

Fast by Default
Near instant load times at scale
with GatsbyJS

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Zalando saw a **0.7% increase** in revenue
when they shaved **100ms** off their load
time.

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Trainline reduced latency by **0.3 seconds**
across their funnel and customers spent
an extra **£8 million** (~€9.1 million) a year.

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Tests of the new, faster FT.com showed users were up to **30% more engaged**—meaning more visits and more content being consumed.

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BBC

BBC has seen that they **lose an additional 10% of users for every additional second** it takes for their site to load

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Rebuilding Pinterest pages for performance resulted in a **15% increase in SEO traffic** and a **15% increase in conversion rate to signup**.

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“Poor performance can, and does, **lead to exclusion.**”
— *Tim Kadlek*

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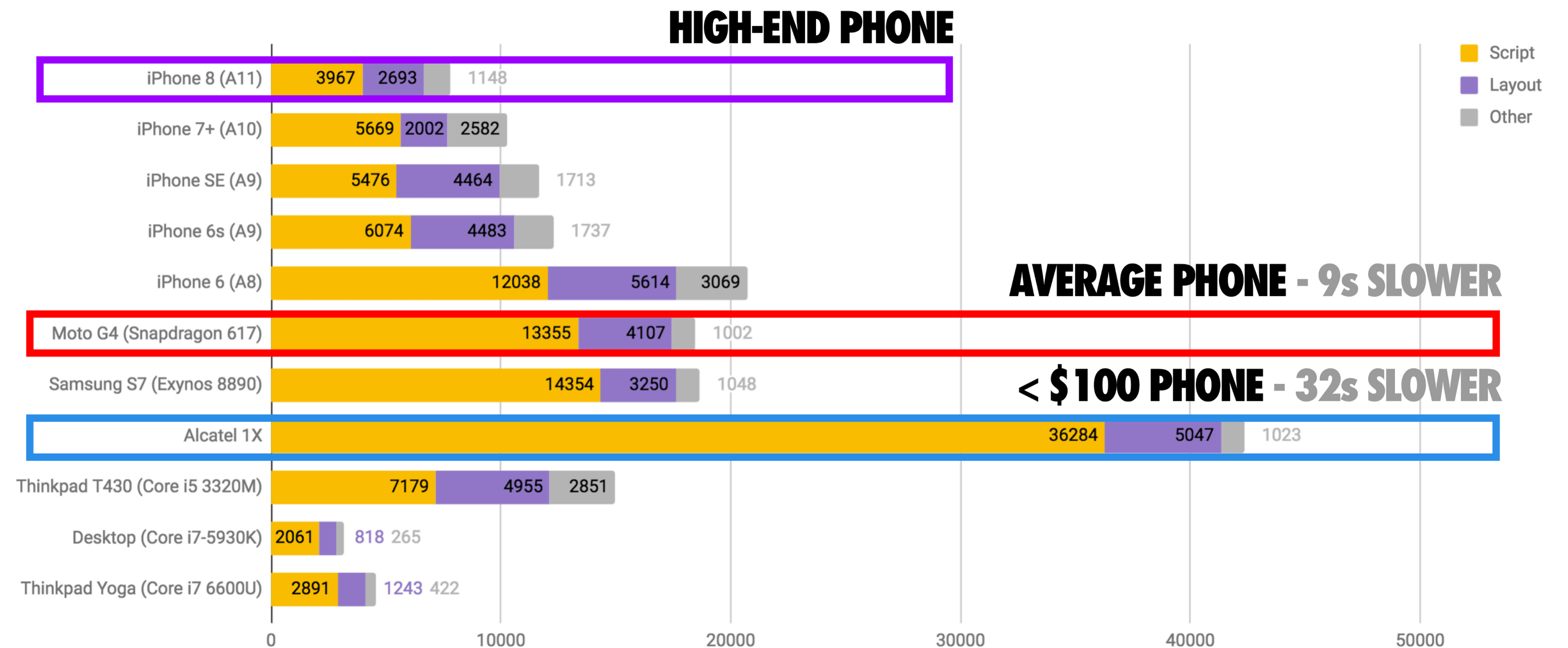
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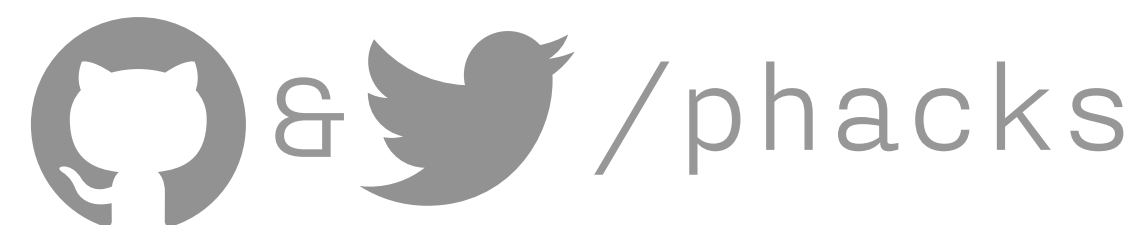
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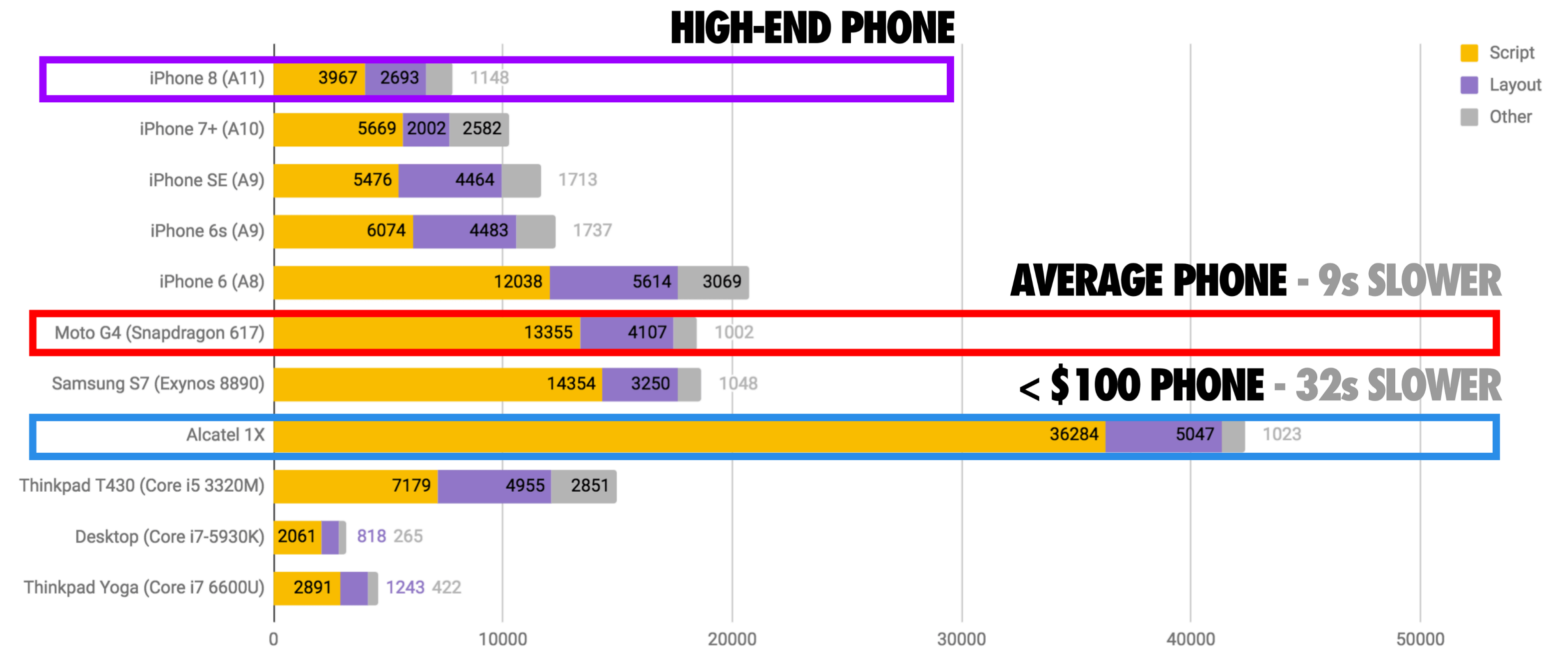
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*“[Performance good practices] have well-known
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— Cennydd Bowles, Future Ethics

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“I need to buy a new phone”

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“My battery does not last a full day anymore”

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Web Performance is **not a zero-sum game**



Nicolas Goutay

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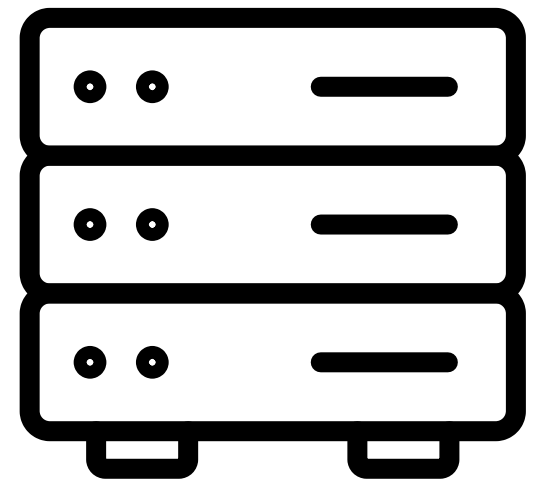
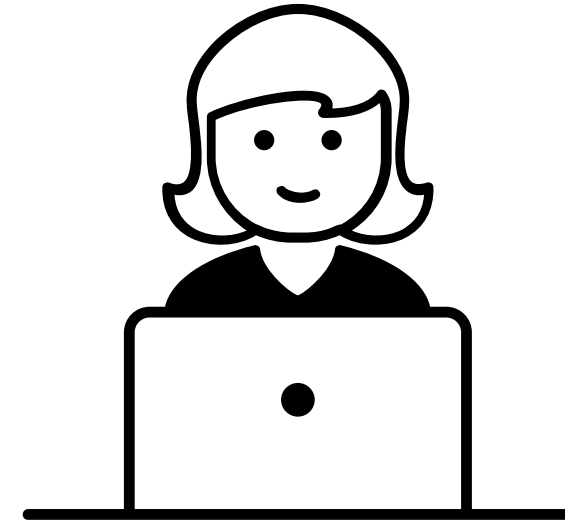
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An oral history of web development

