interface. This helps us create visual patterns that can make interacting with our product easier and more predictable for merchants.

Guidelines

These guidelines are the framework upon which we have built our system for how color is used in Shopify.

COMMUNICATION OVER DECORATION

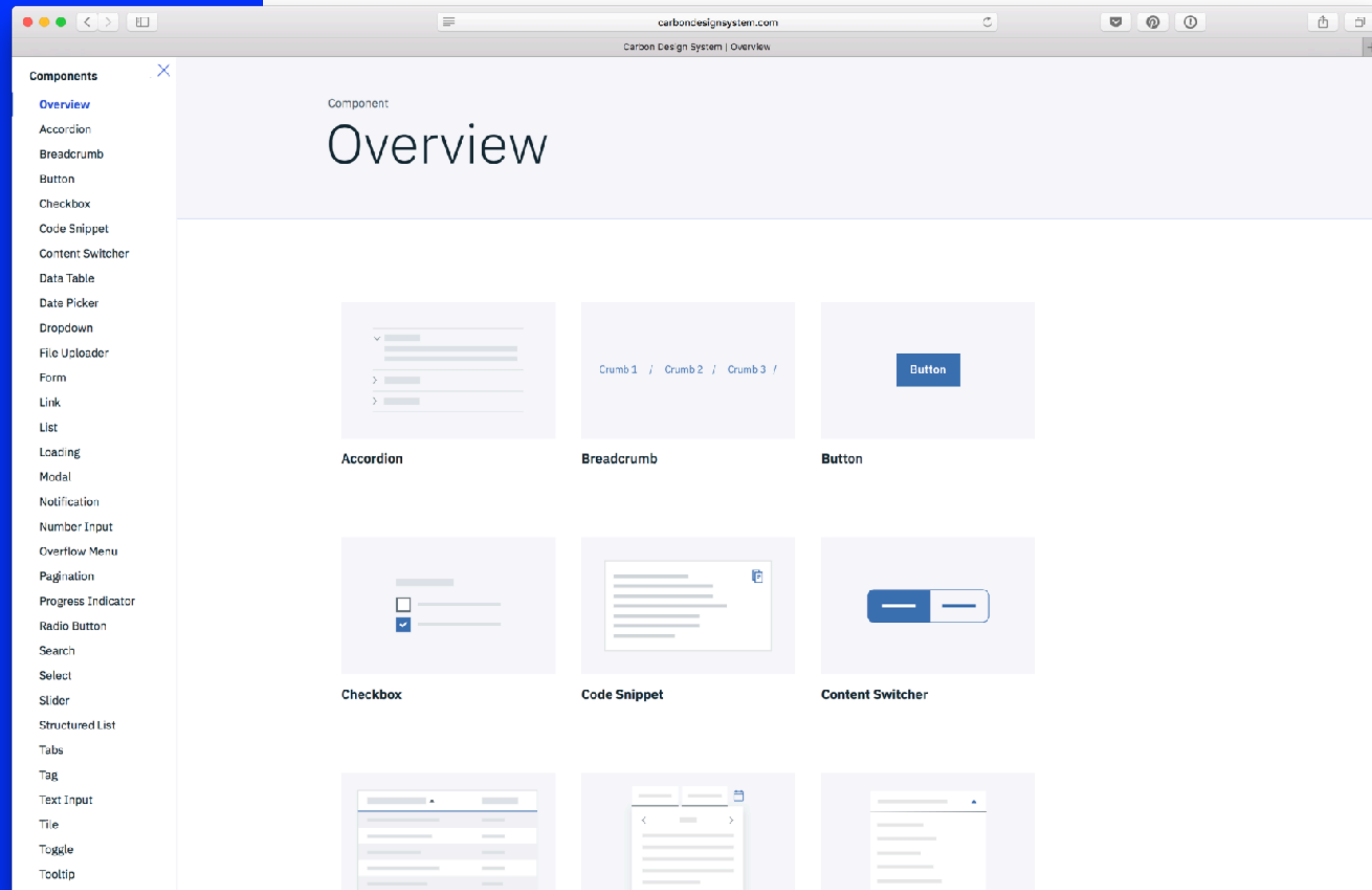
Although we value an aesthetically pleasing use of color, we place a higher value on clear communication. Our use of color should be purposeful, rational, and should serve to support the purpose of the content.



