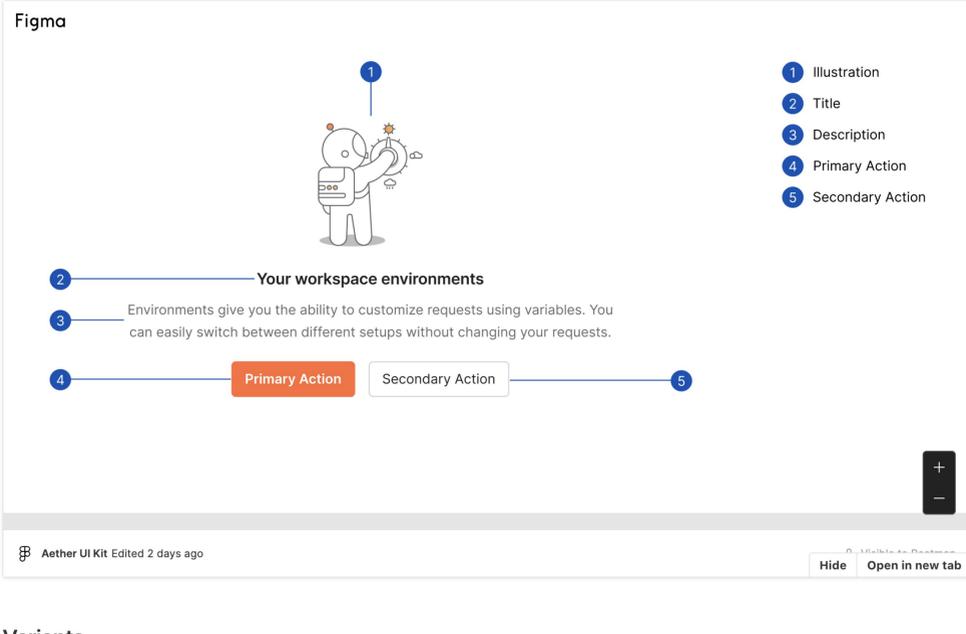


BlankState usage guidelines

Blank states are used when a table, list, page, or section has no items or data to show. These states can be used as an opportunity to educate and guide users and help them progress in their task.

Structure



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Variants

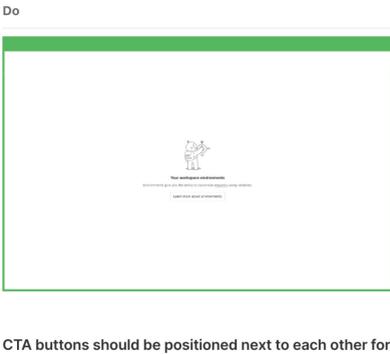
Variant	Description	Visual
With Primary and Secondary CTA	BlankState where there are two actions the user can take, and one is the preferred option.	
With Primary CTA	BlankState where there is one action the user can take and it is the preferred option.	
With Secondary CTA	BlankState where there is one action the user can take but it is optional.	
Without CTA	BlankState without any action to be taken by the user.	

Guidelines

Do's and Dont's

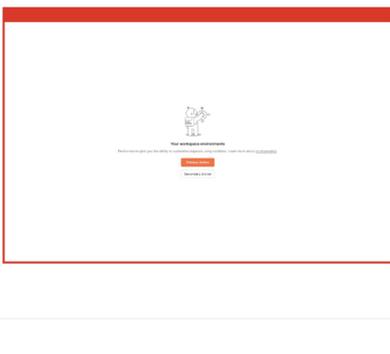
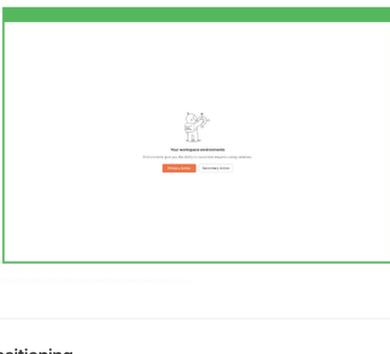
"Learn More" should be a secondary button even if it is the only CTA present

Both button variants can be used even if the actions are links e.g. Upgrade Plan, Learn more, etc. Other links in the description are still possible.



CTA buttons should be positioned next to each other for wide layouts.

For narrow layouts, they can responsively change to a vertical layout.



Positioning

- Blank states should be positioned vertically and horizontally centered.

Behaviour

TODO: Describe the general behaviour including all the variants in more detail.

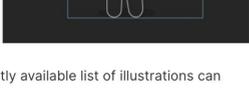
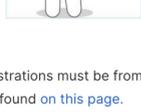
Sizing

Size	Description	Visual
Large Area	Blank state with horizontal button arrangement used in larger areas	

Narrow Area	Blank state with vertical button arrangement used in narrow areas	
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Content

Illustration



- Illustrations must be from the [Aether Illustrations Figma file](#). The currently available list of illustrations can be found on [this page](#).

- Custom illustrations can be made on request.
- Don't resize the illustrations as they are designed for a fixed size (140 × 120 px).
- Blank states appear on 3 different backgrounds — white, grey, and dark.
 - The stroke color should switch automatically to `color-content-tertiary` in dark mode.
 - The dark outline is used in white and grey backgrounds.
 - The light outline is used in dark mode.

Title

- Keep titles short. Ideally, the title should be around 60 chars.
- Don't use a period at the end.

Description

- Keep description copy around 140 characters or less.
- Use `
` to avoid getting 1-2 words in the second line.
- You can also add links in the description.

Action

- We have two button variants (`primary` and `outline`) that can be used together or separately depending on the actions we want to offer the user.
- Both button variants can be used even if the actions are links. For example, Upgrade Plan, Learn More, etc.
- 'Learn More' should be a secondary button even if it is the only CTA present.
- Don't use more than two CTAs.
- Don't use two primary CTAs for two actions.

Example scenarios

Scenarios give context-specific guidance. See if your usecase aligns with one of them.

Content section	Details
Starter content scenario	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The title should ideally be action-oriented and should encourage people to activate the product or feature.For example, Set up your first monitor, Add APIs to the Private Network, Make your APIs public, etc.
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Describe and elaborate on the benefits of the action mentioned in the title.Be conversational. Use punctuation and articles such as "a", "the", etc.Avoid repeating information from the title.
CTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Primary CTA should be action referenced in the title.'Learn More' should be a secondary button even if it is the only CTA present.For example, Create Monitor, Publish API to Private Network, Go to Public API Network, etc.
Error scenario	
Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The title should communicate the status of the users' action. Example, Couldn't load documentation, Couldn't load requests, etc.
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Briefly explain the reason for the error, if possible.Next, explain how to overcome the error.
CTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Primary CTA should be action referenced in the title.For example, Try Again, Reload, etc..
No results found scenario	
Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Is optional.Should communicate that no results were found. For example, No results found.Contextualizing based on entity type isn't preferred unless it is mandatory. For example, No collections found, No branches found, etc.
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none">If the title isn't used then the description should start by communicating that no results were found.Next, explain how to get the data the user is looking for.For example, Check your spelling, try different keywords, or adjust your filters.
CTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Is optional.
No activity recorded or action not supported scenario	
Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Should communicate status of the state - not recorded or supported.For example, Monitor results will appear here as soon as it runs, Code generation is yet to be supported, You don't have permission to view this page, etc.
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Should explain when and how the data will be populated and if the user should/can take any action.Should explain why the action isn't supported and what is needed.
CTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Is optional.