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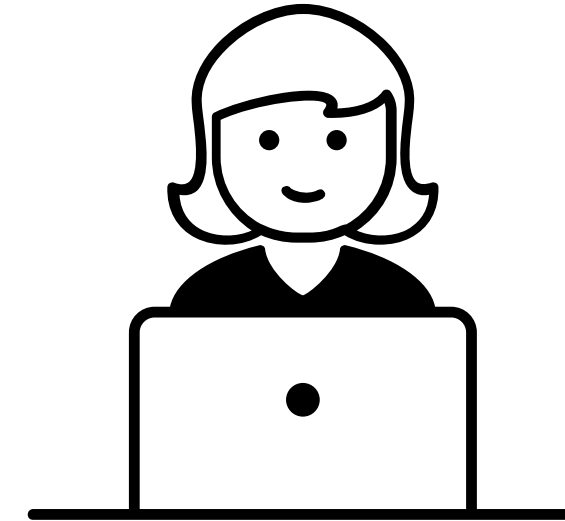
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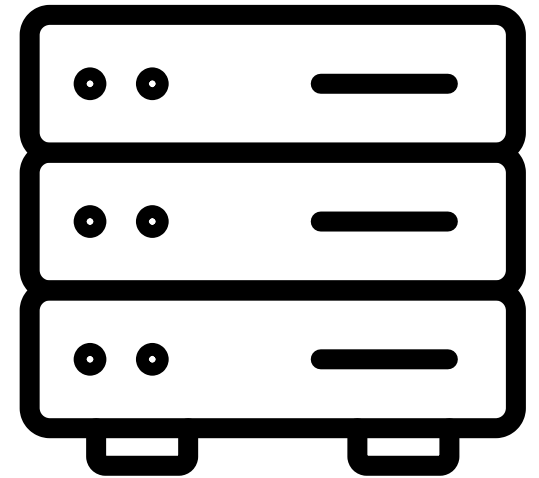
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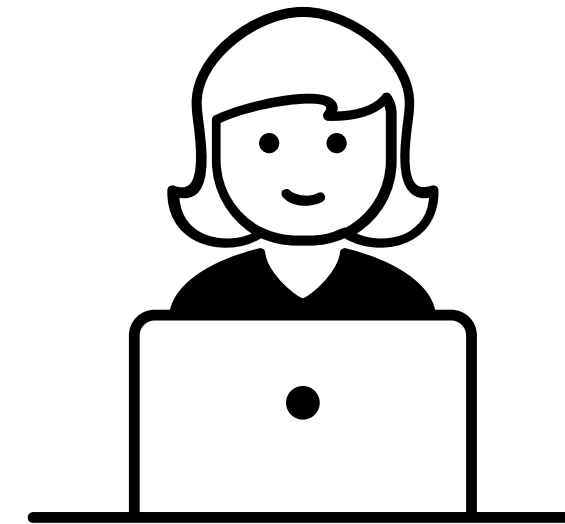
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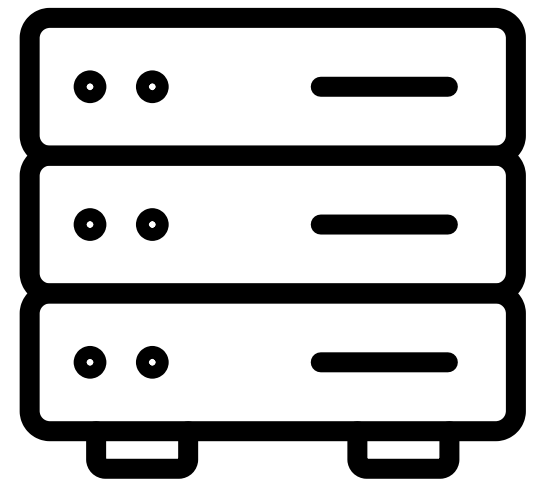
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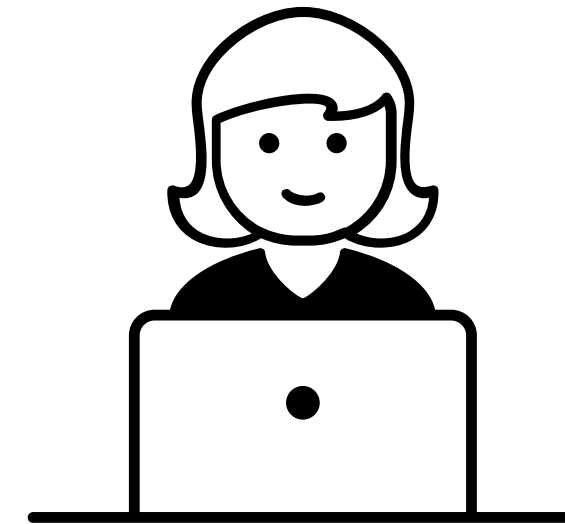
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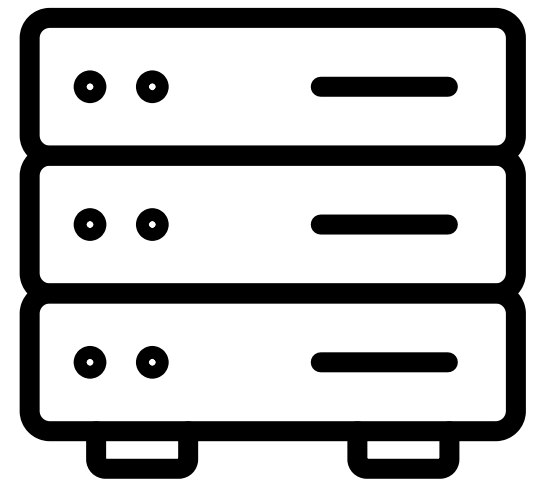
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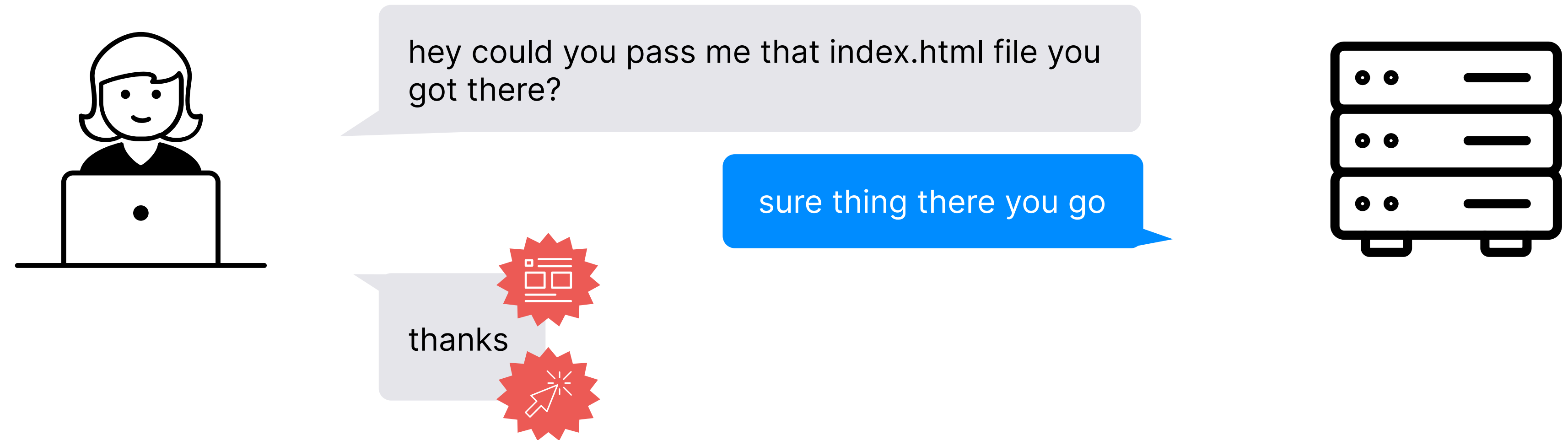
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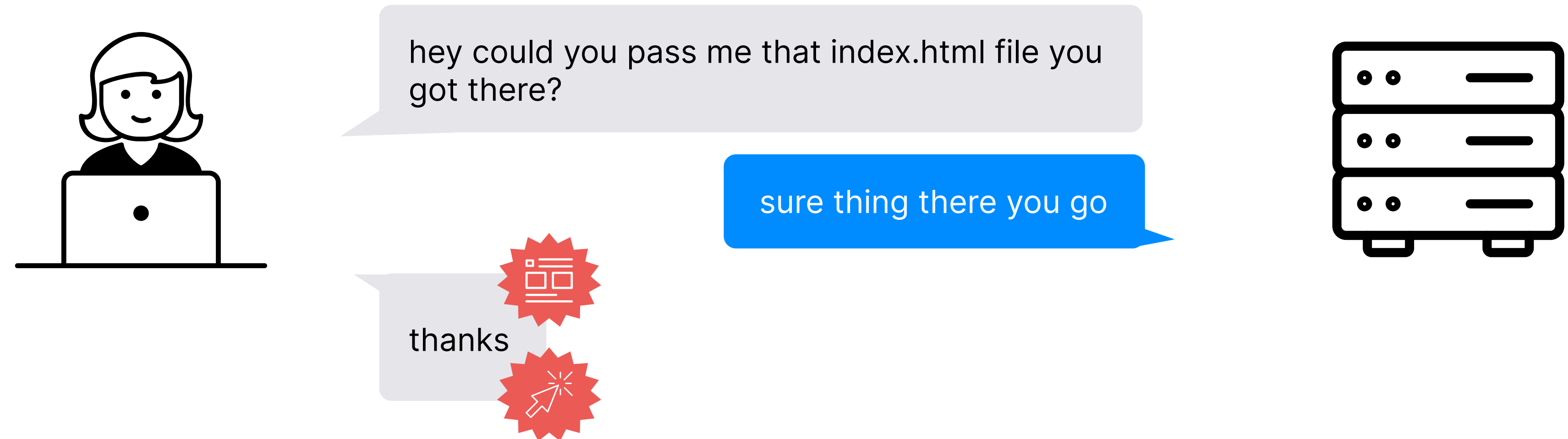
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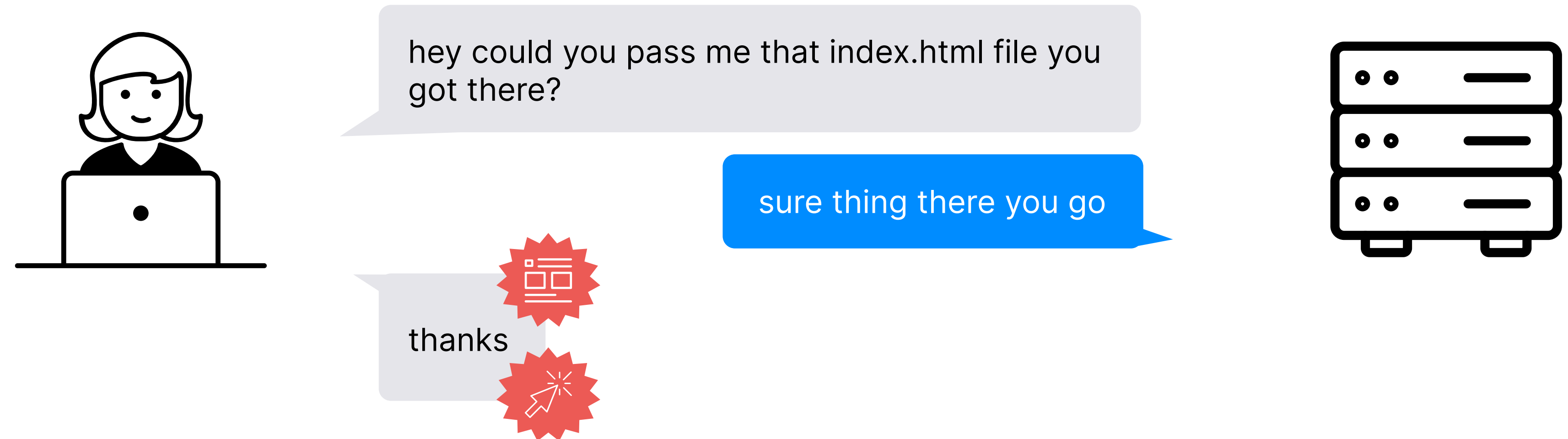
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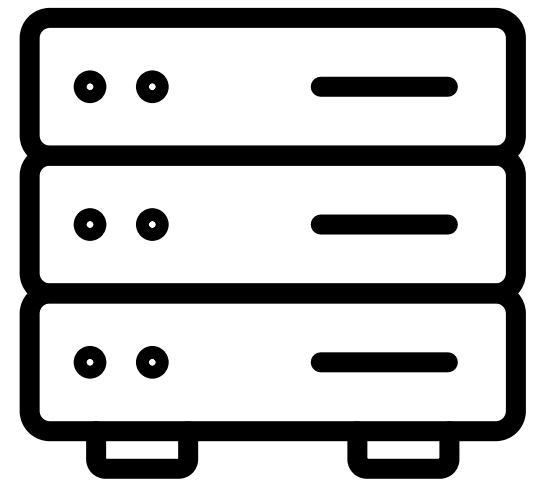
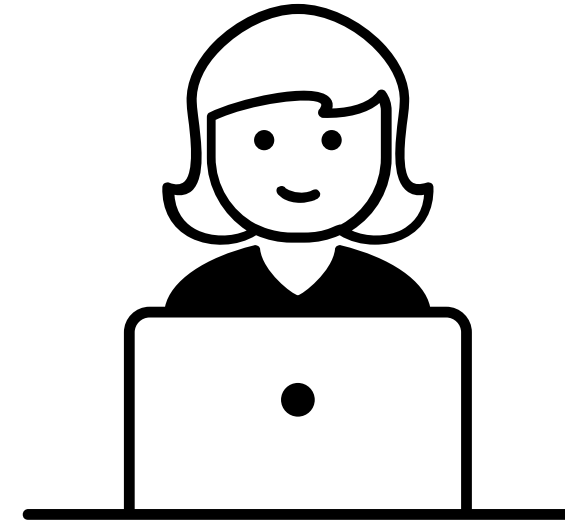
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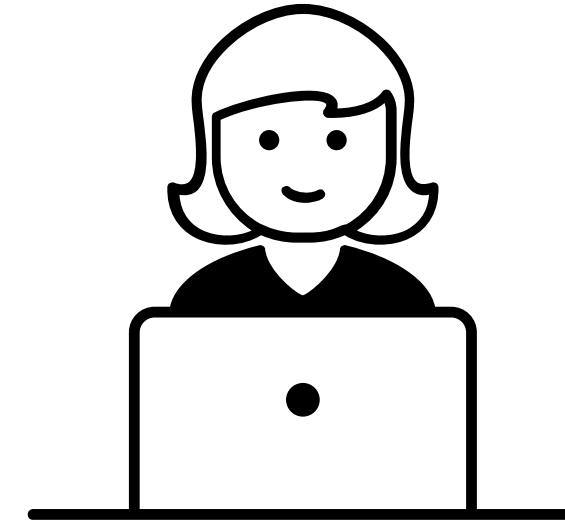
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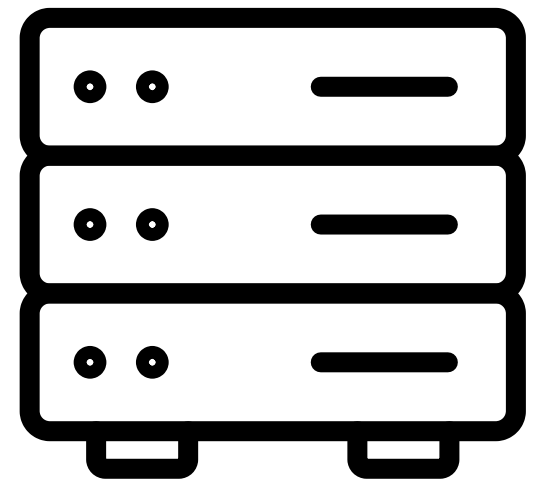
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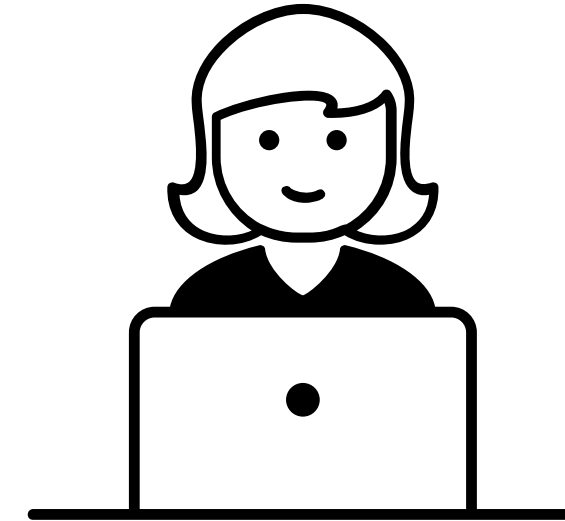
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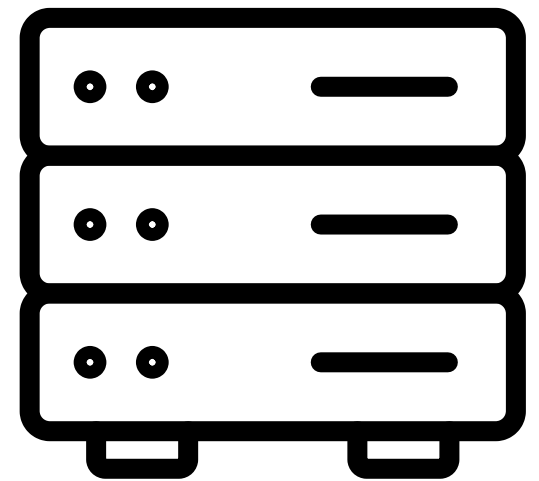
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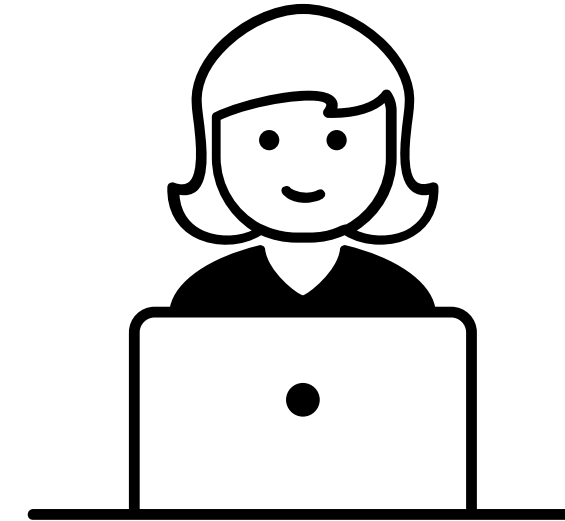
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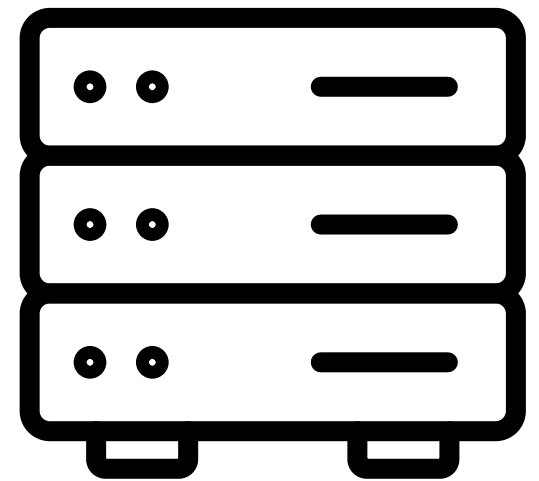
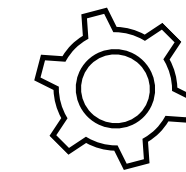
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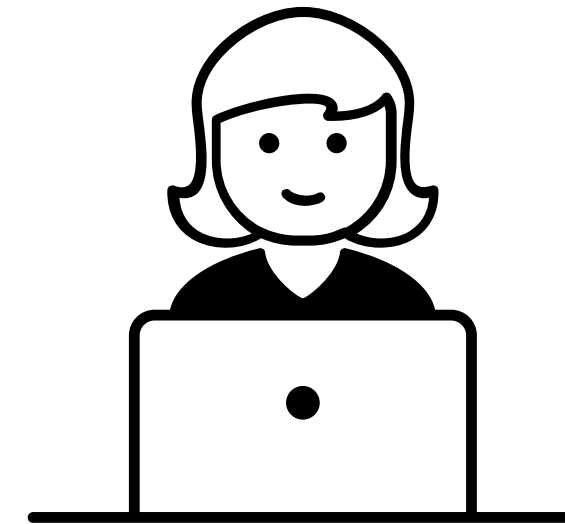
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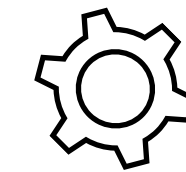
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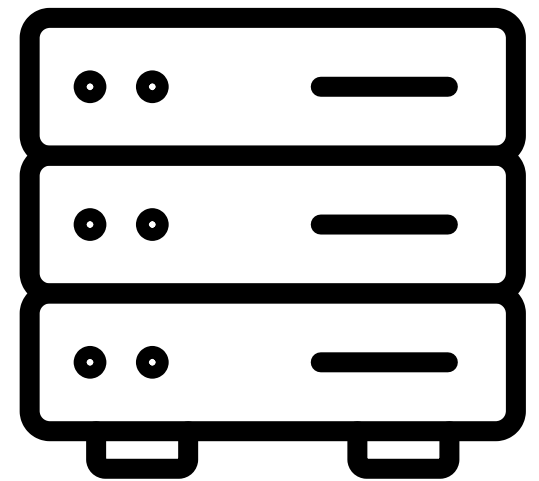


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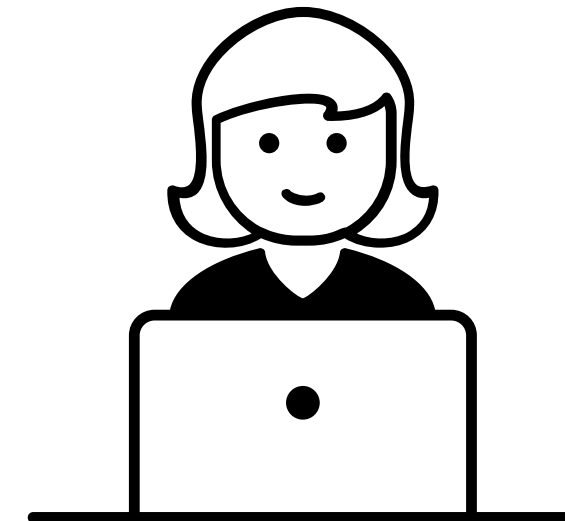