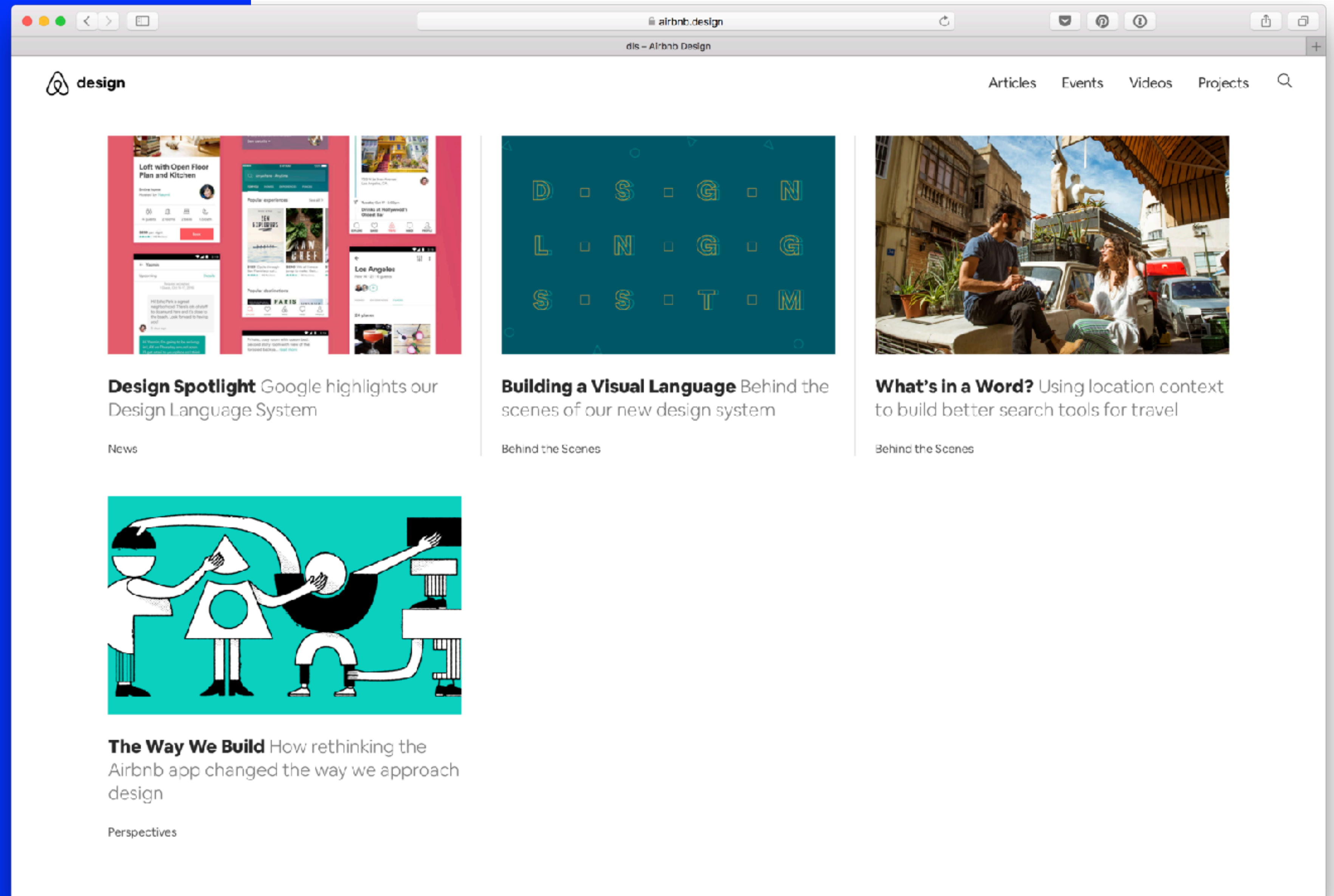
COLOR SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE

Our color choices should be made with consideration of merchants who are color blind or have a low visual acuity.

Components



Design Culture



Design Systems...

... help designers work faster

... improve consistency

... create a shared language for
designers and developers

Where do you build a Design System?

Where do you build a Design System?

Blank Canvas

?

Component Library

What we needed

A place for shared thinking

What we needed

A place that allows both structure and chaos

What we needed

A place for fragments and uncertainty

What we needed

Flexibility to suit a non-linear process

Core Aspects of DSK

- Direct Manipulation
- Trees
- Diverse Forms of Expression
- Open Development

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Web App + File system

Languages & Formats

Backend
+ Frontend
+ Document
+ Config
= <3

Languages & Formats

Go

+ JavaScript

+ Markdown

+ YAML

= <3

Languages & Formats

Go

+ ReasonML

+ HTML

+ JSON

= <3

Languages & Formats

Backend: fixed

+ Frontend: agnostic

+ Document: agnostic

+ Config: agnostic

= <3

The Design Definitions Tree

The Design Definitions Tree

“Just a bunch of files and folders”

