

# Level up your layout

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# About me.

- Head of Magento at Fisheye Media Ltd.
- Working with Magento for over 6 years
- Slightly obsessed with orange things...
- Passionate about helping developers learn Magento 2



# I am the barrier to your lunch!



# Let's get cracking then.

- Fast paced
- Don't worry about taking in each slide
- Link to slides at the end

# Introduction

# Layout XML!!!



# This talk is not about...

Magento 2 layout XML itself, e.g.

- Using blocks / containers
- Moving / removing elements
- Syntax

**Or PWA!**



# #SorryNotSorry





# So what is it actually about?

- Reusable components in Magento 2
  - Configuration over code
  - **DRY** (**D**on't **R**epeat **Y**ourself)
- Decoupling / separation of concerns
  - **SOLID** (**S**ingle Responsibility)

# Layout XML is just the tool.



# Overview.

- Arguments
- View models
- ~~Page Layouts~~

# Arguments

# What is an argument?

- Allows passing of data via layout XML to block / template
- Multiple data types
  - Scalar (string, number, boolean, array etc.)
  - Objects
  - Constants
  - And more...

# layout/\*.xml

```
<block class="Magento\Framework\View\Element\Template"
    name="my.block"
    template="My_Module::my-template.phtml">
    <arguments>
        <argument name="title"
            translate="true"
            xsi:type="string">My Title</argument>
    </arguments>
</block>
```

Argument 'name'



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```
<?= $block->getData('title') ?>
```



# layout/\*.xml

```
<block class="Magento\Framework\View\Element\Template"  
    name="my.block"  
    template="My_Module::my-template.phtml">
```

```
<arguments>
```

```
    <argument name="title"
```

```
        translate="true"
```

```
        xsi:type="string">My Title</argument>
```

```
</arguments>
```

```
</block>
```

Can also use magic getter, if you must...

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```
<?= $block->getTitle() ?>
```

# layout/\*.xml

```
<block class="Magento\Framework\View\Element\Template"
  name="my.block"
  template="My_Module::my-template.phtml">
  <arguments>
    <argument name="my_array" xsi:type="array">
      <item name="array_key_one" xsi:type="string">
        Some value
      </item>
      <item name="array_key_two" xsi:type="string">
        Some other value
      </item>
    </argument>
  </arguments>
</block>
```

Array example using '`<item>`'

# Scenario.

- Display ‘**delivery and returns**’ information on the product detail page
- Content should be displayed in a **modal**, triggered by clicking / tapping on a **link**
- **Functionality to be used across multiple projects**

# Basic module.

- **Fisheye\_DeliveryReturns**
  - Layout XML
  - Block class / template file
  - jQuery modal widget



Conventional notations used in this Guide

JavaScript

Magento jQuery widgets

Accordion widget

Alert widget

Calendar widget

Collapsible widget

Confirmation widget

DropDownDialog widget

Gallery widget

List widget

Magnifier widget

Loader widget

Menu widget

Modal widget

Navigation widget

Prompt widget

QuickSearch widget

Tabs widget

# Modal widget

## Overview

The Magento modal widget implements a secondary window that opens on top of the main window. It contains the overlay and modal content. The modal widget configuration enables the following:

- Configuring as popup or slide
- Controlling stack of modal widgets
- Setting buttons for action bar

The modal widget source is [<Magento\\_Ui\\_module\\_dir>/view/base/web/js/modal/modal.js](#).

The widget uses the following templates:

- [<Magento\\_Ui\\_module\\_dir>/view/base/web/templates/modal/modal-popup.html](#) popup type template.
- [<Magento\\_Ui\\_module\\_dir>/view/base/web/templates/modal/modal-slide.html](#) slide type template.

The design patterns for the modal pop-up windows in the Admin are described in the [Magento Admin Pattern Library, the Slide-out Panels, Modal Windows, and Overlays topic](#).

## Initialize the modal widget

To initialize the widget in your script, use the following general notation:

```

$('#modal_content').modal({
    &lt;option1&gt;; &lt;value1&gt;;
    &lt;option2&gt;; &lt;value2&gt;;
    ...
});
  
```

For details about how to initialize the widget in a .phtml template, refer to the [JavaScript initialization](#) topic.

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[https://devdocs.magento.com/guides/v2.2/javascript-dev-guide/widgets/widget\\_modal.html](https://devdocs.magento.com/guides/v2.2/javascript-dev-guide/widgets/widget_modal.html)

# catalog\_product\_view.xml

```
<referenceContainer name="product.info.main">  
    <block class="Fisheye\DeliveryReturns\Block\Modal"  
        name="delivery.returns.info"  
        template="Fisheye_DeliveryReturns::modal.phtml"  
        after="product.info.extrahint"/>  
</referenceContainer>
```

After product 'extra'  
actions (wishlist etc.)