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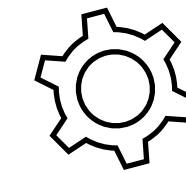
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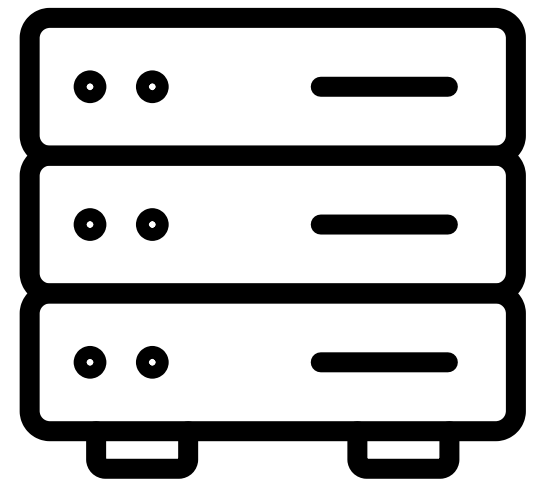
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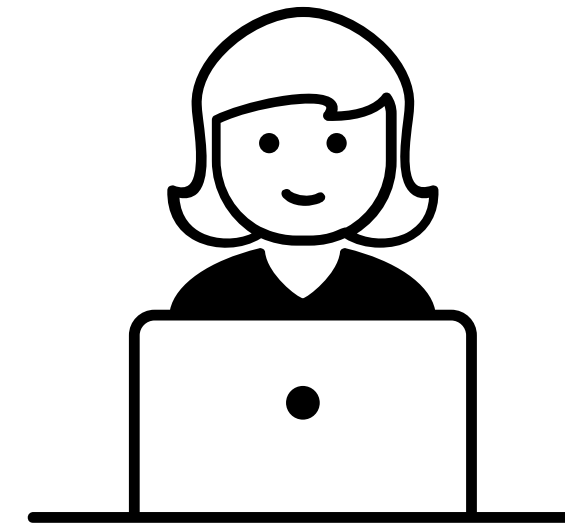
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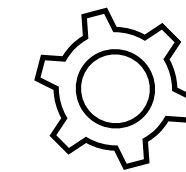
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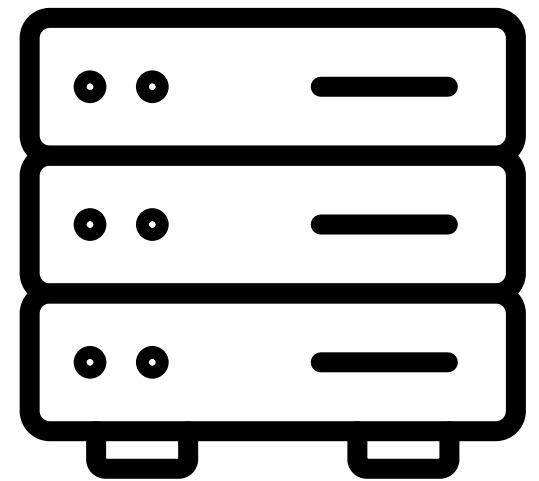
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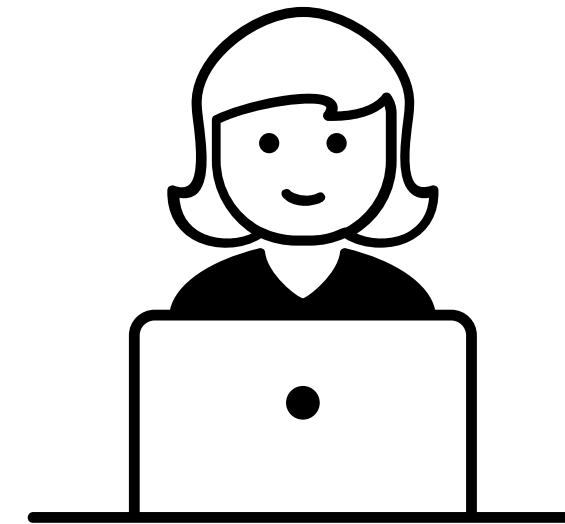
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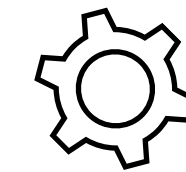
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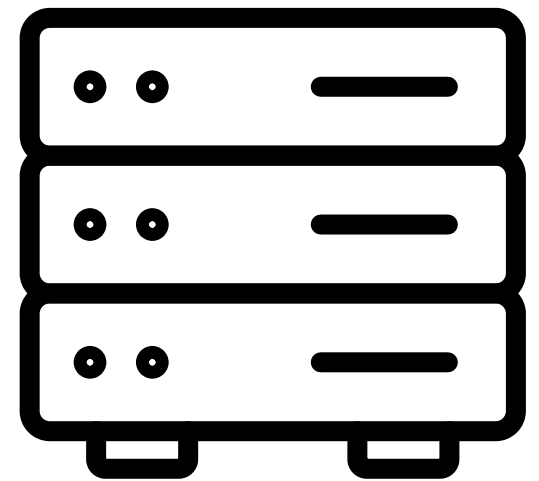
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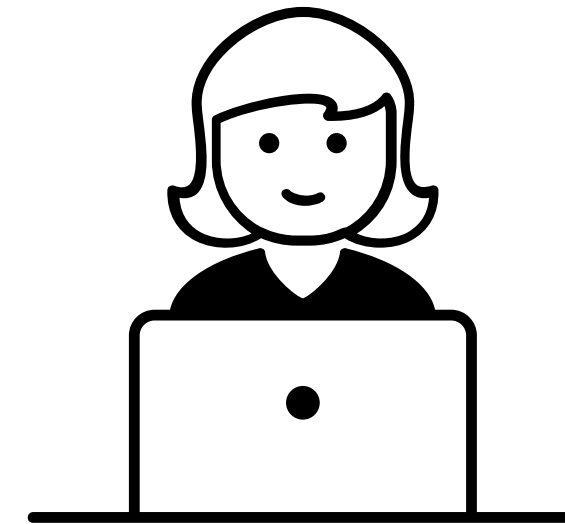
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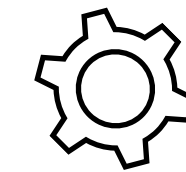
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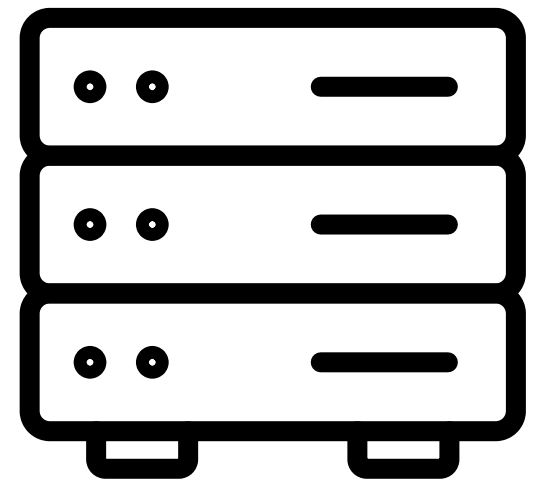
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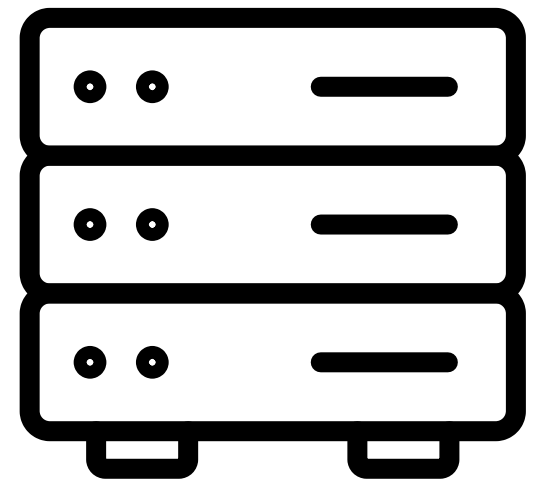
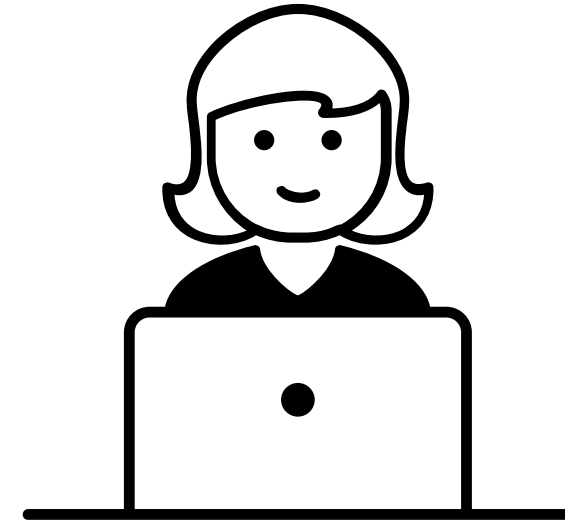
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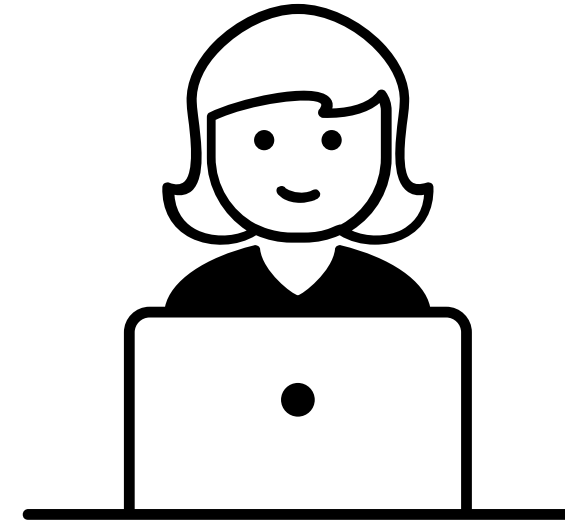
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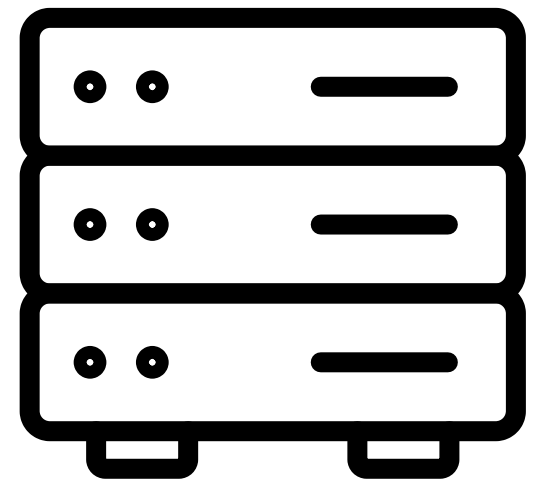
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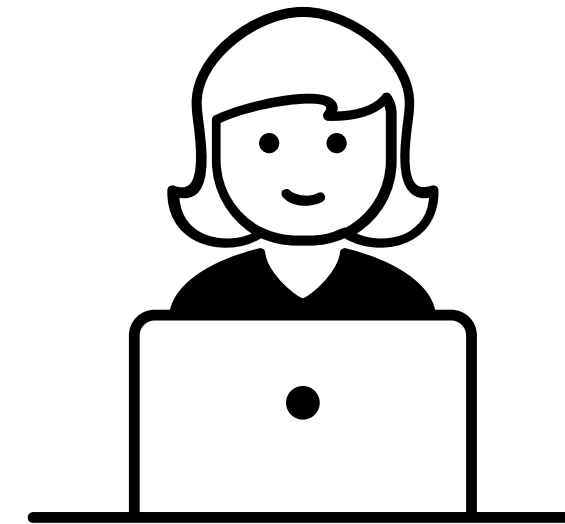
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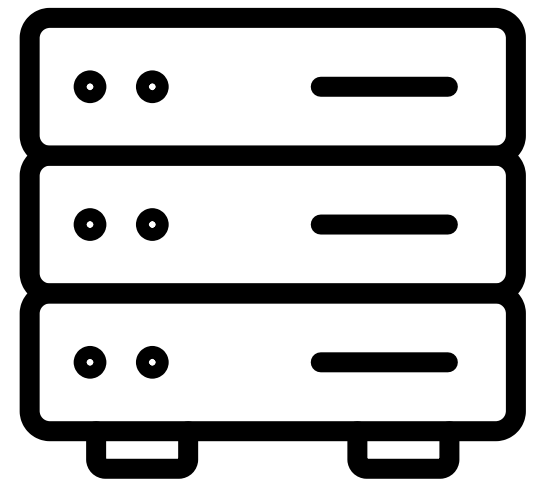
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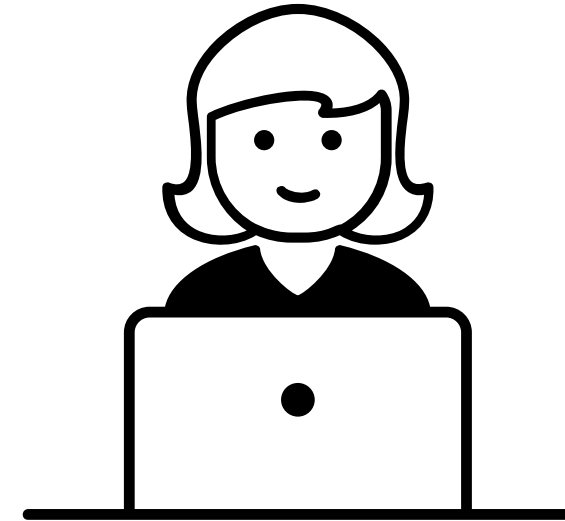
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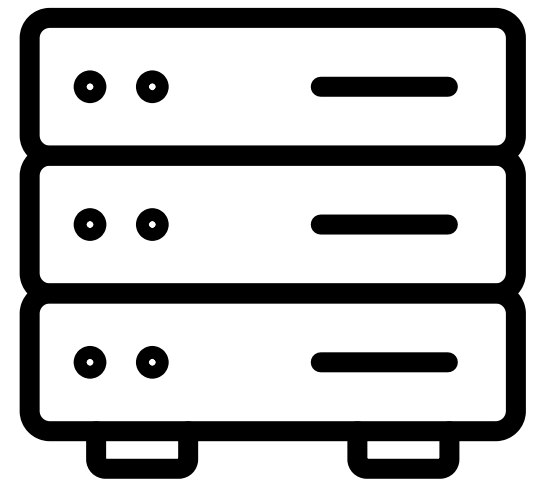
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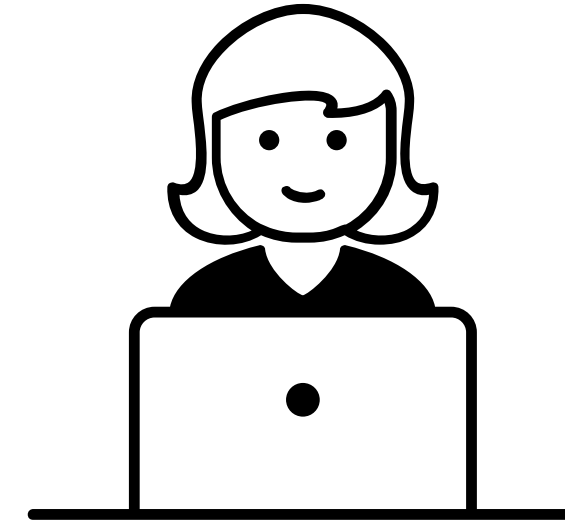
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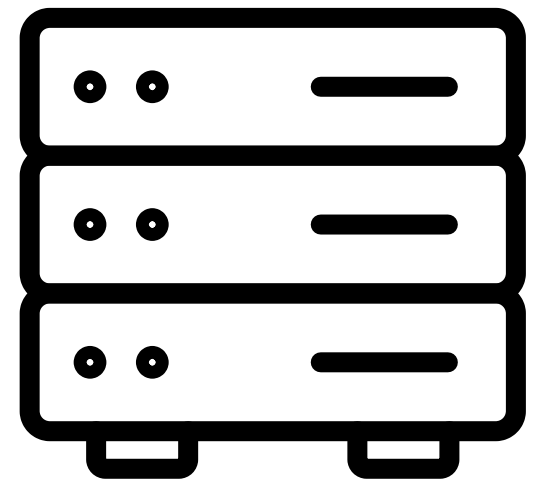
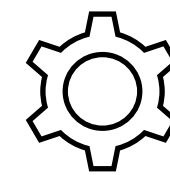
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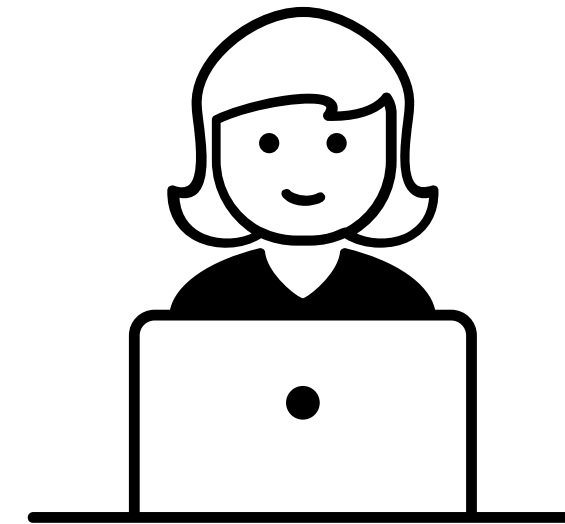
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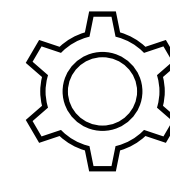