freedom in storage and editing

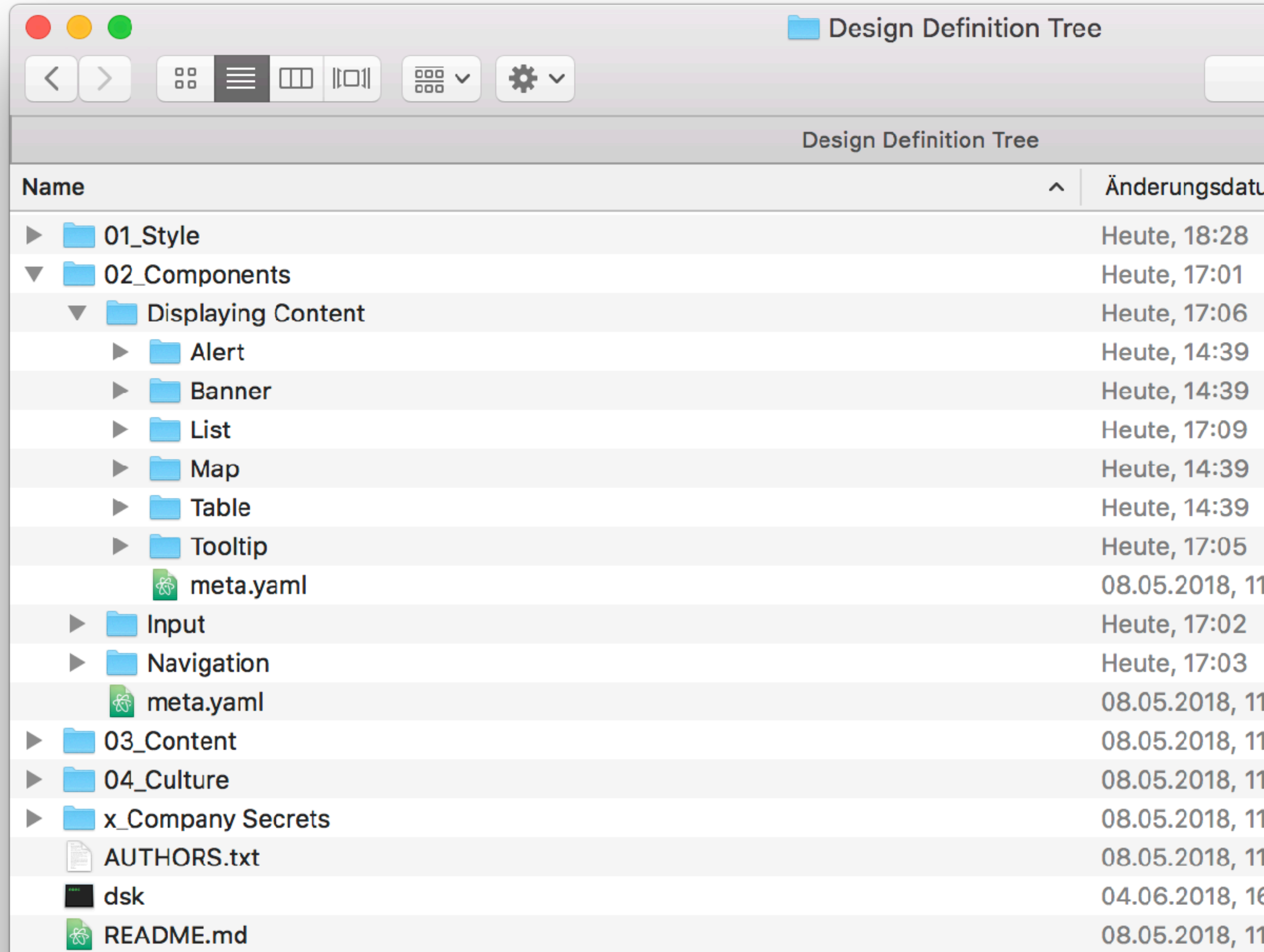
Natural usage of folders and files

means less to learn

Little/not DSK specific

makes sense on their own

Folders

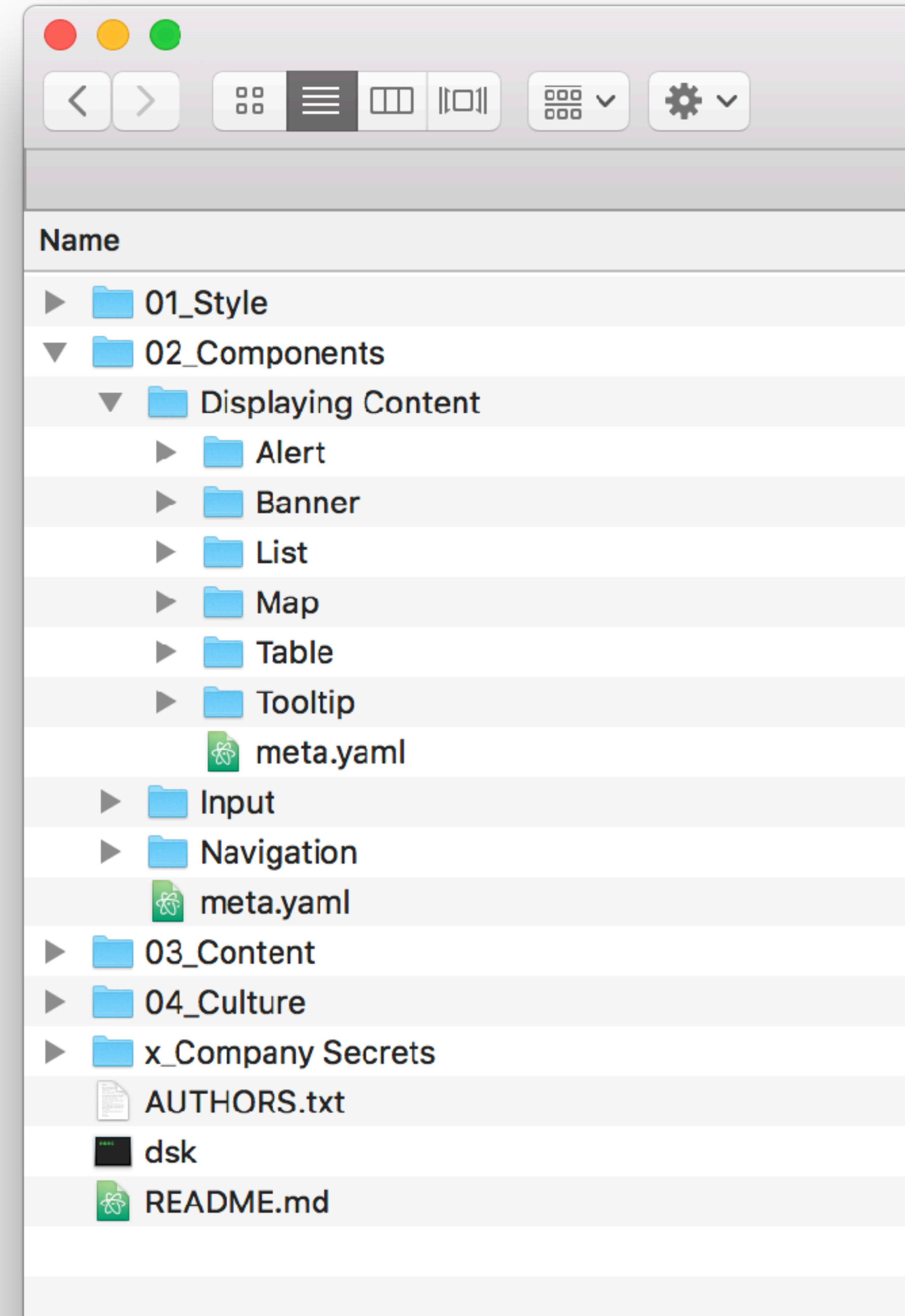


The screenshot shows a macOS Finder window titled "Design Definition Tree". The window has a title bar with standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) and a toolbar with navigation and view icons. The main content area displays a file tree structure with columns for "Name" and "Änderungsdatum" (Modification Date). The tree is organized into several levels of folders, with some folders expanded to show their contents. The files are listed with their respective icons and modification dates.