# modal.phtml

```
<div data-mage-init='{ "fisheye/delivery-returns-modal": {  
    "title": "<?= __('Delivery & Returns Information') ?>",  
    "modalClass": "delivery-returns-content"  
}}'>  
    <a href="#" data-role="trigger" class="delivery-returns-link">  
        <?= __('Delivery Info') ?>  
    </a>  
    <div data-role="target">  
        <?= $block->getContent() ?>  
    </div>  
</div>
```



**RequireJS declaration  
+ jQuery modal widget  
config**

# modal.phtml

```
<div data-mage-init='{ "fisheye/delivery-returns-modal": {  
    "title": "<?= __('Delivery & Returns Information') ?>",  
    "modalClass": "delivery-returns-content"  
}}'>  
    <a href="#" data-role="trigger" class="delivery-returns-link">  
        <?= __('Delivery Info') ?>  
    </a>  
    <div data-role="target">  
        <?= $block->getContent() ?>  
    </div>  
</div>
```

Link that triggers  
modal


# modal.phtml

```
<div data-mage-init='{ "fisheye/delivery-returns-modal": {  
    "title": "<?= __('Delivery & Returns Information') ?>",  
    "modalClass": "delivery-returns-content"  
}}'>  
  
<a href="#" data-role="trigger" class="delivery-returns-link">  
    <?= __('Delivery Info') ?>  
</a>  
  
<div data-role="target">  
    <?= $block->getContent() ?> ← Modal content  
</div>  
</div>
```

# modal.js

```
initModal: function(config, element) {  
  
    var target = $(element).find('[data-role="target"]'),  
        trigger = $(element).find('[data-role="trigger"]')  
  
    target.modal({  
        autoOpen: false,  
        clickableOverlay: true,  
        title: config.title,  
        modalClass: config.modalClass  
    });  
  
    $(trigger).click(function(event) {  
        event.preventDefault();  
        target.modal('openModal');  
    });  
}
```

Modal initialisation  
with config from  
template



# modal.js

```
initModal: function(config, element) {  
  
    var target = $(element).find('[data-role="target"]'),  
        trigger = $(element).find('[data-role="trigger"]')  
  
    target.modal({  
        autoOpen: false,  
        clickableOverlay: true,  
        title: config.title,  
        modalClass: config.modalClass  
    });  
  
    $(trigger).click(function(event) {  
        event.preventDefault();  
        target.modal('openModal');  
    });  
}
```

Trigger modal  
on link click / tap



# Joust Duffle Bag



2 Reviews

Some others string

£34.00

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Image

Qty

Add to Cart

♥ ADD TO WISH LIST

▮ ADD TO COMPARE

✉ EMAIL

[Delivery Info](#)



Details

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## Delivery & Returns Information

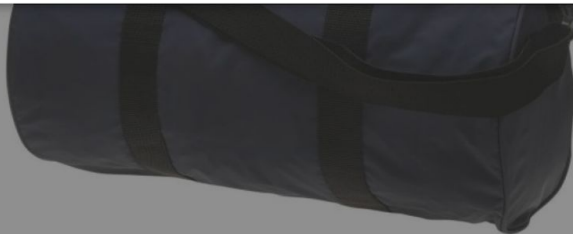


- Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Aenean commodo ligula eget dolor. Aenean massa.
- Cum sociis natoque penatibus et magnis dis parturient montes, nascetur ridiculus mus. Donec quam felis, ultricies nec, pellentesque eu, pretium quis, sem.
- Nulla consequat massa quis enim. Donec pede justo, fringilla vel, aliquet nec, vulputate eget, arcu.
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Ok

IN STOCK

#: 24-MB01



♥ ADD TO WISH LIST

▮ ADD TO COMPARE

✉ EMAIL

Delivery Info

Image

Details

More Information

Reviews (2)

# My work here is done.



# Right...?



**So what's the  
problem?**

# template.

/'tɛmpleɪt, 'tɛmplət/

**NOUN**

*“Something that serves as a model for others to copy.”*

**Computing:**

**A preset format for a document or file.**

*Source: Oxford Dictionary*

# It's not really a template.

- Most code is 'boilerplate' (template)
- But also 'implementation' code
- 'Implementation' also in the template
- **They are tightly coupled to one another**



# Template issues.

- Template needs to be overridden (duplicated) to
  - Change link or title text\*
  - Add or modify CSS classes
  - Add or modify modal configuration

\*translations could be used, but not ideal / best approach (e.g. generic phrase)