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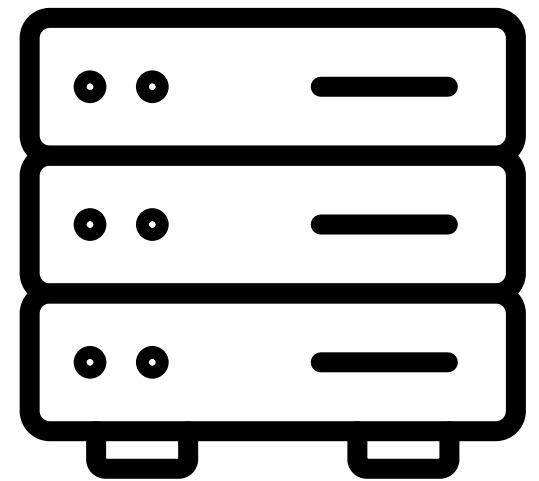
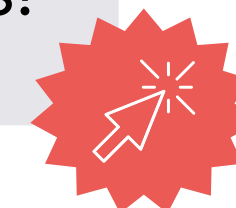
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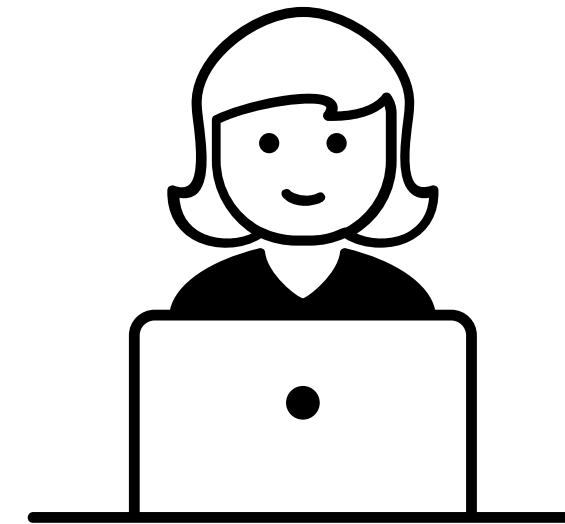
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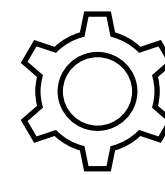
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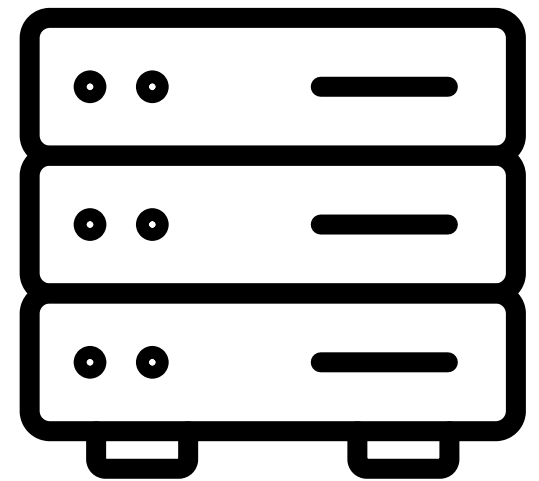
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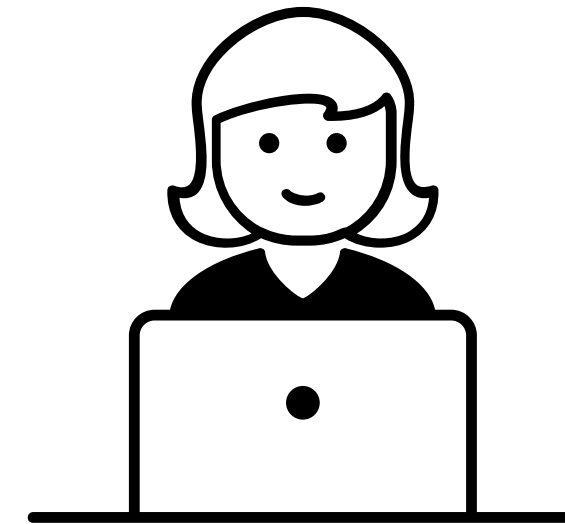
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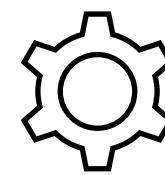
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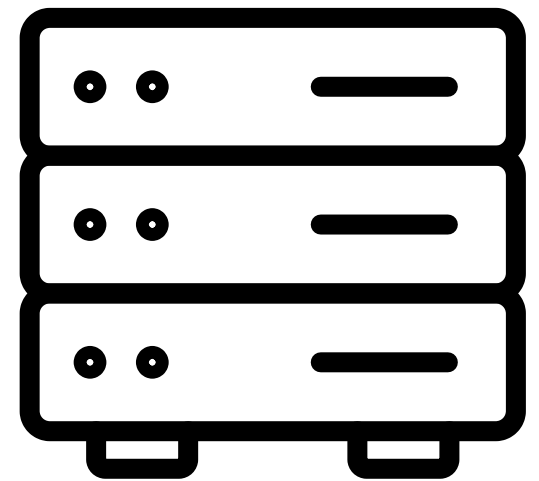
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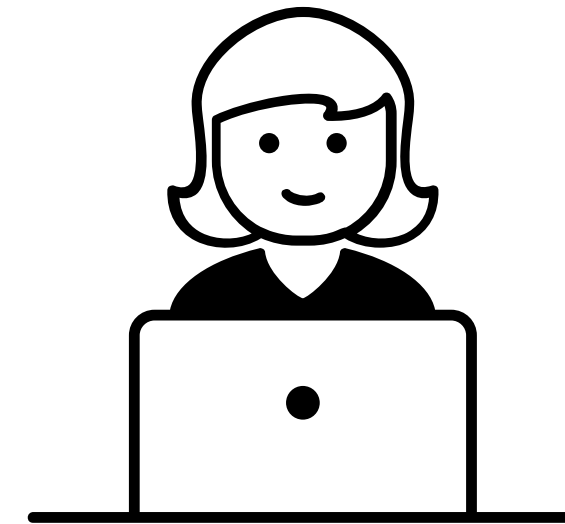
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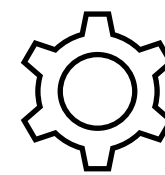
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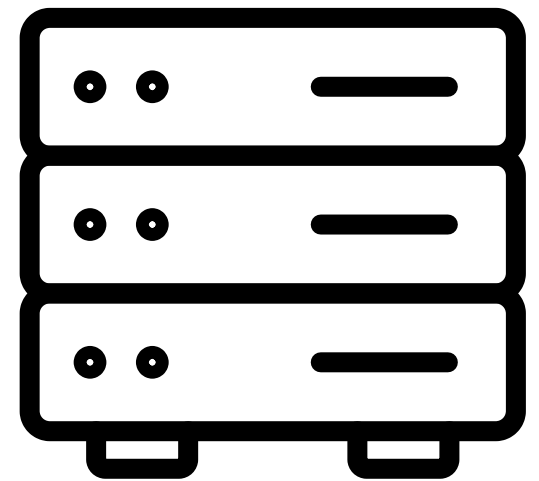
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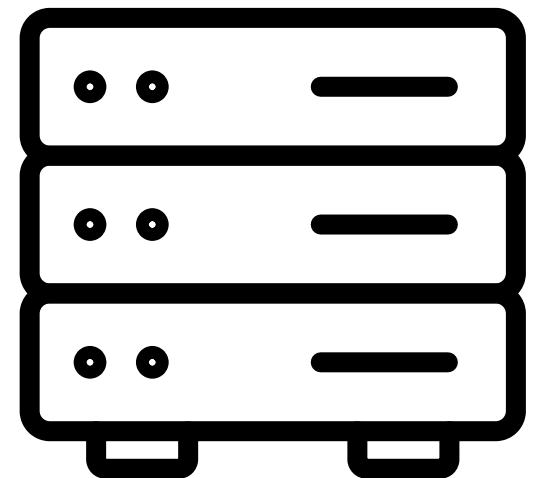
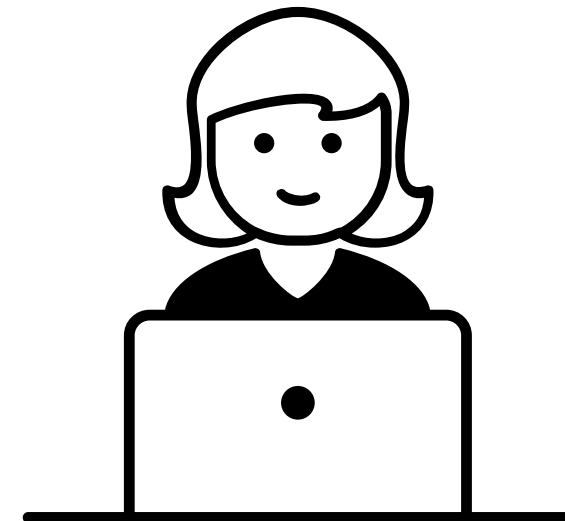
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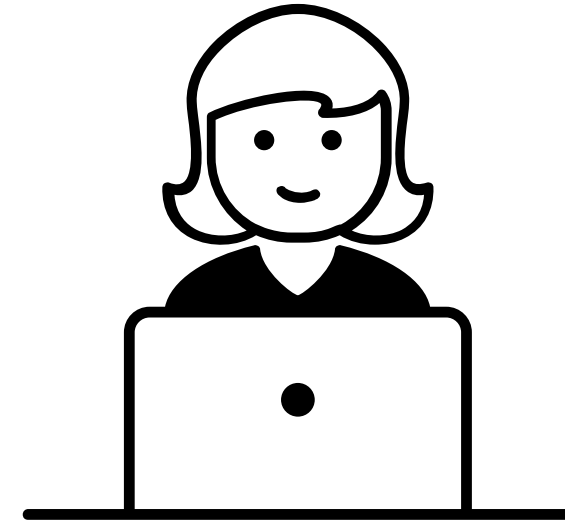
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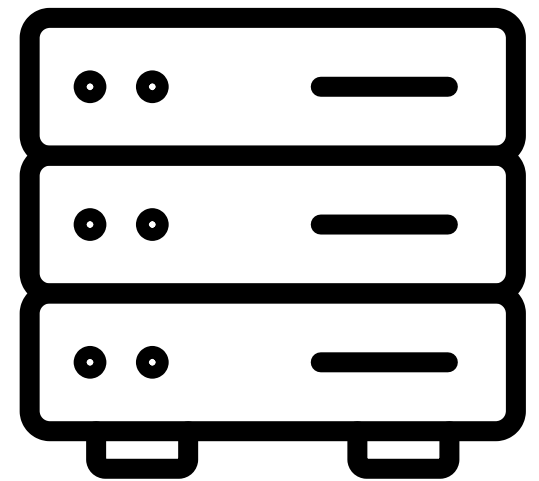
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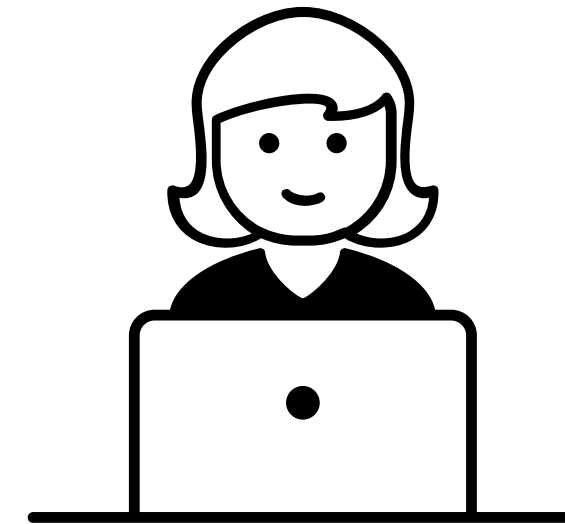
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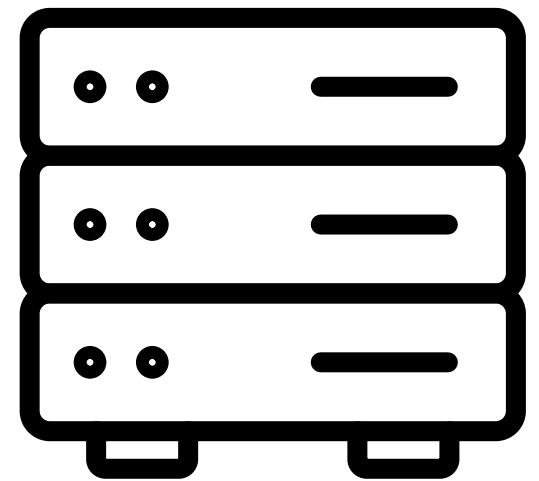
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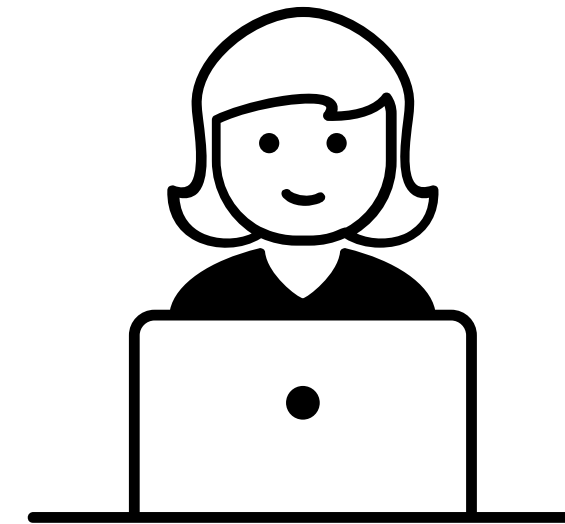
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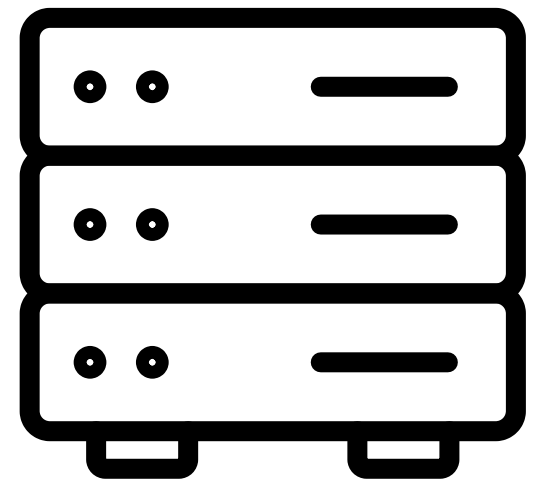
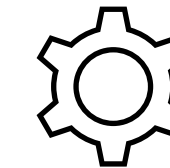
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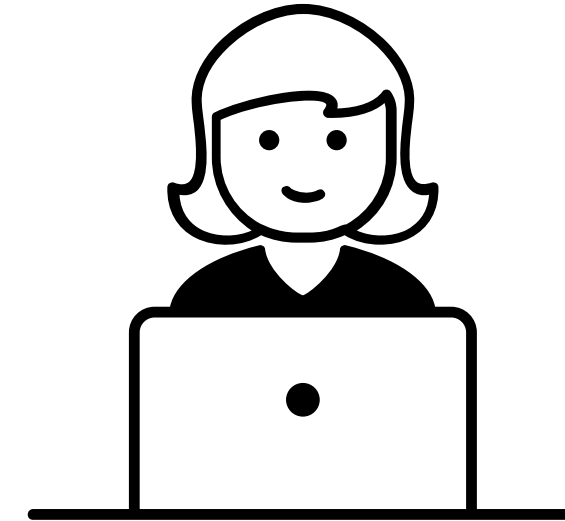
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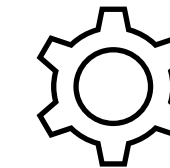
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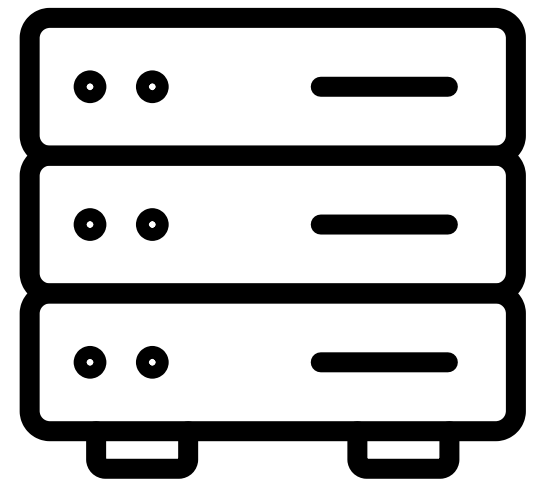


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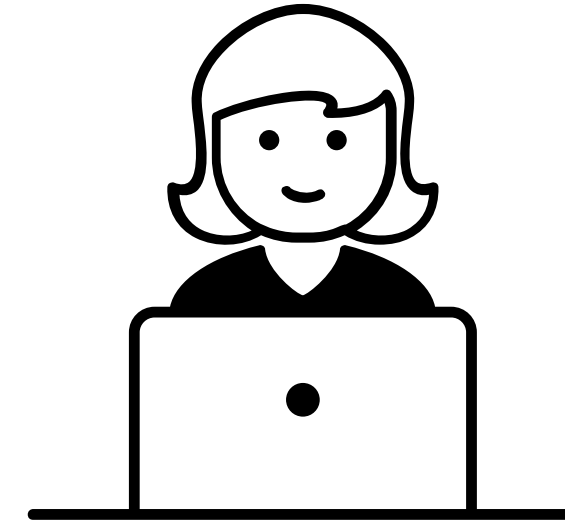