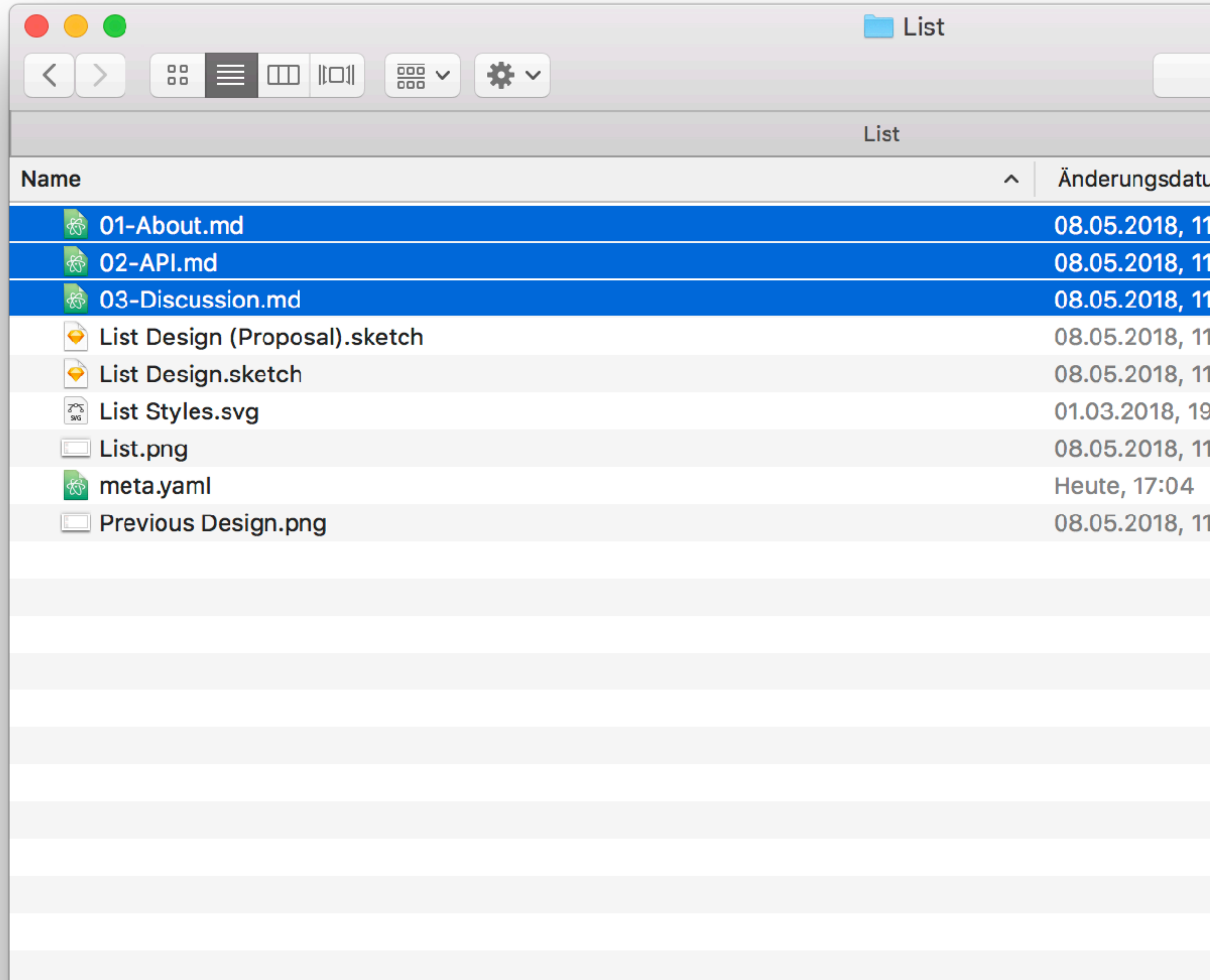
Name	Änderungsdatum
▶ 01_Style	Heute, 18:28
▼ 02_Components	Heute, 17:01
▼ 02_Components / Displaying Content	Heute, 17:06
▶ 02_Components / Displaying Content / Alert	Heute, 14:39
▶ 02_Components / Displaying Content / Banner	Heute, 14:39
▶ 02_Components / Displaying Content / List	Heute, 17:09
▶ 02_Components / Displaying Content / Map	Heute, 14:39
▶ 02_Components / Displaying Content / Table	Heute, 14:39
▶ 02_Components / Displaying Content / Tooltip	Heute, 17:05
02_Components / meta.yaml	08.05.2018, 11:00
▶ 02_Components / Input	Heute, 17:02
▶ 02_Components / Navigation	Heute, 17:03
02_Components / meta.yaml	08.05.2018, 11:00
▶ 03_Content	08.05.2018, 11:00
▶ 04_Culture	08.05.2018, 11:00
▶ x_Company Secrets	08.05.2018, 11:00
AUTHORS.txt	08.05.2018, 11:00
dsk	04.06.2018, 16:00
README.md	08.05.2018, 11:00

Folders represent...

- components
- chapters
- design aspects



Documents



...to explain

Visual Design

The following visual design has been agreed upon by our team:

![detail screen](List.png)

Usage Rules

We use lists when we have to convey large amounts of information, but still keep it well structured. As they can easily grow very large, we try to keep the number of lists in our interfaces down to a minimum.

Not to be confused with ...

We use both lists and [tables](/Components/Display) to display content in an orderly fashion, list are to be used for listed data, while table must only be used for tabular data. Duh.

...to explain

127.0.0.1:8080/tree/Components/Displaying-Content/List

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...to describe

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# Example
```

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```\n
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# Properties
```

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...to describe

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `127.0.0.1:8080/tree/Components/Displaying-Content/List`. The page has a blue header with the text "DSK / example" and a white search bar. The main content area is divided into a left sidebar and a main panel. The sidebar contains navigation links under the headings "Style", "Components", "Content", and "Culture". The main panel displays the title "List" and a description: "A List-component displays items in an ordered or unordered list." Below the description are two status buttons: "PROGRESS/DRAFT" and "RELEASE/0.6". There are tabs for "About" and "API", with "API" being the active tab. On the right side, there is a "Downloads" section with two links: "List Design.sketch" and "List.png". At the bottom, there is an "Example" section with a code block showing XML-like tags for a list with three items, and a "Properties" section below it.