# Example use case.

- Template is overridden (duplicated) in multiple projects
- Later we realise we should've escaped the text output
- Now we have to manually update multiple copies of the same template file :-(



**So what  
can we do?**

# Arguments to the rescue.



# modal.phtml

```
<div data-mage-init='{ "fisheye/delivery-returns-modal": {  
    "title": "<?= __('Delivery & Returns Information') ?>",  
    "modalClass": "delivery-returns-content"  
}}'>  
    <a href="#" data-role="trigger" class="delivery-returns-link">  
        <?= __('Delivery Info') ?>  
    </a>  
    <div data-role="target">  
        <?= $block->getContent() ?>  
    </div>  
</div>
```

Let's remove specific  
text content

# modal.phtml

```
<div data-mage-init='{"fisheye/delivery-returns-modal": {  
    "title": "<?= $block->getData('modalTitle') ?>",  
    "modalClass": "<?= $block->getData('modalClass') ?>"  
}}'>  
    <a ... class="<?= $block->getData('linkClass') ?>">  
        <?= $block->getData('linkText') ?>  
    </a>  
    <div data-role="target">  
        <?= $block->getContent() ?>  
    </div>  
</div>
```

And replace with  
arguments

# catalog\_product\_view.xml

```
<block ... name="delivery.returns.info" ... >
  <arguments>
    <argument name="linkClass" xsi:type="string">
      delivery-returns-link
    </argument>
    <argument name="linkText" translate="true" xsi:type="string">
      Delivery Info
    </argument>
    <argument name="modalClass" xsi:type="string">
      delivery-returns-content
    </argument>
    <argument name="modalTitle" translate="true" xsi:type="string">
      Delivery & Returns Information
    </argument>
  </arguments>
</block>
```

# catalog\_product\_view.xml

```
<referenceBlock name="delivery.returns.info">
  <arguments>
    <argument name="linkText" translate="true" xsi:type="string">
      Shipping Details
    </argument>
    <argument name="modalClass" xsi:type="string">
      delivery-returns-content some-other-custom-class
    </argument>
  </arguments>
</referenceBlock>
```

**Now making changes requires  
no modification / override of  
our template**



# Much better!



# modal.phtml

```
<div data-mage-init='{ "fisheye/delivery-returns-modal": {  
  "title": "<?= $block->getData('modalTitle') ?>",  
  "modalClass": "<?= $block->getData('modalClass') ?>",  
  "type": "<?= $block->getData('modalType') ?>"  
}}'>  
  
<a ... class="<?= $block->getData('linkClass') ?>">  
  <?= $block->getData('linkText') ?>  
</a>  
  
<div data-role="target">  
  <?= $block->getContent() ?>  
</div>  
</div>
```

**We can even add more  
modal widget config**

# catalog\_product\_view.xml

```
<block ... name="delivery.returns.info" ... >
  <arguments>
    ...
    <argument name="modalType" xsi:type="string">
      slide
    </argument>
    ...
  </arguments>
</block>
```

So long as we pass in the values via arguments

# modal.js

```
initModal: function(config, element) {  
  ...  
  target.modal({  
    ...  
    type: config.type  
  });  
  ...  
}
```

And map them  
in the widget

**More  
issues...**

# Javascript issues.

- Modal JS component locked to **Fisheye\_DeliveryReturns**
  - If we want a similar modal we either
    - Depend on this module
    - Duplicate code and add another JS file / request

**Hint:** both options are bad!

# modal.phtml

```
<div data-mage-init='{"fisheye/delivery-returns-modal": {  
  "title": "<?= $block->getData('modalTitle') ?>",  
  "modalClass": "<?= $block->getData('modalClass') ?>",  
  "type": "<?= $block->getData('modalType') ?>"  
}}'>  
  
<a ... class="<?= $block->getData('linkClass') ?>">  
  <?= $block->getData('linkText') ?>  
</a>  
  
<div data-role="target">  
  <?= $block->getContent() ?>  
</div>  
</div>
```

The JS module is too specific

# modal.phtml

```
<div data-mage-init='{"fisheye/modal": {  
    "title": "<?= $block->getData('modalTitle') ?>",  
    "modalClass": "<?= $block->getData('modalClass') ?>",  
    "type": "<?= $block->getData('modalType') ?>"  
}}'>  
  
<a ... class="<?= $block->getData('linkClass') ?>">  
    <?= $block->getData('linkText') ?>  
</a>  
  
<div data-role="target">  
    <?= $block->getContent() ?>  
</div>  
</div>
```