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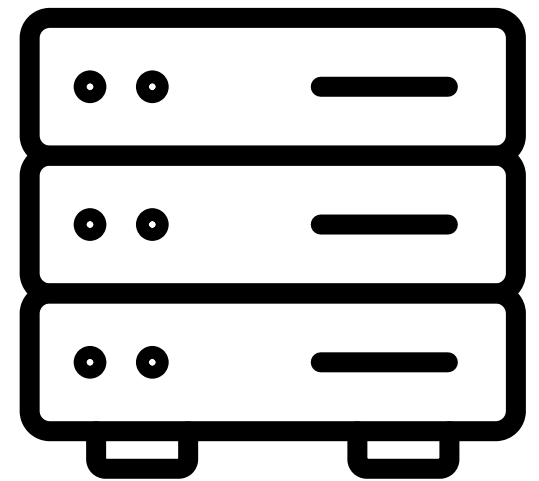
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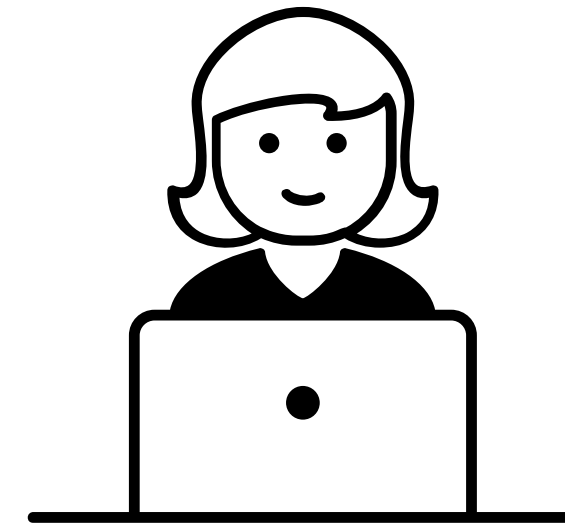
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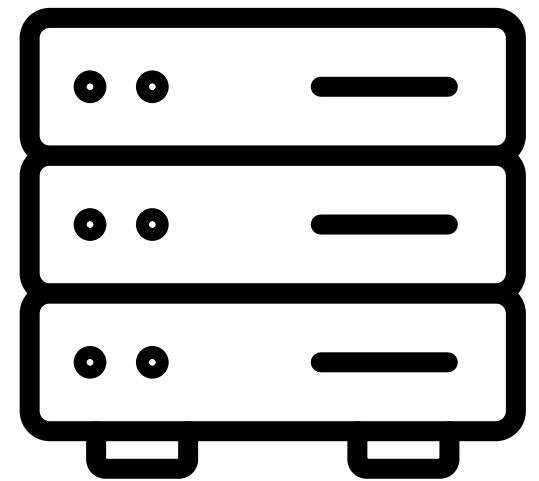
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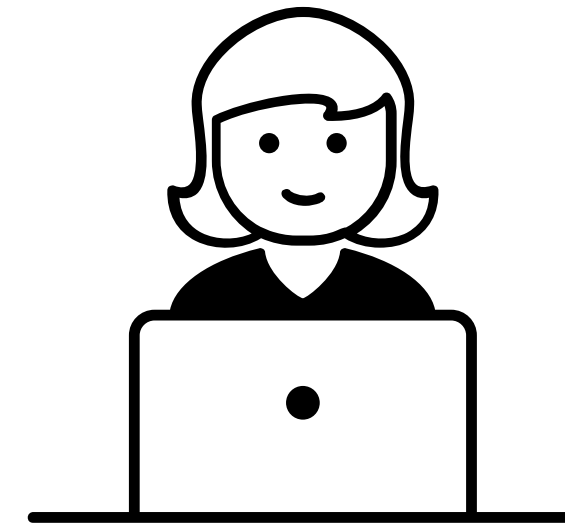
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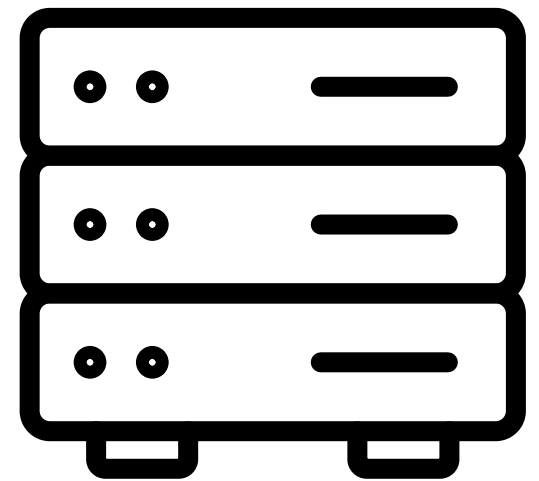
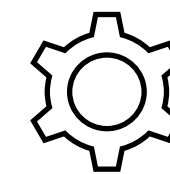
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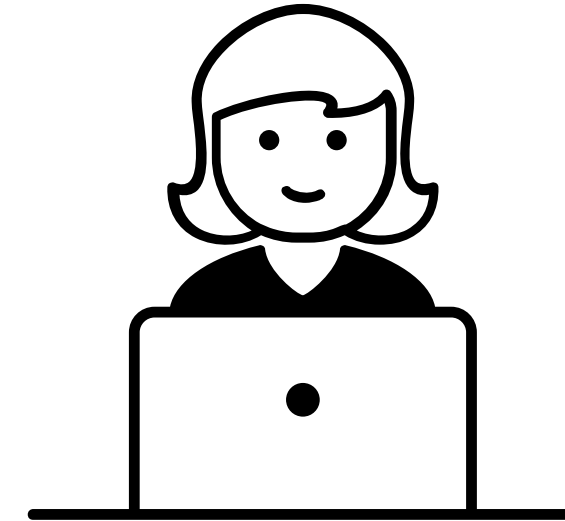
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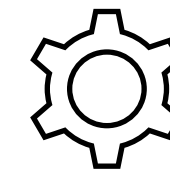
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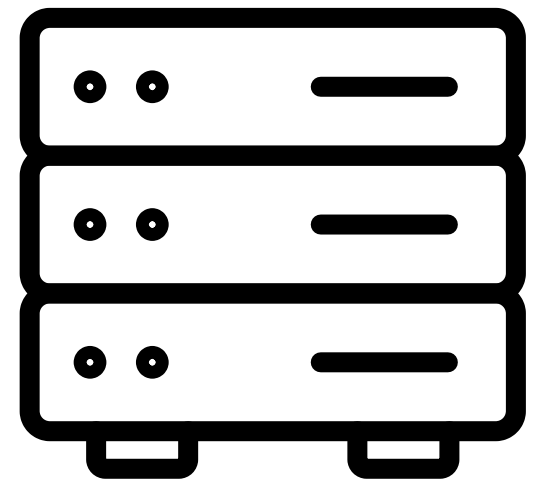
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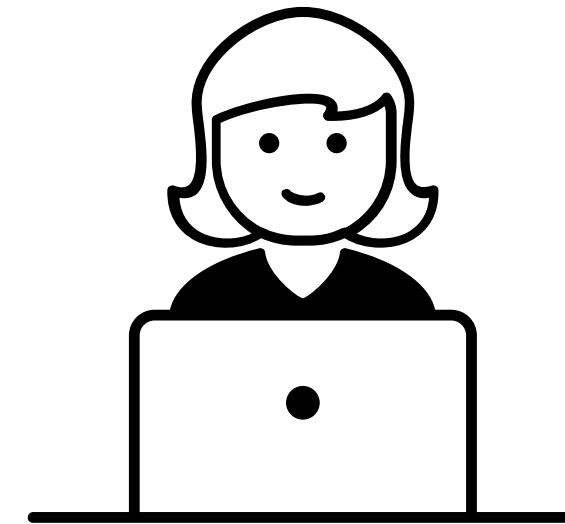
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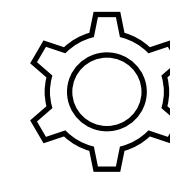
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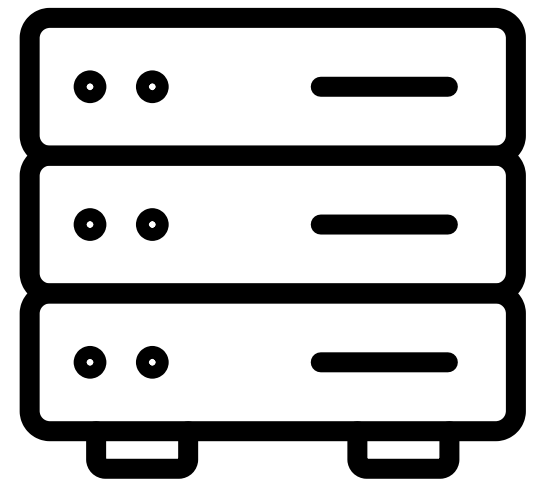


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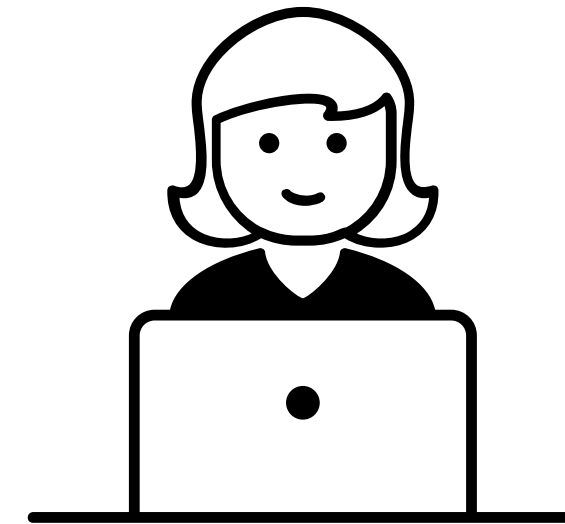
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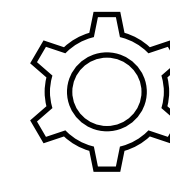
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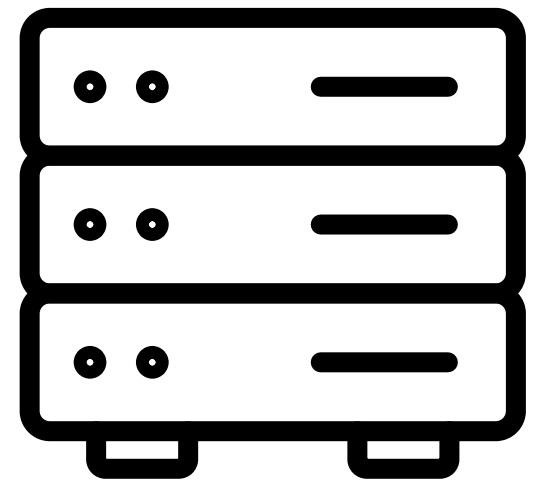


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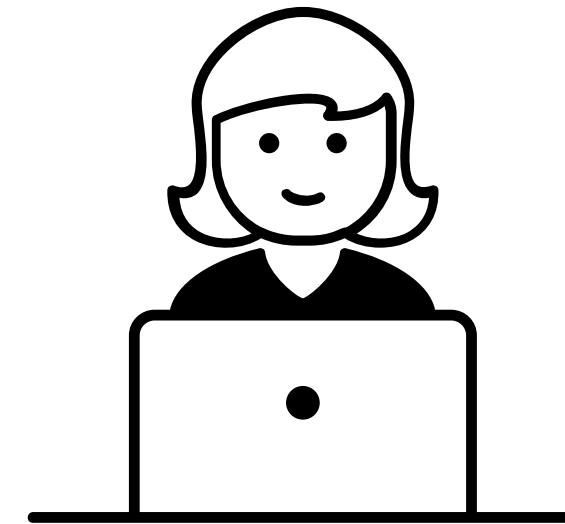
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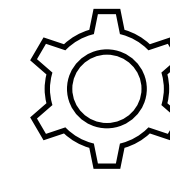
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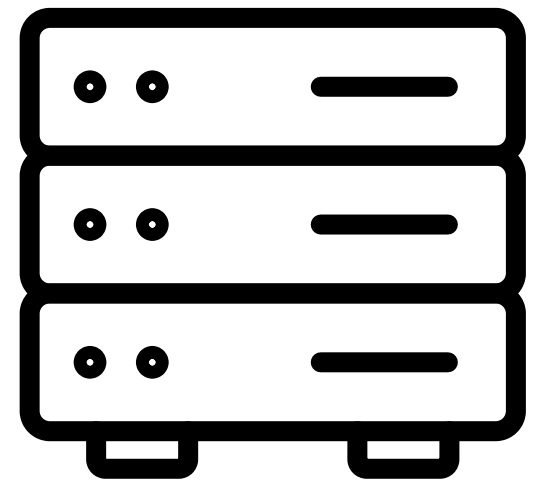


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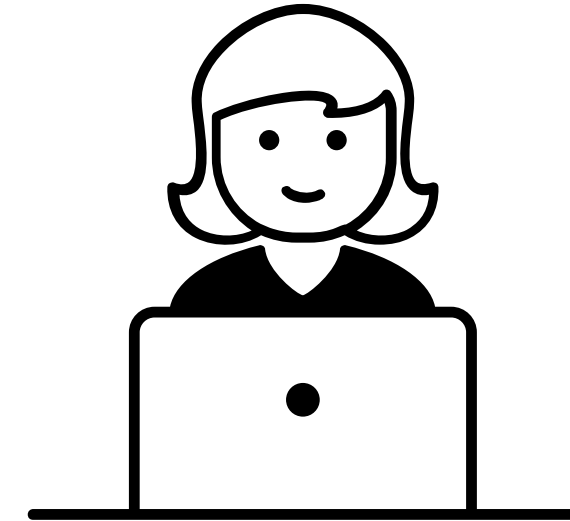
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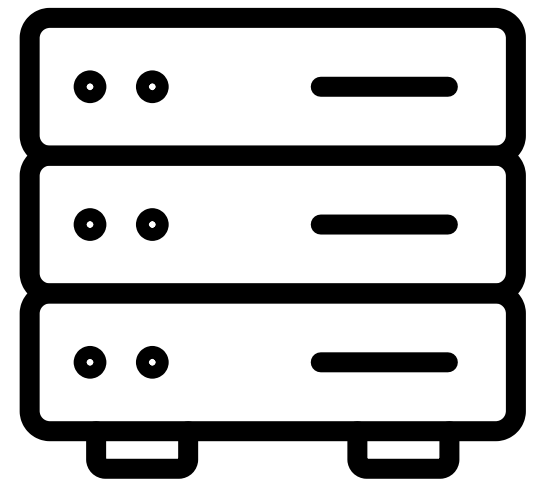
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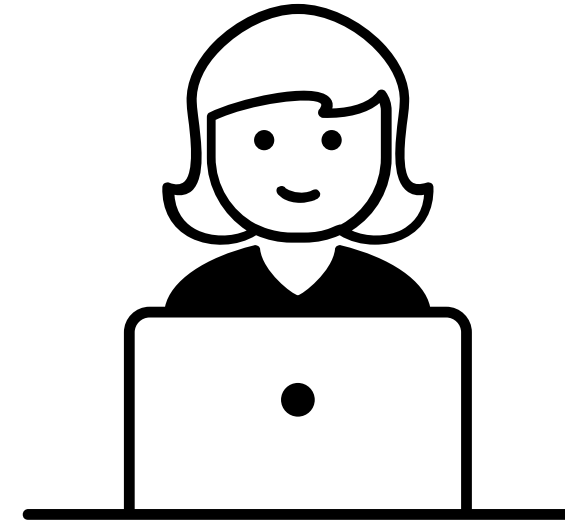
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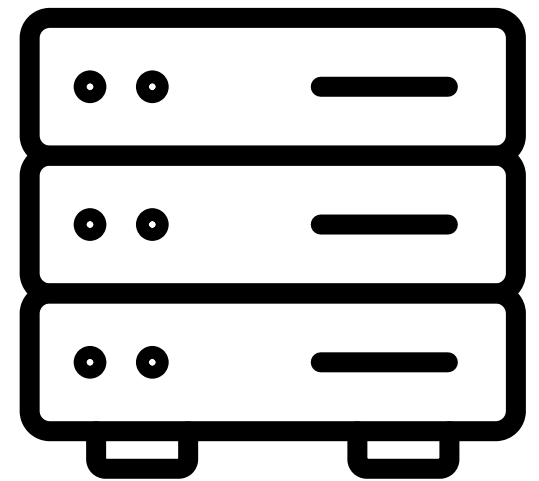
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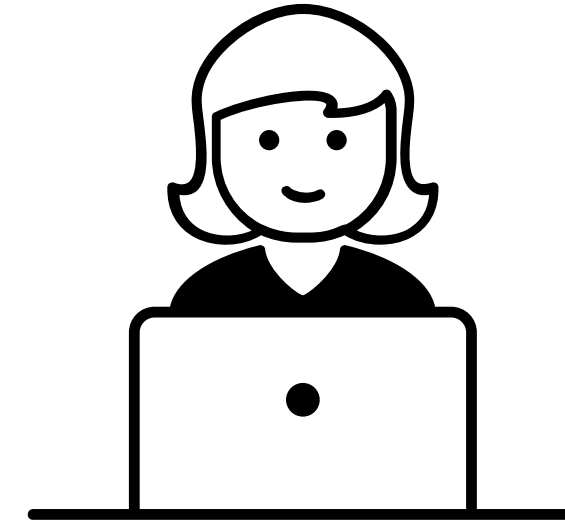


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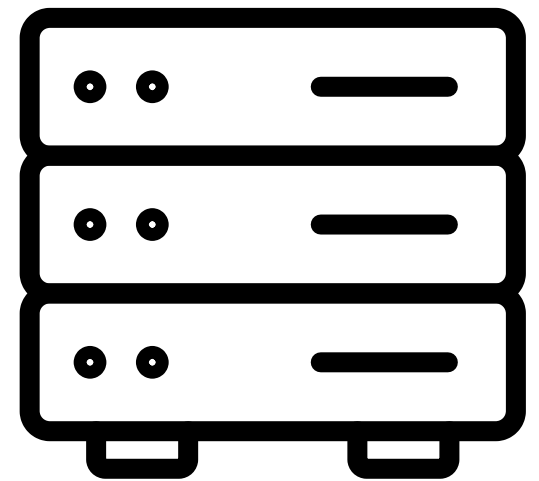
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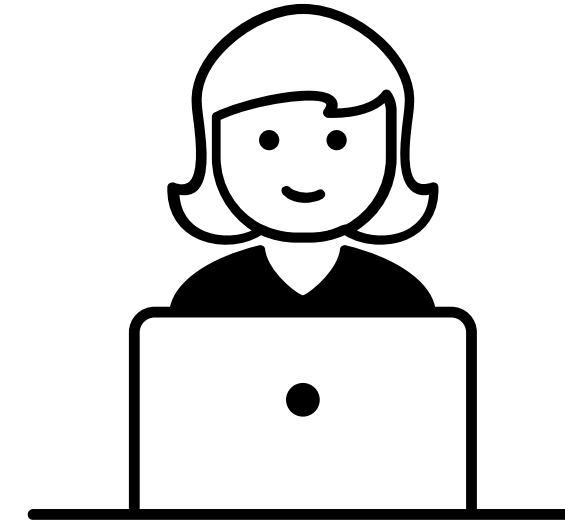
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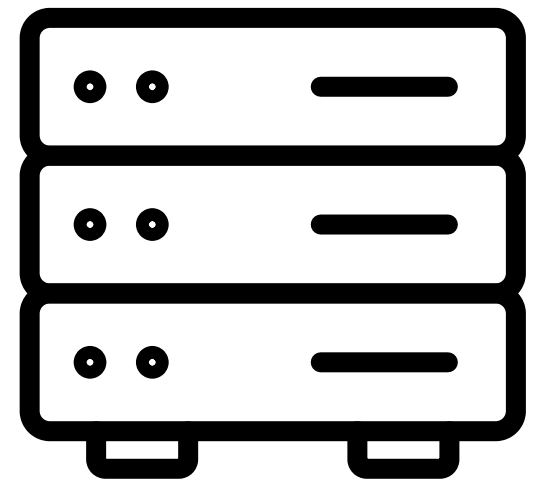