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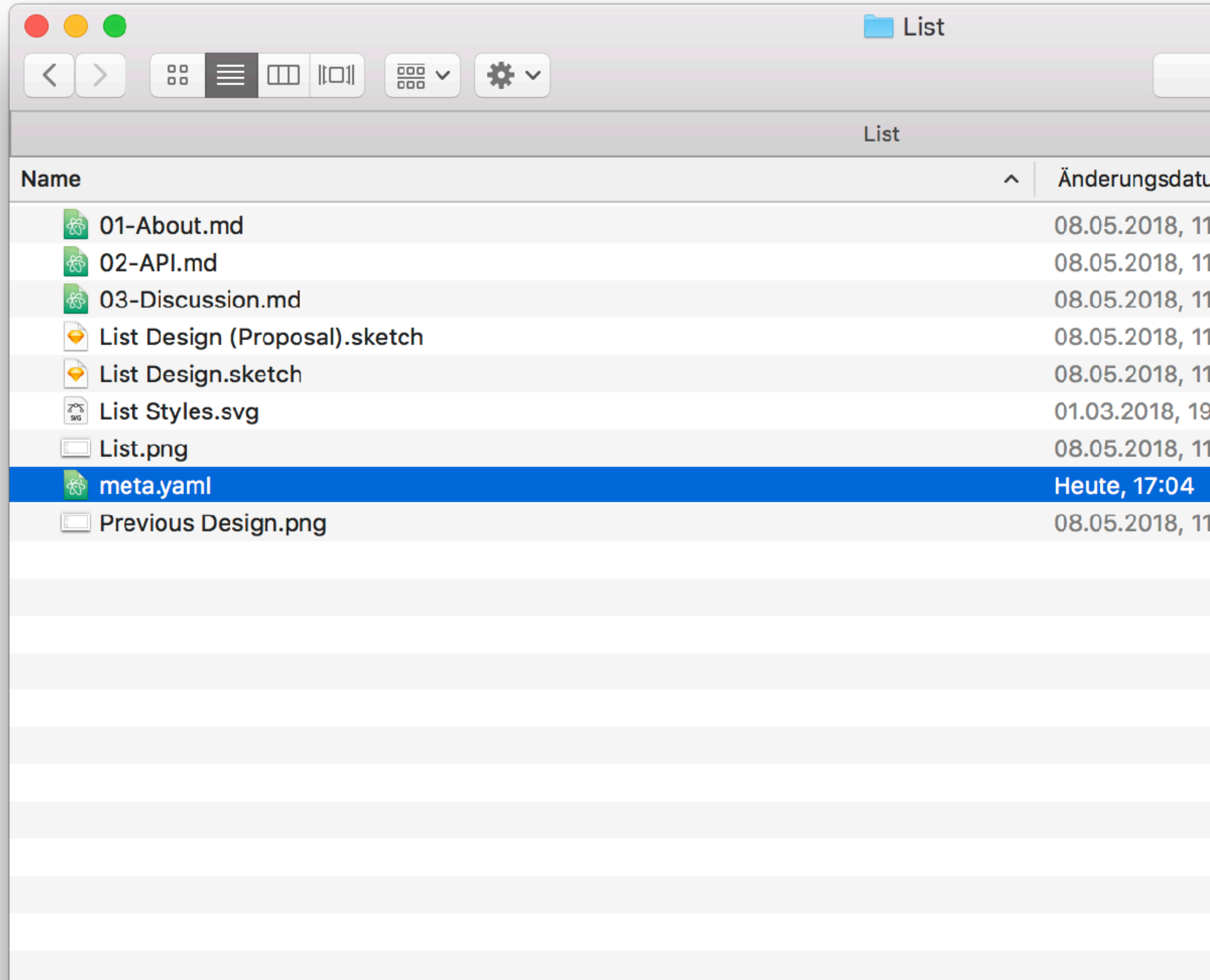
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Metadata



Metadata

description: >

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tags:

- Progress/Draft
- Release/0.6

version: 1

Claiming Ownership

authors:

- barb@hooli.com

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Name resolution

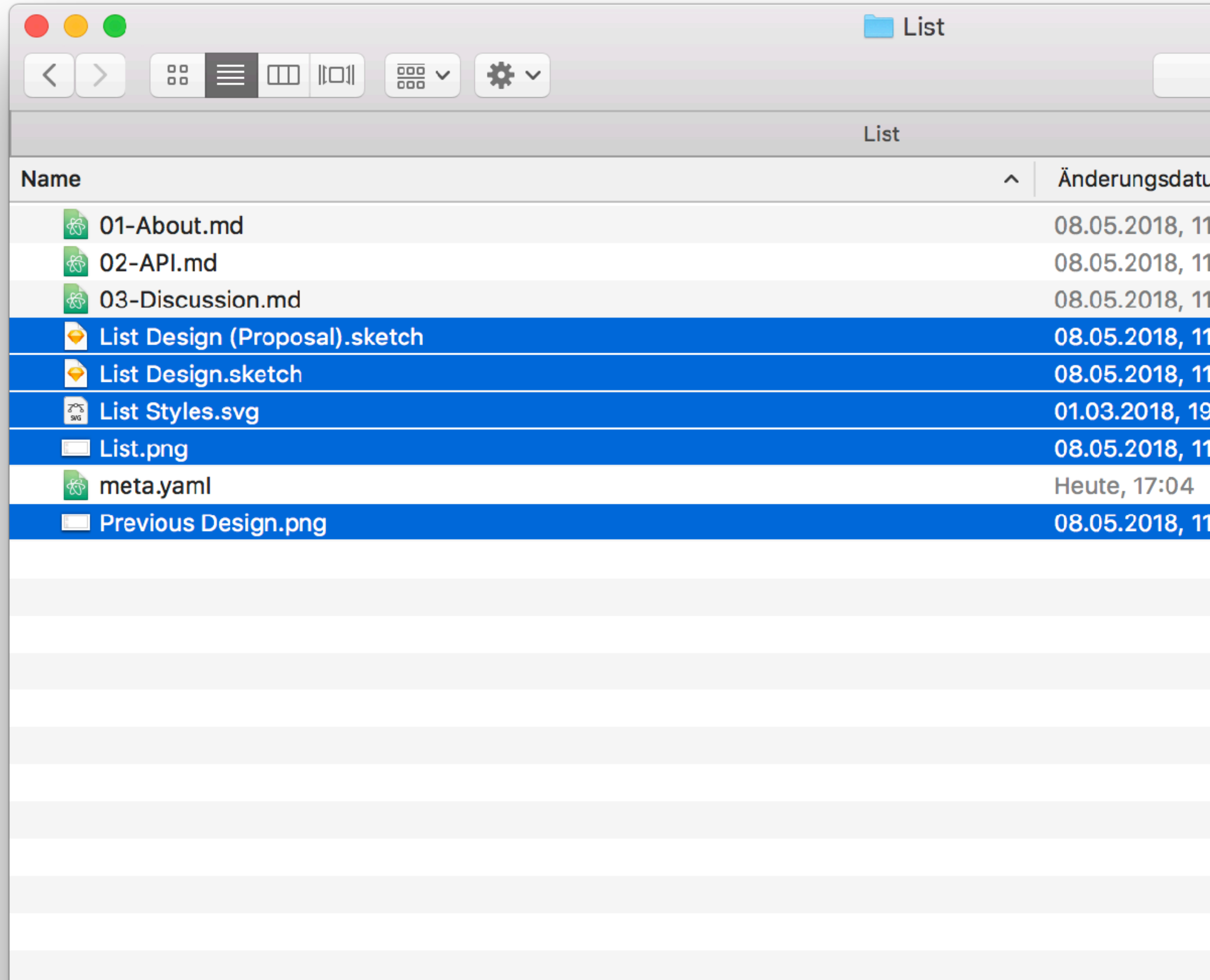
```
# AUTHORS.txt
```

```
Barbara M. Grayson <barb@hooli.com>
```