**So let's abstract the  
modal JS module**



# catalog\_product\_view.xml

```
<referenceContainer name="product.info.main">
    <block class="Fisheye\DeliveryReturns\Block\Modal"
        name="delivery.returns.info"
        template="Fisheye_DeliveryReturns::modal.phtml"
        after="product.info.extrahint">
        <arguments>
            <argument ...>
                ...
            </argument>
        </arguments>
    </block>
</referenceContainer>
```

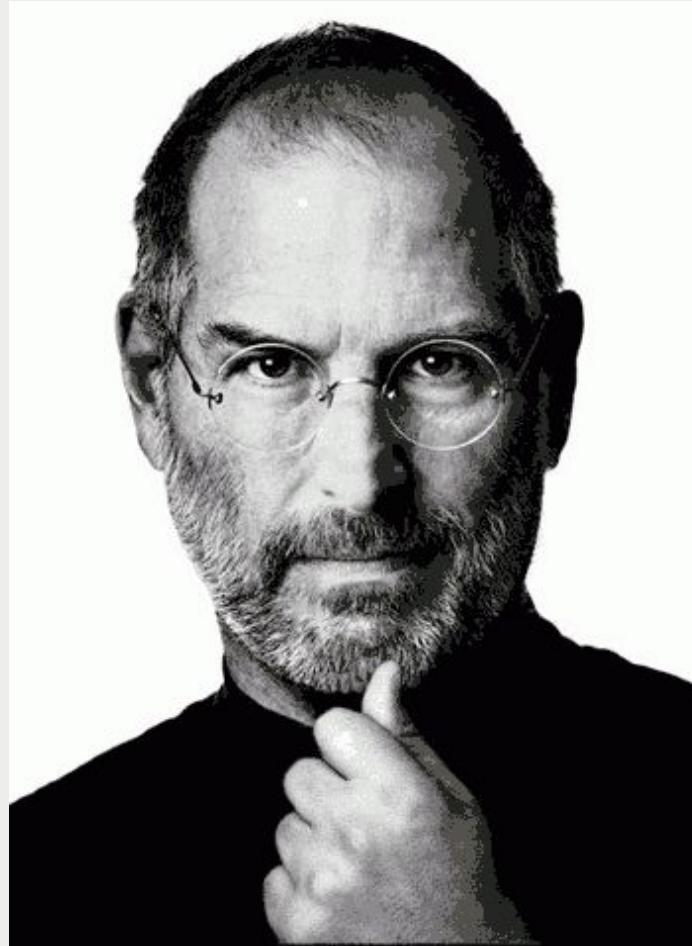
The module name no longer makes much sense

# catalog\_product\_view.xml

```
<referenceContainer name="product.info.main">
    <block class="Fisheye\Modal\Block\Modal"
        name="delivery.returns.info"
        template="Fisheye_Modal::modal.phtml"
        after="product.info.extrahint">
        <arguments>
            <argument ...>
                ...
            </argument>
        </arguments>
    </block>
</referenceContainer>
```

This layout should now  
belong outside the  
'Fisheye\_Modal' module

# One more thing.



# modal.phtml

```
<div data-mage-init='{ "fisheye/modal": { ... } }'>
  <a ... class="<?= $block->getData('linkClass') ?>">
    <?= $block->getData('linkText') ?>
  </a>
  <div data-role="target">
    <?= $block->getContent() ?>
  </div>
</div>
```

The content is still coupled  
to block / template

# modal.phtml

```
<div data-mage-init='{ "fisheye/modal": { ... } }'>
  <a ... class="<?= $block->getData('linkClass') ?>">
    <?= $block->getData('linkText') ?>
  </a>
  <div data-role="target">
    <?= $block->getChildHtml() ?>
  </div>
</div>
```

But the content is of no concern to the modal, let's decouple it

# catalog\_product\_view.xml

```
<block ... name="delivery.returns.info" ... >
  <arguments>...</arguments>
  <block class="Magento\Cms\Block\Block"
    name="delivery.returns.info.cms">
    <arguments>
      <argument name="block_id" xsi:type="string">
        delivery_returns_info
      </argument>
    </arguments>
  </block>
</block>
```