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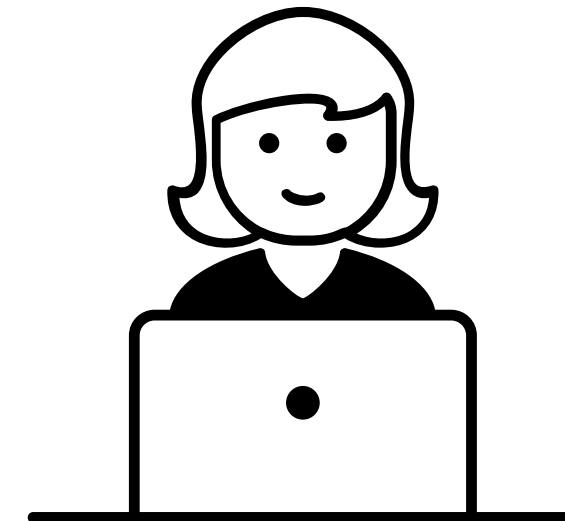
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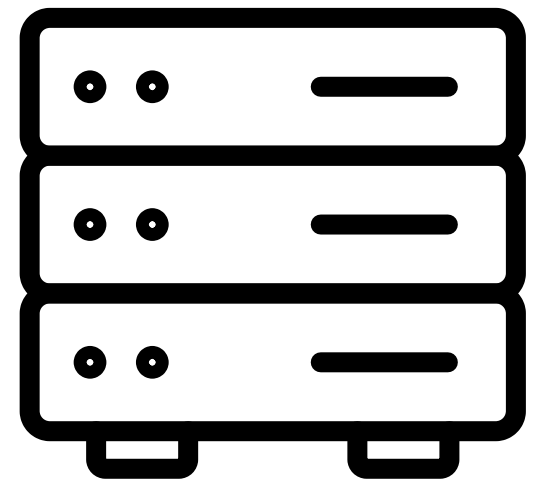
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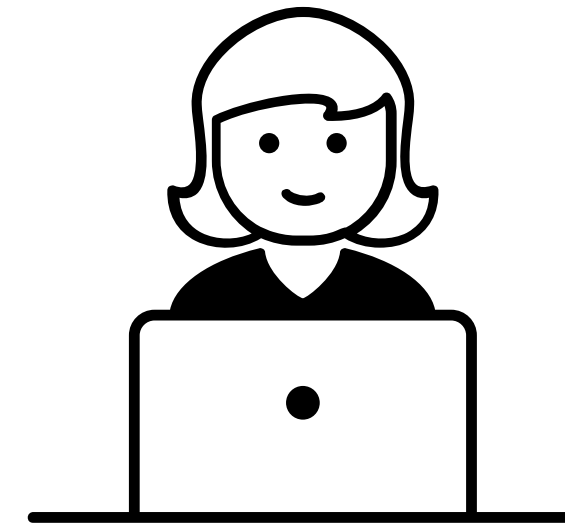
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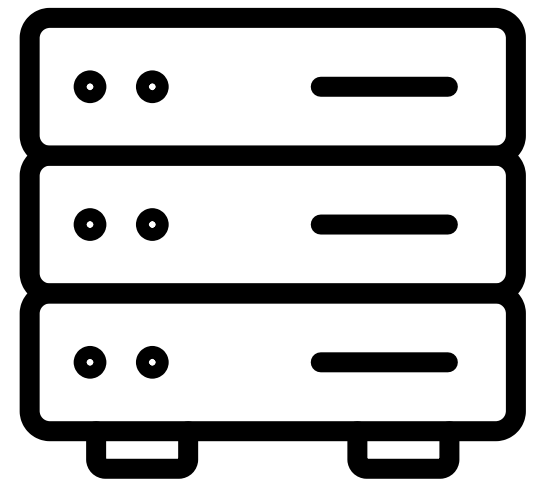
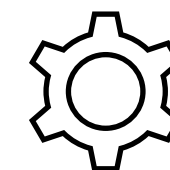
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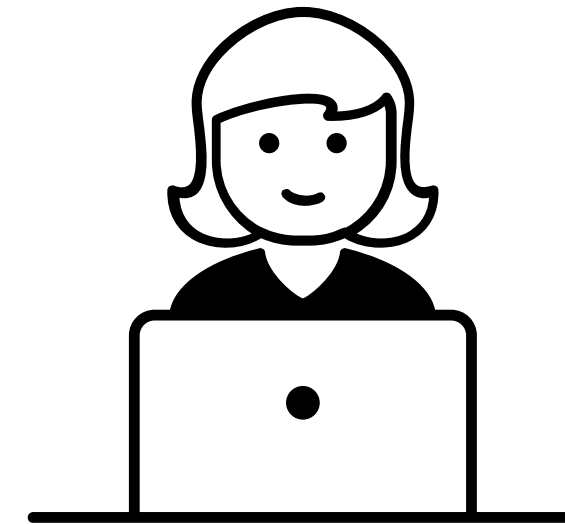
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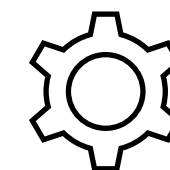
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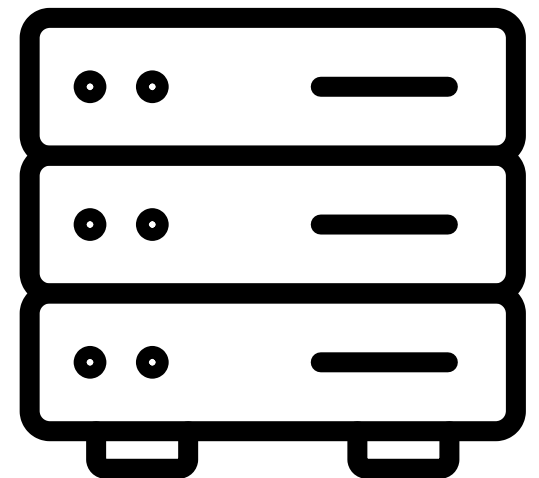
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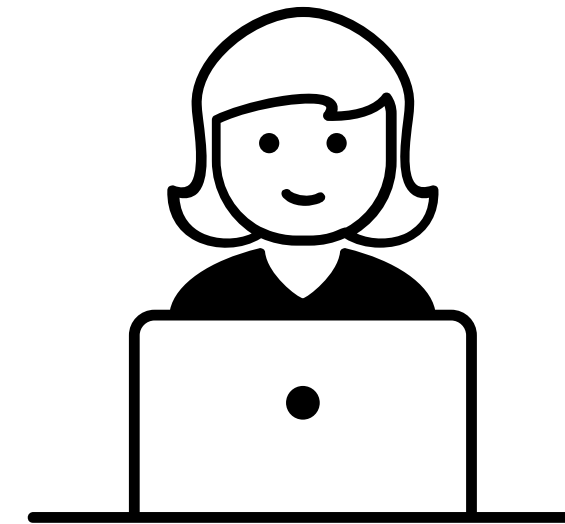


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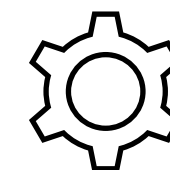
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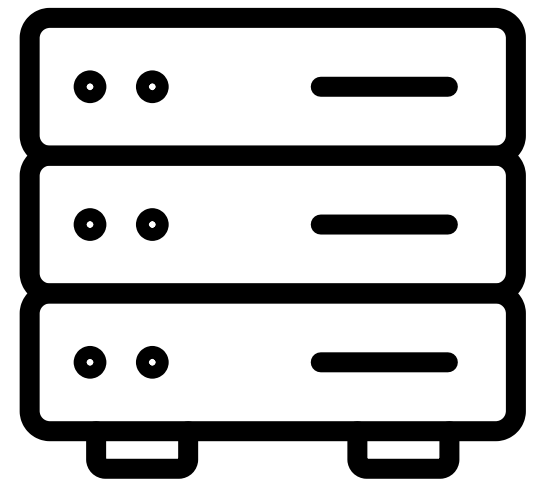
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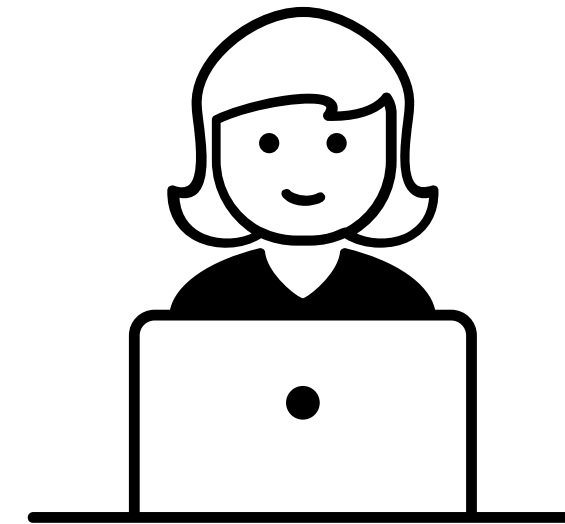


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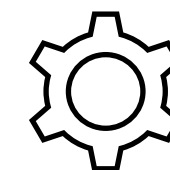
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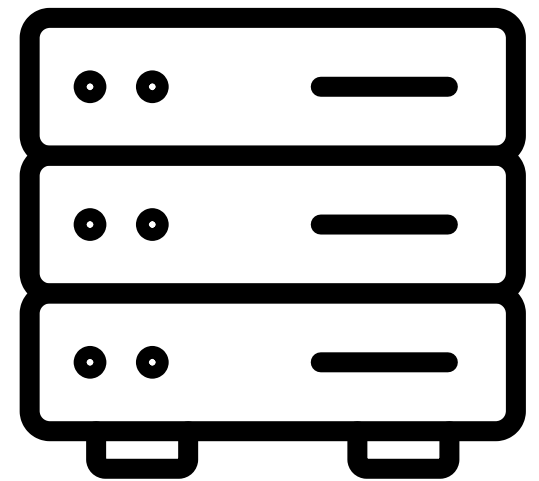
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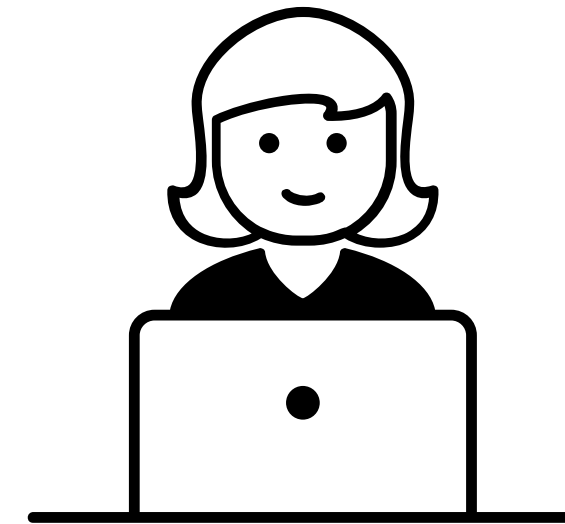
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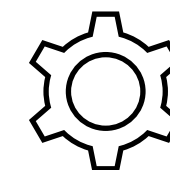
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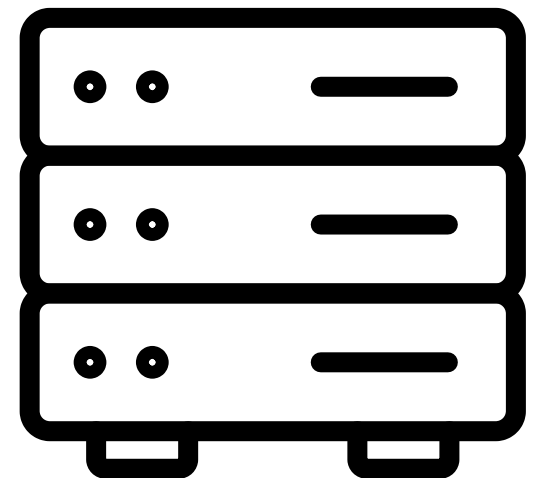
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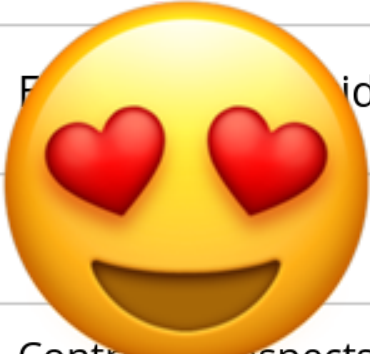
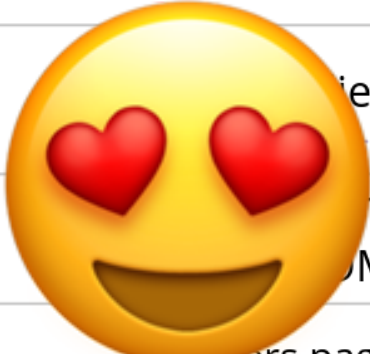
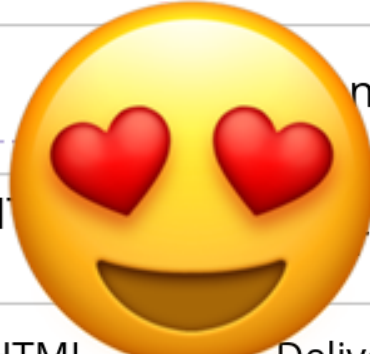
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Rendering on the Web is a **spectrum**

	Server				Browser
					
	Server Rendering	"Static SSR"	SSR with (Re)hydration	CSR with Prerendering	Full CSR
Overview:	An application where input is navigation requests and the output is HTML in response to them.	Built as a Single Page App, but all pages prerendered to static HTML as a build step, and the JS is removed .	Built as a Single Page App. The server prerenders pages, but the full app is also booted on the client.	A Single Page App, where the initial shell/skeleton is prerendered to static HTML at build time.	A Single Page App. All logic, rendering and booting is done on the client. HTML is essentially just script & style tags.
Authoring:	Full client-side	Built as if client-side (components, DOM*, fetch)	Full client-side	Client-side	Full client-side
Rendering:		Static HTML		Partial static HTML then JS/DOM	
Server role:	Controls all aspects. (thin client)	Delivers static HTML	Prerenders pages (navigation requests)	Delivers static HTML	Delivers static HTML
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Scales via:	Infra size / cost	build/deploy size	Infra size & JS size	JS size	JS size
Examples:	Gmail HTML, Hacker News	Docusaurus, Netflix*	Next.js , Razzle , etc	Gatsby, Vuepress, etc	Most apps