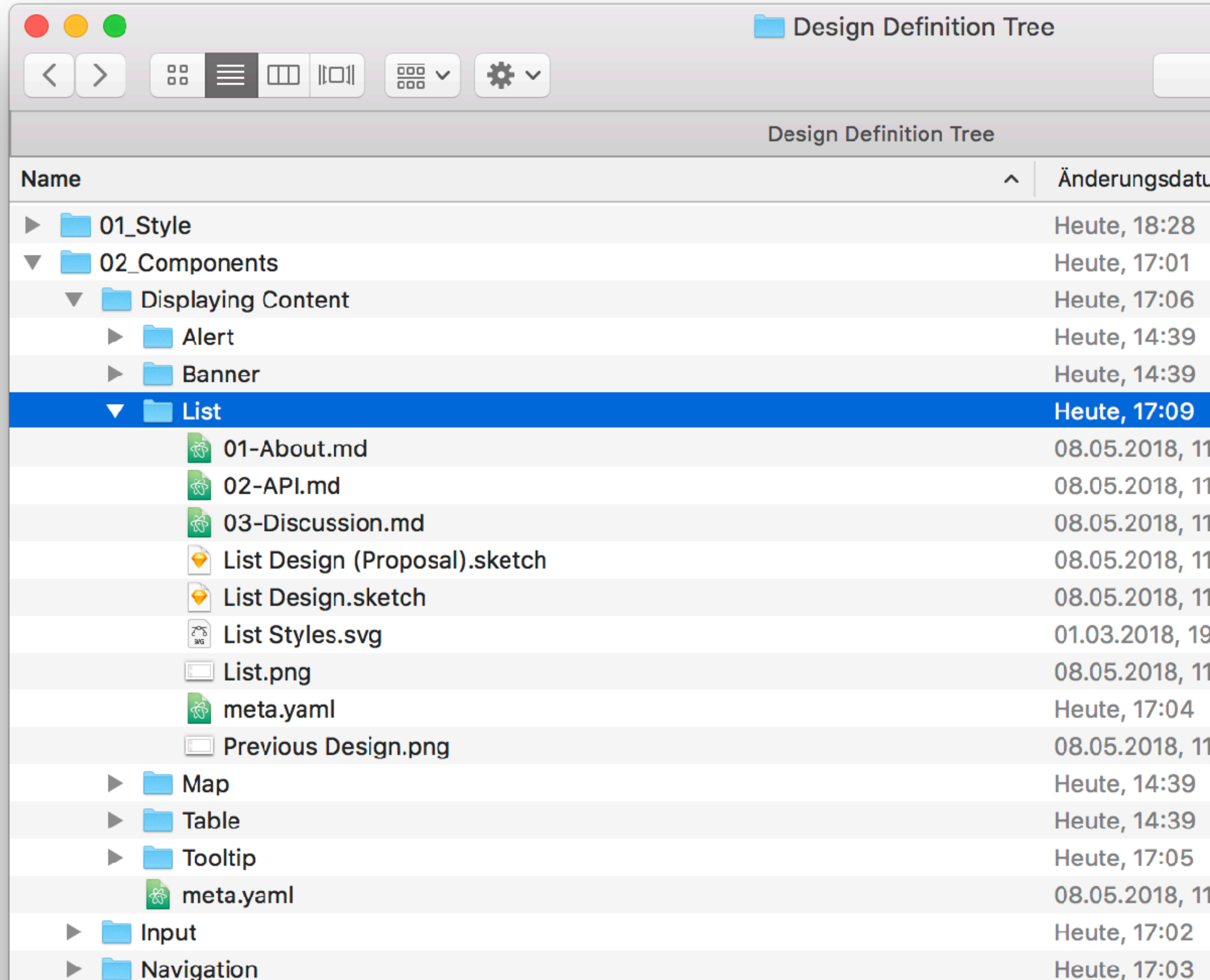
```
Melisa Mosher <melisa@acme.io>
```

```
Randall Hyman <randall@evilcorp.org>
```