Now we can add any content via a child block e.g. a CMS (static) block

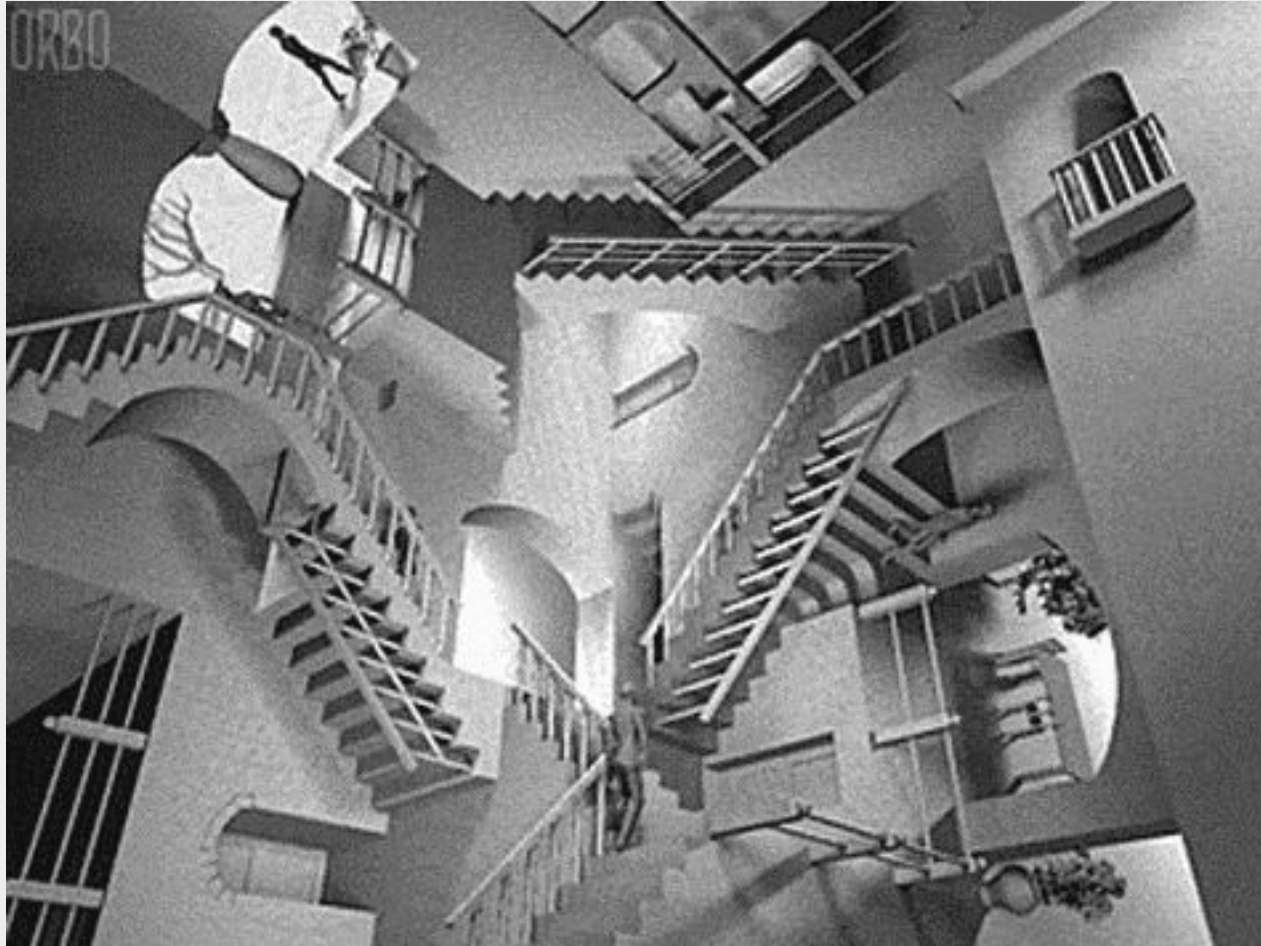
# catalog\_product\_view.xml

```
<block ... name="delivery.returns.info" ... >  
    <arguments>...</arguments>  
</block>
```

```
<move element="some.custom.block"  
    destination="delivery.returns.info"/>
```

Or even move one or more  
existing blocks into our modal

# The possibilities are endless!





# The possibilities are endless!

- Now we can create unlimited modals with
  - any content
  - any config
  - in any location
- From the same component
- With minimal upgrade / maintenance concerns

# It's all great in theory...

- It turns out this module wasn't just something I invented for this talk...
- Who'd have guessed ;-)

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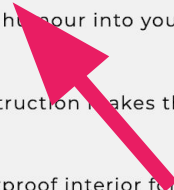
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## PRODUCT INFORMATION

This essential set is perfect for Joe's lean in 15 meals! Batch cook meals such as pasta or chilli in the large 26cm all rounder pan. The cast aluminium 28cm square grill pan is the perfect way to grill meat, fish or veggies. Both pans heat up rapidly and evenly to give great results and the easy-lift non-stick system ensures the food just slides out so they're easy to clean too.

Complimenting the grill pan, the 12" lock & serve elevated tongs are convenient and practical and feature an elevated design preventing the heads from laying on the work surface, keeping the area clean.