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Jekyll, Hugo, Middleman

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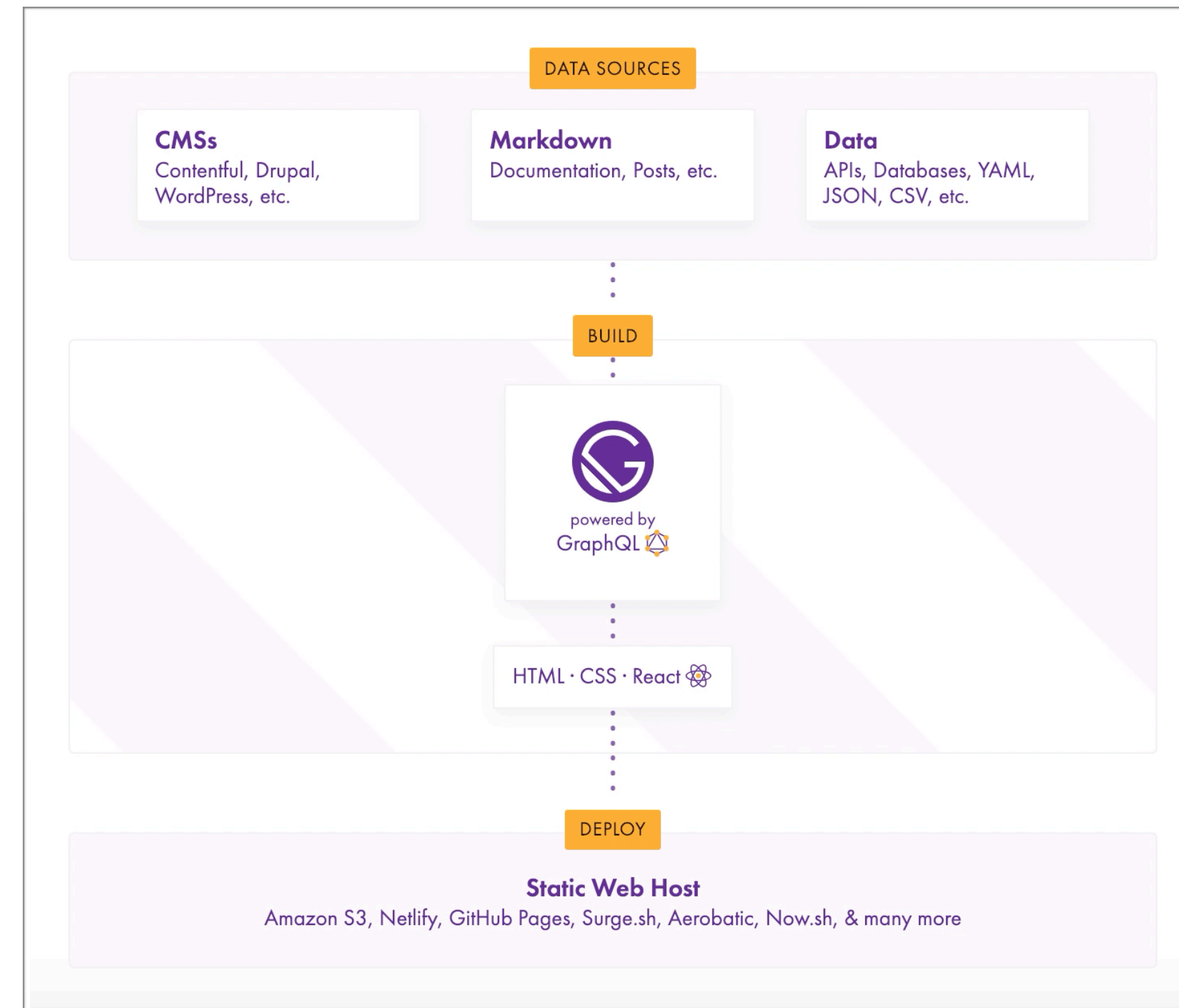
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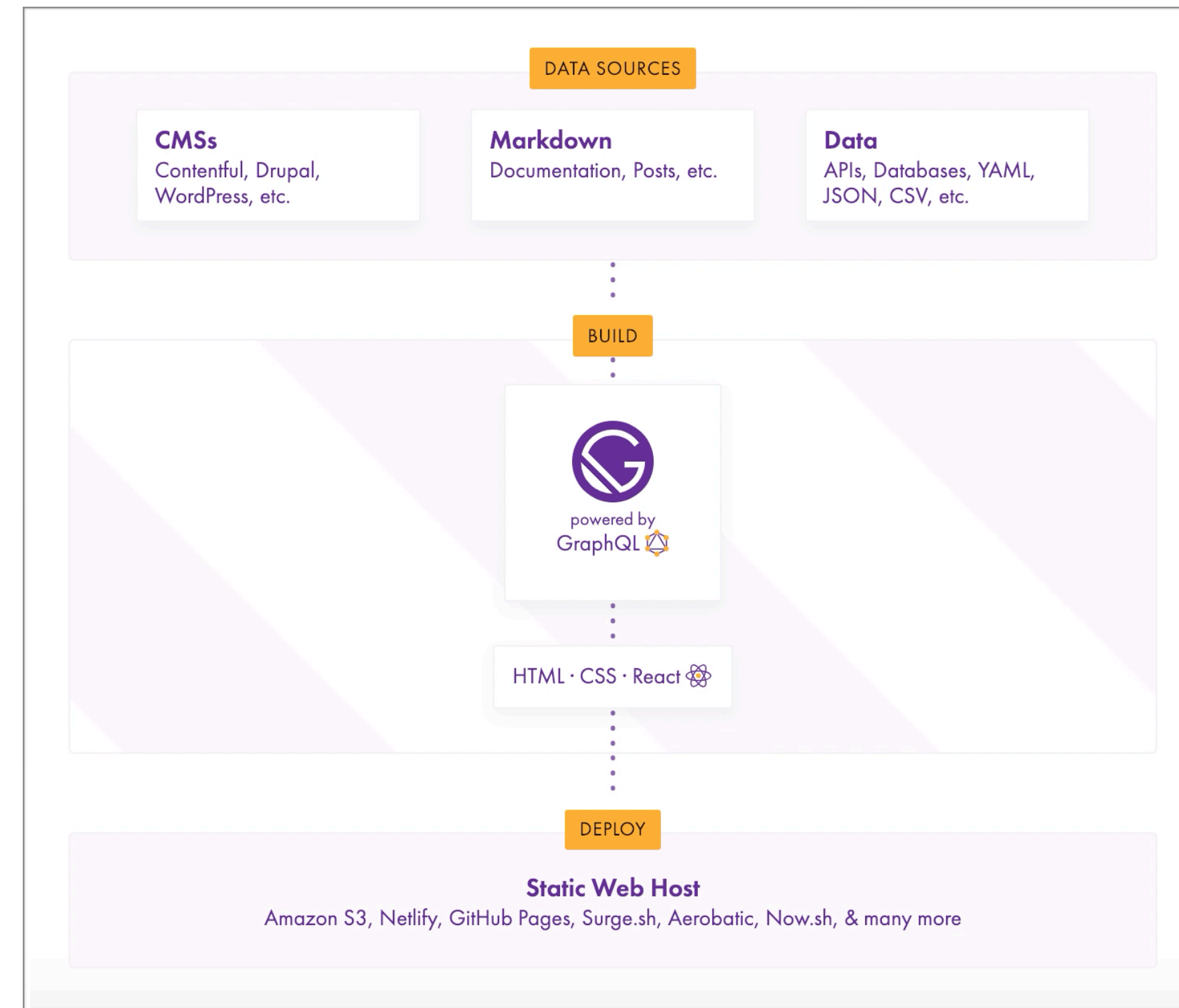
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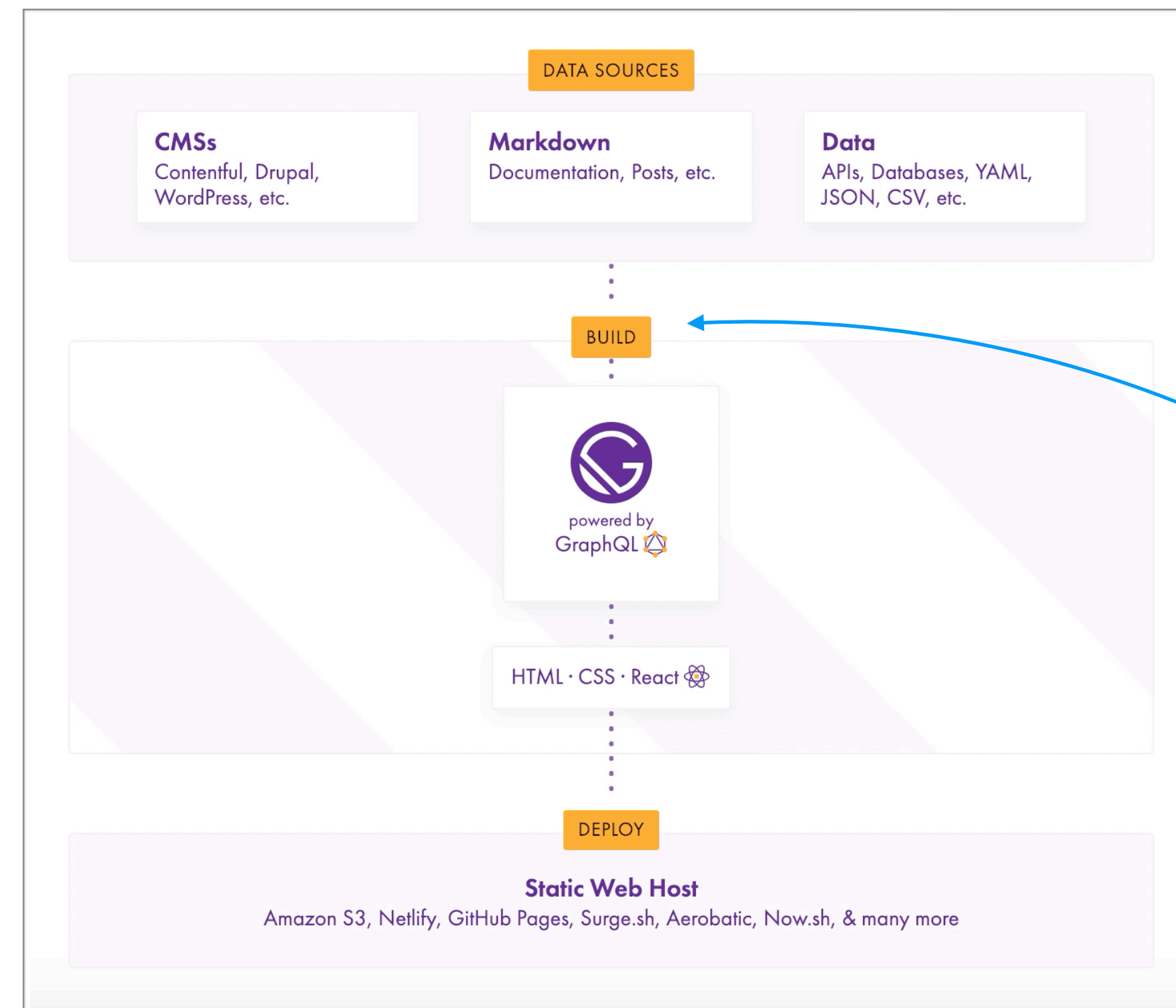
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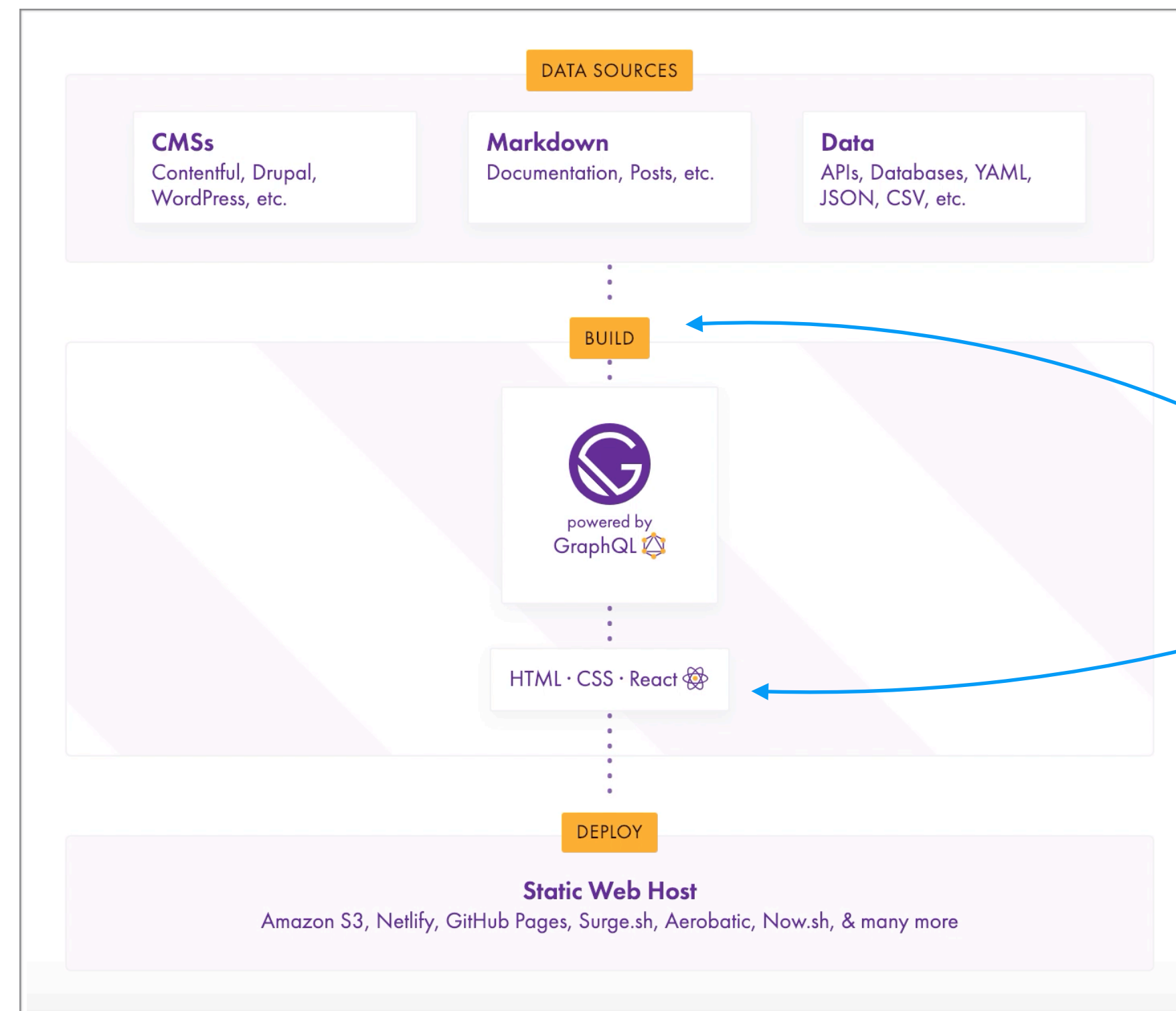


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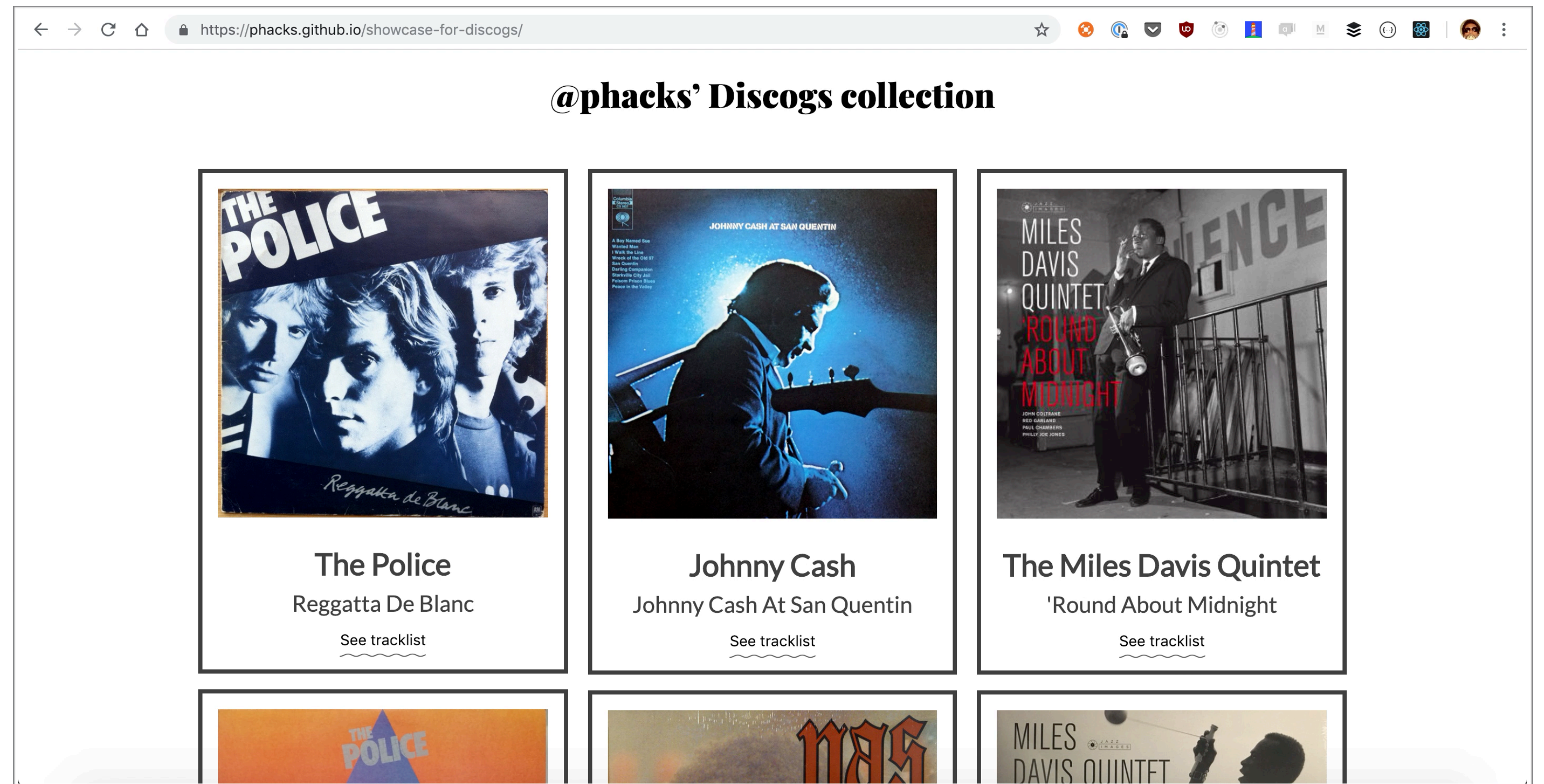


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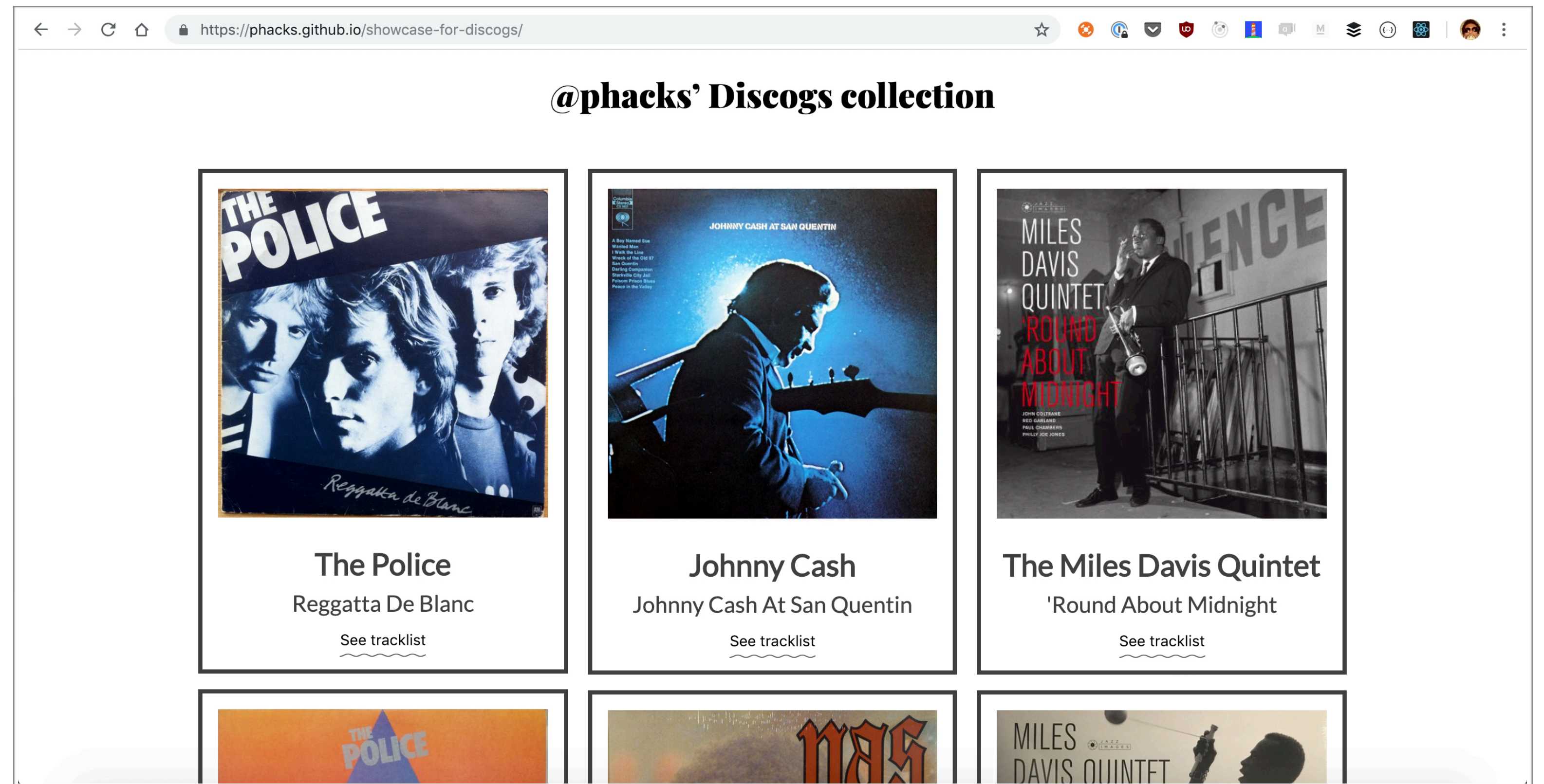
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export const query = graphql`
  query {
    allDiscogsRelease {
      edges {
        node {
          title
          artists {
            name
          }
          tracklist {
            title
            duration
            position
          }
          year
          images {
            uri
            type
          }
        }
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```
const IndexPage = ({data}) => (  
  <Layout>  
    <Discography>  
      {data.allDiscogsRelease.edges.map(release =>  
        <Release release={{  
          artist: release.node.artists[0].name,  
          imageUrl: release.node.images.find(image => image.type === 'primary')  
            ? release.node.images.find(image => image.type === 'primary').uri  
            : release.node.images.find(image => image.type === 'secondary').uri,  
          title: release.node.title,  
          tracklist: release.node.tracklist.map(track => ({  
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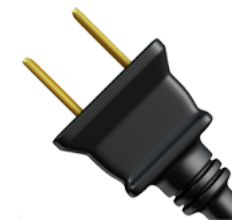
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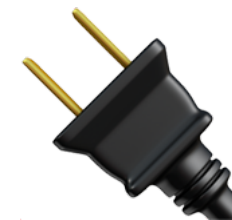