Assets



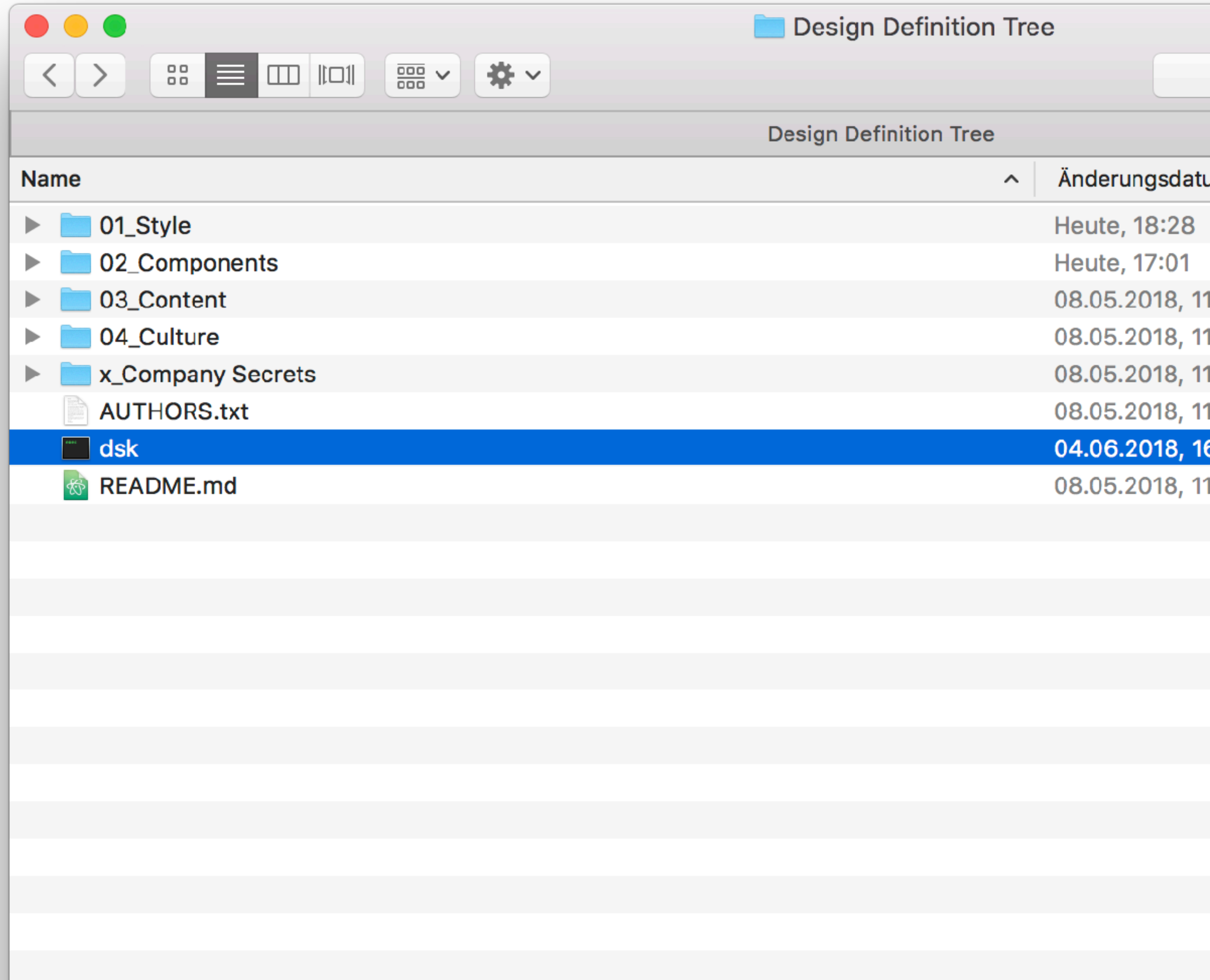
Nesting



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02_Components > Displaying Content > List > 02-API.md	08.05.2018, 11:00
02_Components > Displaying Content > List > 03-Discussion.md	08.05.2018, 11:00
02_Components > Displaying Content > List > List Design (Proposal).sketch	08.05.2018, 11:00
02_Components > Displaying Content > List > List Design.sketch	08.05.2018, 11:00
02_Components > Displaying Content > List > List Styles.svg	01.03.2018, 19:00
02_Components > Displaying Content > List > List.png	08.05.2018, 11:00
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▶ Navigation	Heute, 17:03

Starting DSK



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```
christophlabacher — dsk — dsk —
Last login: Mon Jun 11 18:28:50 on ttys000
/Users/christophlabacher/go/src/github.com/atelierdisko/dsk/Desig
~ > /Users/christophlabacher/go/src/github.com/atelierdisko/dsk/
DSK
Version head-549927b

Starting message broker...
Detecting tree root...
Tree root found: /Users/christophlabacher/go/src/github.com/atel
Begin watching tree for changes...
Opening tree...
Synced tree with 27 total node/s in 20.416925ms
Mounting APIv1...
Mounting frontend...
Starting web interface on 127.0.0.1:8080....