Easy Release Aluminium is designed to give all hob types a good work out including induction, and is dishwasher safe (excluding grill pan).



### EASY LIFT NON-STICK SYSTEM

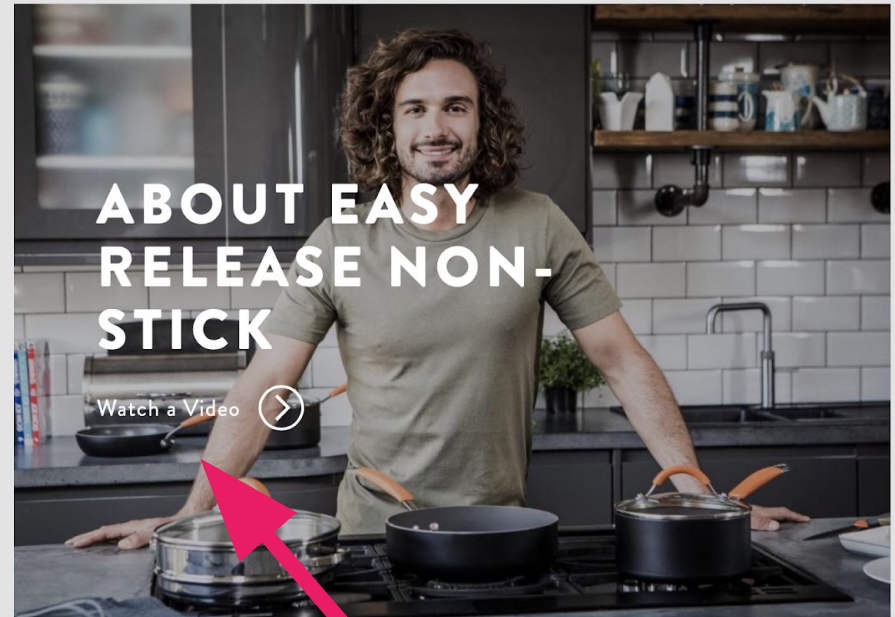
Long lasting non-stick interior not only heats rapidly and evenly, but also allows food to slide off making clean-up quick and easy



### GRIPPY HANDLES

Colourful silicon handle adds a pop of colour and provides a comfortable slip free grip. Double-riveted for added durability and oven safe to 180°C / Gas Mark 4.

### GLASS LID (ALL ROUNDER PAN ONLY)



# Joe WICKS

ROAST BROCCOLI AND BEANS WITH TAHINI DRESSING AND SALMON

⏸ 00:00:02 🔊 ⚙️ 📺 📱 vimeo

## PRODUCT INFO

This essential set is perfect for the large 26cm all round way to grill meat, fish or and the easy-lift non-stick too. Complimenting the grill and feature an elevated the area clean.



Easy work grill



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— DESCRIPTION

Vintage 80s Adidas track top. Zipped front with two hand pockets and ribbed cuffs and waist

+ DETAILS

+ CONDITION

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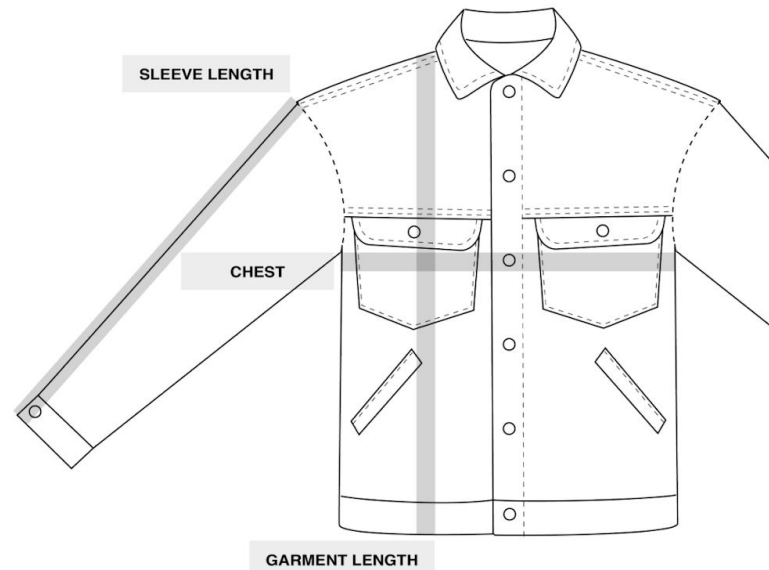


## SIZE GUIDE

Label sizes of vintage garments are different to today's standardised clothing sizes and are sometimes not labelled at all. Through general wear and washing garment sizes do alter so we measure all our clothes to give our customers the most accurate indication of size. To help you work out which clothing size is right for you we have included examples of how we measure our garments.

### Size chart

INCHES CHEST	UK	APPROX WOMEN'S SIZE
34	XS	S
36	S	M
38-40	M	L
42-44	L	XL
46-48	XL	XXL
50-52	XXL	XXXL
54-56	XXXL	XXXXL



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WISHLIST

### DESCRIPTION

Vintage 80s Adidas track jacket with two chest pockets and ribbed cuffs and hem.

### + DETAILS

### + CONDITION





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# Argument considerations.

- Account for arguments not being passed in your code
  - Set default values
- Ensure relevant argument *xsi:types* are used
  - Add error output for developers if wrong type is used
- Document the arguments (and their values) that your component can / must utilise

# Reference.

<https://github.com/fisheyehq/module-modal>

# Summary.

- Reuse code where you can as components
  - Provide flexibility by passing arguments
- Write less code! (especially boilerplate)
  - Make code maintainable / upgrade friendly
- **It's not about the tool, but the approach**

The framework doesn't matter



# Look ma, React JS!

```
function Modal(props) {  
  return (  
    <div className="modal-wrapper">  
      <a href="#" className={props.linkClass}>  
        {props.linkText}  
      </a>  
      <div className={props.modalClass}>  
        {props.modalContent}  
      </div>  
    </div>  
  );  
}
```

# Look ma, React JS!

```
var modal = <Modal linkClass="delivery-returns-link"  
    linkText="Delivery Info"  
    modalClass="delivery-returns-content"  
    modalContent="Content goes here"/>;
```

```
ReactDOM.render(  
    modal,  
    document.getElementById('delivery-returns-container')  
);
```



# Reference.

- <https://devdocs.magento.com/guides/v2.2/frontend-dev-guide/layouts/xml-instructions.html>
- <https://devdocs.magento.com/guides/v2.2/frontend-dev-guide/layouts/xml-manage.html>
- Plenty of examples in Magento core!

# catalog\_product\_view.xml

```
<block class="Magento\Catalog\Block\Product\View\Description"
  name="product.info.skus"
  template="Magento_Catalog::product/view/attribute.phtml"
  after="product.info.type">
  <arguments>
    <argument name="at_call" xsi:type="string">
      getSku
    </argument>
    <argument name="at_code" xsi:type="string">
      sku
    </argument>
    <argument name="css_class" xsi:type="string">
      sku
    </argument>
    ...
  </arguments>
</block>
```

# View models

# Food is coming, stay strong!



# What is a view model?

- A class you can use in addition to a block
- To decouple custom presentation logic

# Why?

- Magento's default block classes\* handle block / template related functions, such as:
  - *toHtml()*
  - *getChildHtml()*
  - *escapeHtml()*

\*e.g. *Magento\Framework\View\Element\Template*

*Magento\Framework\View\Element\AbstractBlock*

# Why?

- **Single Responsibility Principle (from SOLID)**
  - **Tells us classes should only have one purpose**
- So if blocks handle block / template specific code
  - **We should use another class for our custom logic**

# Benefits.

- Separation of Magento and custom code
- No inheritance - only inject what you need
- Easier to write testable code
  - No parent dependencies to mock
- Easier to understand / maintain / upgrade



# Limitations.

- Magento 2.2+ only\*
- Still need to extend block for custom block caching (e.g. cache keys / tags etc.)

\*Note: workarounds are available



**So how do  
I use them?**

# Arguments of course!



# Scenario.

- Display key **‘store information’** in the footer
- Phone number, opening hours etc.
- e.g. a quick reference **‘store help’** block

# Basic module.

- **Fisheye\_StoreHelp**

- Layout XML
- Template file
- View model (no custom block class)

# default.xml

```
<referenceContainer name="footer">
    <block class="Magento\Framework\View\Element\Template"
        name="store.help"
        template="Fisheye_StoreHelp::store-help.phtml"
        after="footer_links">
        <arguments>
            <argument name="storeInformation" xsi:type="object">
                Fisheye\StoreHelp\ViewModel\StoreInformation
            </argument>
        </arguments>
    </block>
</referenceContainer>
```

**‘xsi:type’ must be ‘object’  
and ‘value’ the class**

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```
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        name="store.help"
        template="Fisheye_StoreHelp::store-help.phtml"
        after="footer_links">
        <arguments>
            <argument name="storeInformation" xsi:type="object">
                Fisheye\StoreHelp\ViewModel\StoreInformation
            </argument>
        </arguments>
    </block>
</referenceContainer>
```

**'class' attribute is no longer needed as Template used as default**

# StoreInformation.php