Please visit: http://127.0.0.1:8080
Hit Ctrl+C to quit
```

Starting DSK

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "127.0.0.1" and the page title "DSK / Design Definition Tree: List". The browser window is divided into a left sidebar and a main content area.

Left Sidebar:

- DSK / Design Definition Tree**
- Search bar
- Style**
 - Colors
 - Spacing
 - Typography
- Components**
 - Displaying Content
 - Alert
 - Banner
 - **List**
 - Map
 - Table
 - Tooltip
 - Input
 - Checkbox
 - Dropdown
 - Textfield
 - Navigation
 - Breadcrumbs
 - Header
 - Pagination

Main Content Area:

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Deployments

Getting it out there

Getting it to the user

App = Dropbox

Content = Dropbox

Getting it to the user

App = Dropbox

Content = Git

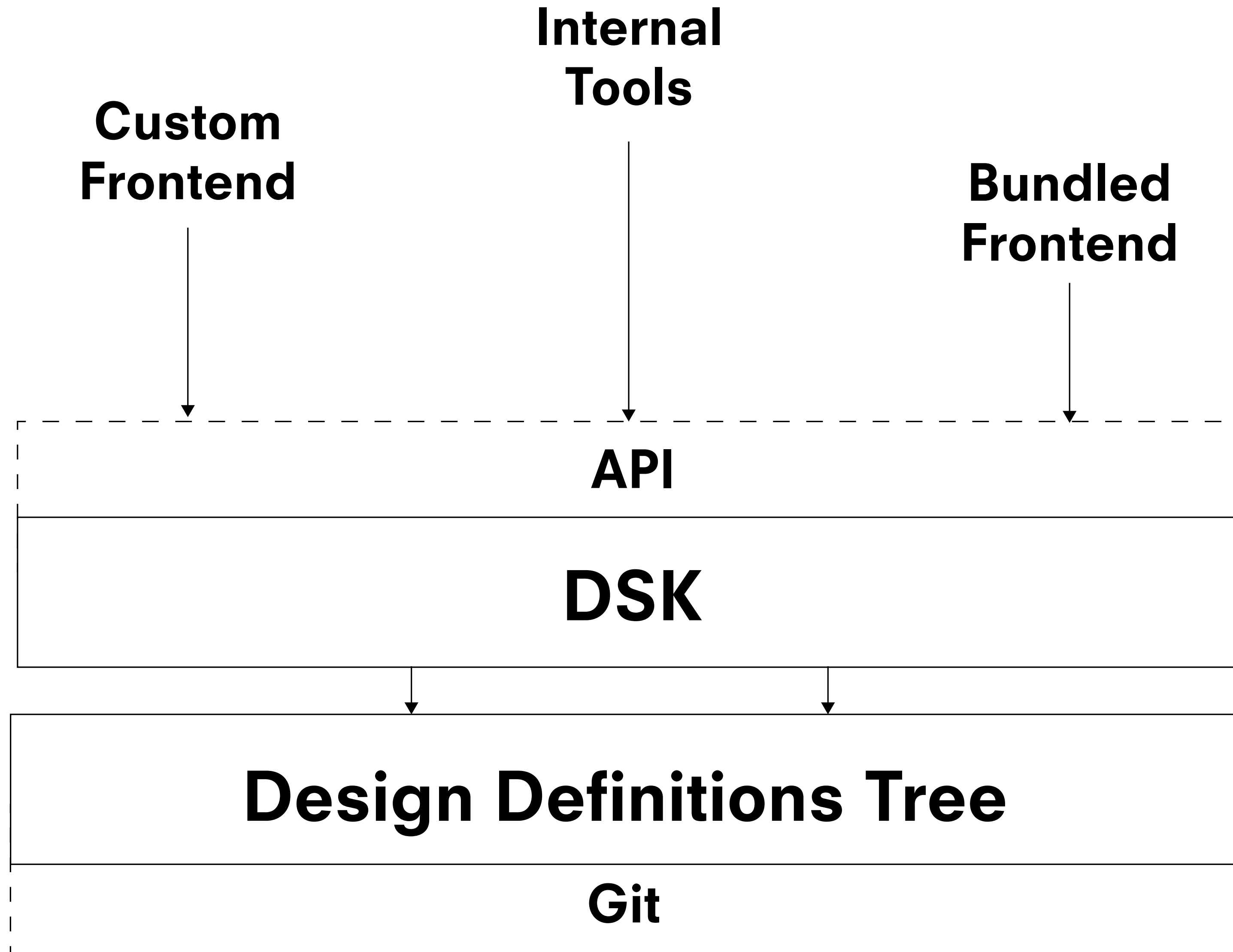
Getting it to the user

App = Server

Content = Git

Architecture

Architecture



API

API Endpoints

/hello

/tree

/tree/{path}

/tree/{path}/{asset}

/search?q={query}

/messages

API Endpoints

`/hello` (version and greeting)

`/tree` (full tree)

`/tree/{path}` (single aspect)

`/tree/{path}/{asset}` (aspect asset)

`/search?q={query}` (fuzzy search)

`/messages` (websocket)

API Endpoints (versioned)

`/api/v1/hello`

`/api/v1/tree`

`/api/v1/tree/{path}`

`/api/v1/tree/{path}/{asset}`

`/api/v1/search?q={query}`

`/api/v1/messages`

API Response (Metadata)

```
{  
  "hash": "d3f81...",  
  "url": "Components/Displaying-Content/List",  
  "title": "List",  
  "description": "A List-component displays...",  
  "authors": [  
    {  
      "email": "barb@hooli.com",  
      "name": "Barbara M. Grayson"  
    }  
  ],  
  "modified": 1528721196,  
  "version": "1",  
  "tags": [  
    "Progress/Draft",  
    "Release/0.6"  
  ],  
  ...  
}
```


API Response (Documents)

```
...
"docs": [
  {
    "title": "About",
    "html": "<h1>Visual Design</h1>...",
    "raw": "# Visual Design..."
  },
  {
    "title": "API",
    "html": "<h1>Example</h1>...",
    "raw": "# Example..."
  }
],
"downloads": [
  {
    "url": "Components/Displaying-Content/List/List",
    "name": "List Design.sketch"
  },
  ...
],
...
```

API Response (Related)

```
...
"parent": {
  "url": "Components/Displaying-Content",
  "title": "Displaying Content"
},
"children": [...],
"crumbs": [
  {
    "url": "Components",
    "title": "Components"
  },
  ...
],
"related": [...],
"prev": { "url" ... },
"next": {
  "url": "Components/Input",
  "title": "Input"
}
}
```

Custom Frontend

Easy to build your own:

- Language Agnostic Frontend
- Decoupled Architecture
- Versioned API

Custom Frontend

From workbench to storefront

Future

- More Governance
- Classic Component Library
- Git Live Sync
- Native (Wrapper) App
- Fulltext search

Merci.

Atelier Disko Design System Kit

Data Entry

- **Data Entry**
- Components
- Counter
- DatePicker
- MultiSelect
- SingleSelect
- Enumeration
- RadioButton
- TextField
- Email
- Number
- Password

Displaying Data

- Badge
- Carousel
- ExpandableSection
- Hyperlink
- List

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Displa

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- Carc
- Expa
- Hype
- List

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Project page:

github.com/atelierdisko/dsk

Download these slides:

share.atelierdisko.de/where-uxhh2018.pdf