```
class StoreInformation implements ArgumentInterface
{
    public function __construct(
        Information $storeInformation,
        StoreManagerInterface $storeManager
    ) {
        $this->storeInformation = $storeInformation;
        $this->storeManager = $storeManager;
    }
}
```

To get current store and  
formatted store data object



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        Information $storeInformation,
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    ) {
        $this->storeInformation = $storeInformation;
        $this->storeManager = $storeManager;
    }
}
```

**ArgumentInterface?**

# What is ArgumentInterface?

- Every view model **MUST** implement:  
**Magento\Framework\View\Element\Block\ArgumentInterface**
- This is an empty interface, but is used to ensure only classes intended to be view models are passed to blocks
- A conscious decision has to be made on whether a class is to be used as a view model, not just any random class

# StoreInformation.php

```
private function getStoreData(): DataObject
{
    return $this->storeInformation->getStoreInformationObject(
        $this->storeManager->getStore());
}
```

```
public function getStorePhone(): ?string
{
    return $this->getStoreData()->getData('phone');
}
```

```
public function getStoreHours(): ?string
{
    return $this->getStoreData()->getData('hours');
}
```

# store-help.phtml

```
<?php
```

```
/** @var Fisheye\StoreHelp\ViewModel\StoreInformation $storeInformation */  
$storeInformation = $block->getData('storeInformation');  
?>
```

```
<p class="store-phone">
```

```
    <?= $block->escapeHtml($storeInformation->getPhone()) ?>
```

```
</p>
```

```
<p class="store-hours">
```

```
    <?= $block->escapeHtml($storeInformation->getHours()) ?>
```

```
</p>
```



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# Multiple view models.



# Multiple view models

- You can pass in any number of view models via layout
- e.g. add config to allow optionally displaying store address
- Our **StoreInformation** responsibility is getting store info
- So display config should be handled by separate class again

# default.xml

```
<referenceContainer name="footer">
  <block name="store.help" ...>
    <arguments>
      <argument name="store_information" xsi:type="object">
        Fisheye\StoreHelp\ViewModel\StoreInformation
      </argument>
      <argument name="config" xsi:type="object">
        Fisheye\StoreHelp\ViewModel\Config
      </argument>
    </arguments>
  </block>
</referenceContainer>
```

Let's add an additional view model



# Config.php

```
class Config implements ArgumentInterface
{
    const XML_PATH_DESIGN_STORE_HELP_DISPLAY_ADDRESS = 'design/store_help
/display_address';
    private $scopeConfig;

    public function __construct(ScopeConfigInterface $scopeConfig)
    {
        $this->scopeConfig = $scopeConfig;
    }

    public function displayStoreAddress(): bool
    {
        return $this->scopeConfig->isSetFlag(
            self::XML_PATH_DESIGN_STORE_HELP_DISPLAY_ADDRESS,
            ScopeInterface::SCOPE_STORE
        );
    }
}
```

Add our  
config check

# StoreInformation.php

```
class StoreInformation implements ArgumentInterface
{
    public function getStoreAddress(): ?string
    {
        return $this->storeInformation->getFormattedAddress(
            $this->storeManager->getStore()
        );
    }
}
```

And retrieve the  
formatted store address

# store-help.phtml

```
<?php
/** @var Fisheye\StoreHelp\ViewModel\StoreInformation $storeInformation */
$storeInformation = $block->getData('store_information');
/** @var Fisheye\StoreHelp\ViewModel\Config $config */
$config = $block->getData('config');
?>

...

<?php if ($config->displayStoreAddress()): ?>
    <div class="store-address">
        <?= $storeInformation->getStoreAddress() ?>
    </div>
<?php endif ?>
```

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# Done.



# Reference.

<https://github.com/fisheyehq/module-store-help>

# View model considerations.

- Don't name view model arguments '*view\_model*'
  - Use a descriptive name
- Using multiple view models per block **is good**
- Don't add too many view models to one block
  - If over 3 or 4 consider splitting up your block

# View model considerations.

- Consider how you'll handle passing data between block and view model
  - Try to avoid passing in the block to a method
- Create / re-use view models for common uses
  - e.g. store data, product, category, config etc.



# Credit / further reading.

<https://www.yireo.com/blog/2017-08-12-viewmodels-in-magento-2>

<https://firegento.com/blog/2017/12/07/better-blocks-magento-2-php-view-models/>

<https://www.integer-net.com/view-models-in-magento-1-and-2>

**Thanks Jisse / Vinai / Fabian!**

# Wrap up

# Think twice.

- Use what works for you and the scenario
- Don't get 'hung up' on abstracting everything
- Apply some common sense
- Remember these were simple examples

# Lunch!!!



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