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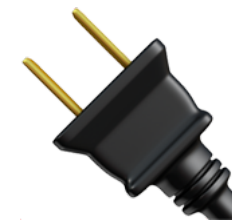


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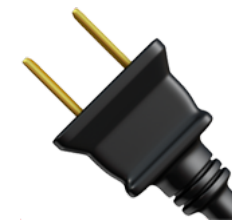


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Gatsby as a React Compiler: **Performance optimizations**

GatsbyJS implements state-of-the-art performance optimizations **so that you don't have to**

 **Automatic image optimizations**

 **Built-in code and data splitting**

 **Link prefetching**

 **Native lazy-loading**

 **Inlined critical CSS**

 **Offline support with Service Workers**

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The YouTube video player costs **700ms**

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Facebook Share widget costs **160ms**

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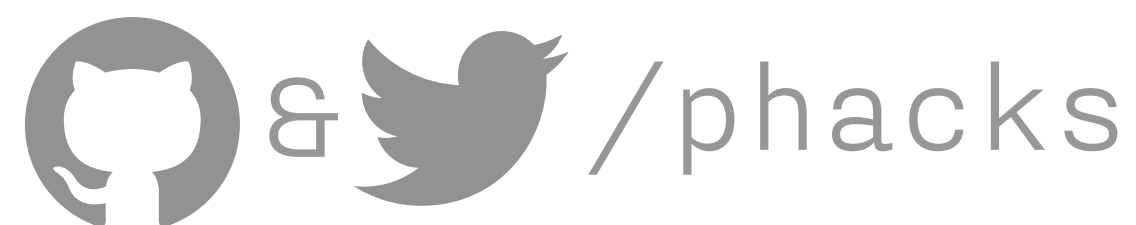
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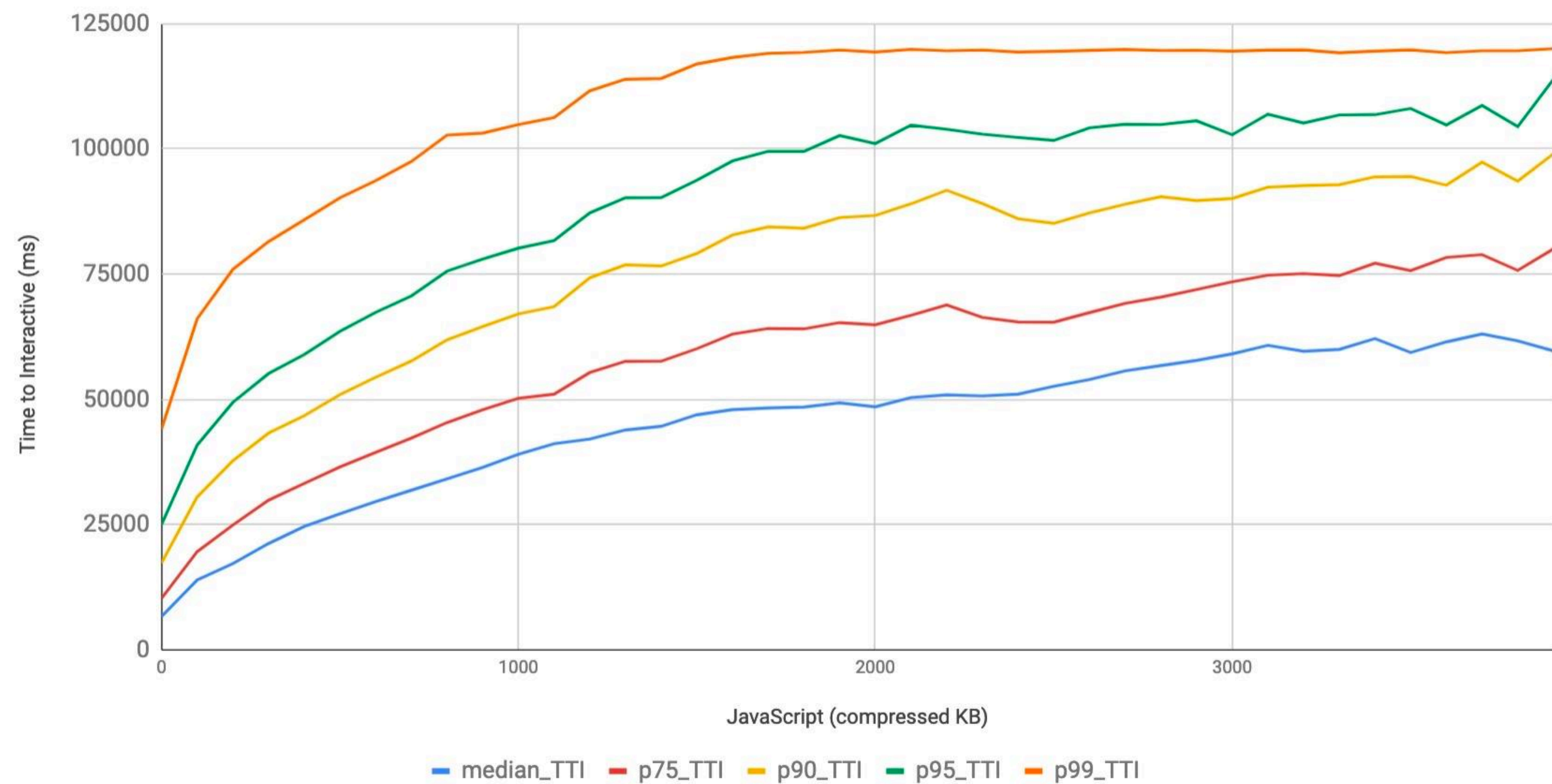


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JavaScript KB vs Time to Interactive, HTTP Archive Mobile (3G) - September 2019



Source: <https://twitter.com/paulcalvano/status/1179192810727186433>

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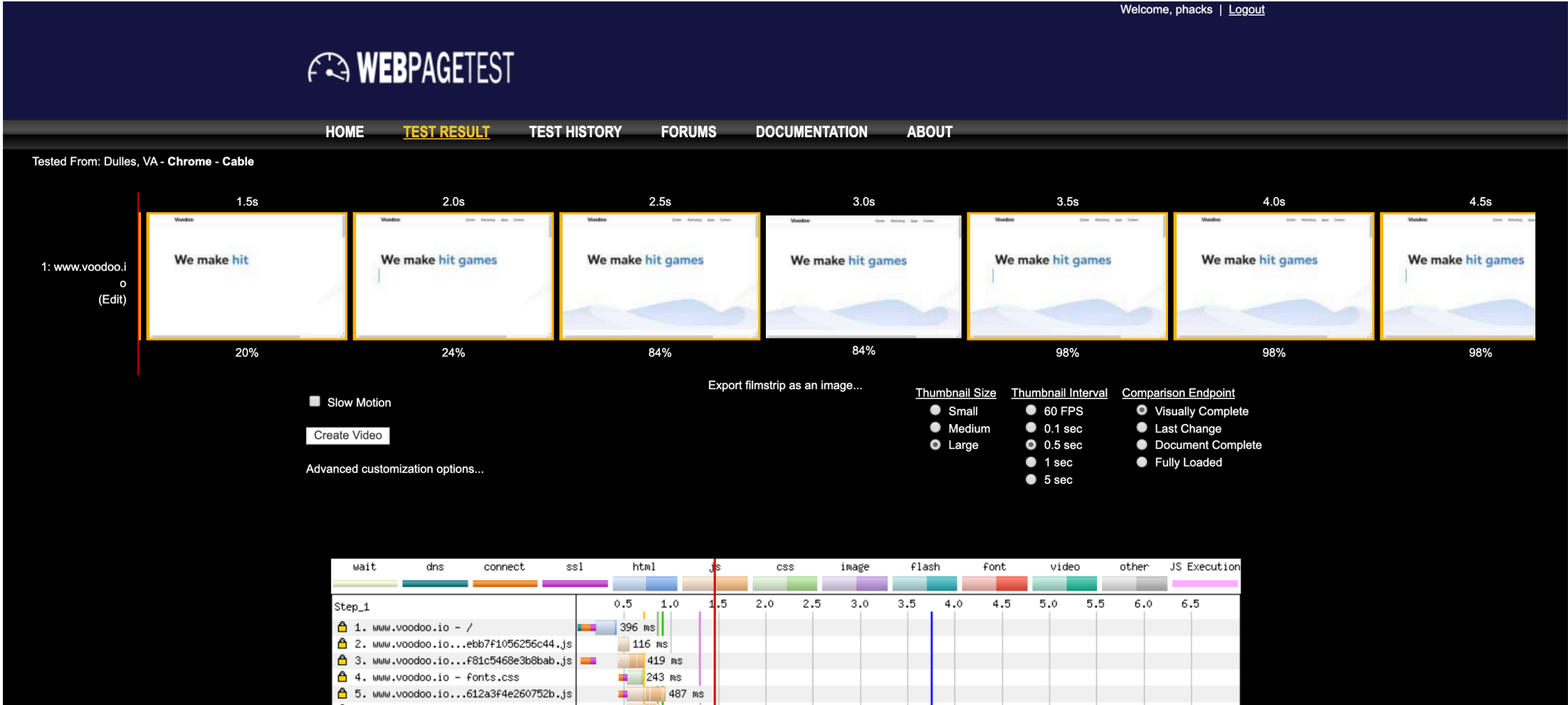
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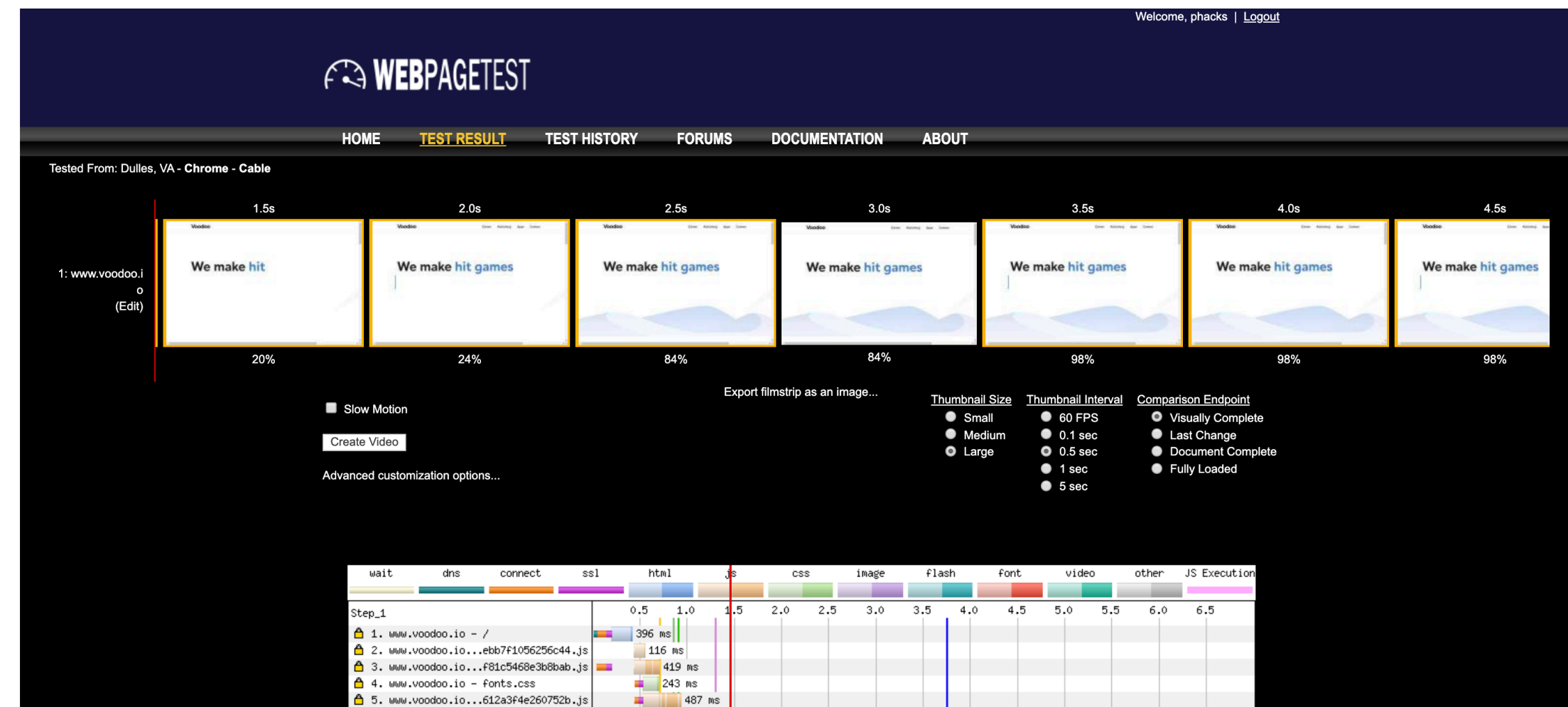


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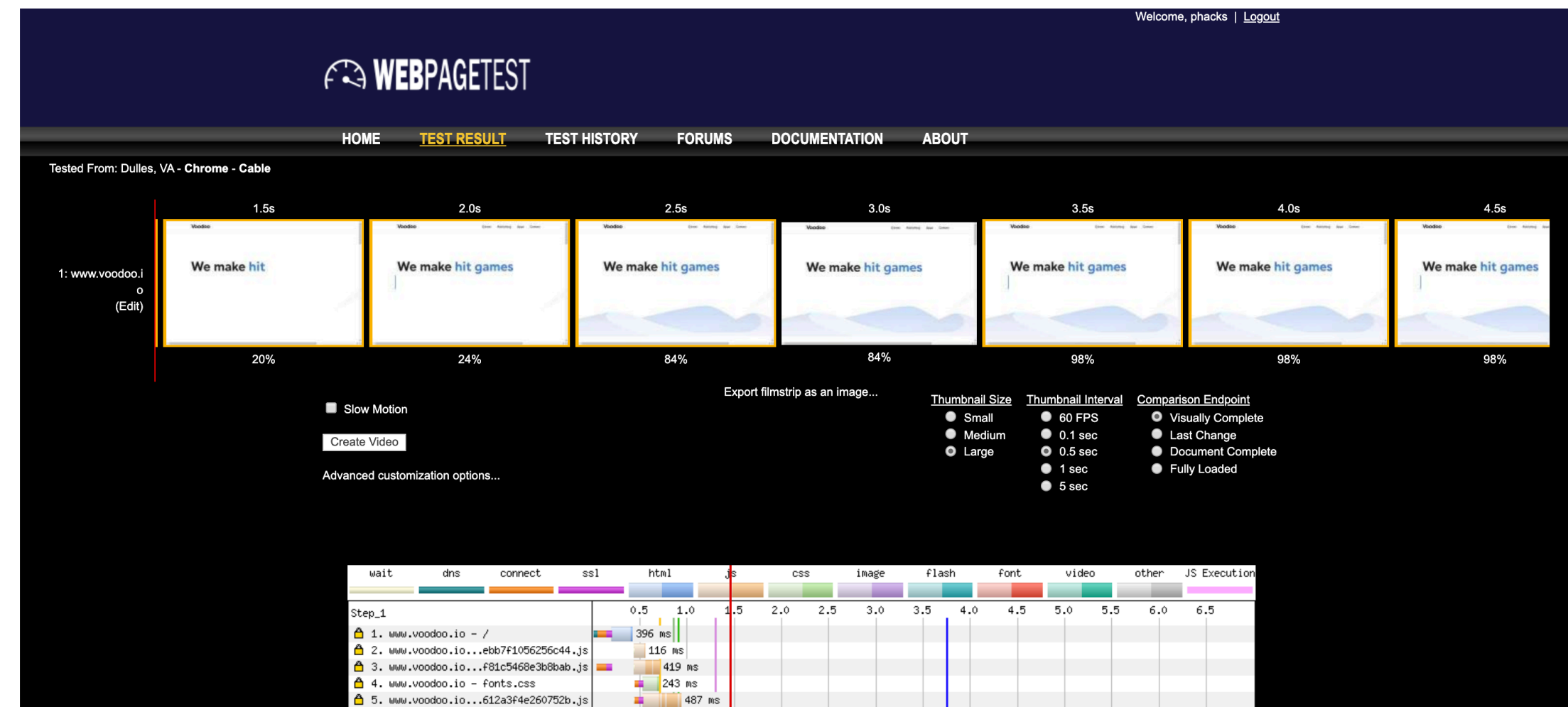
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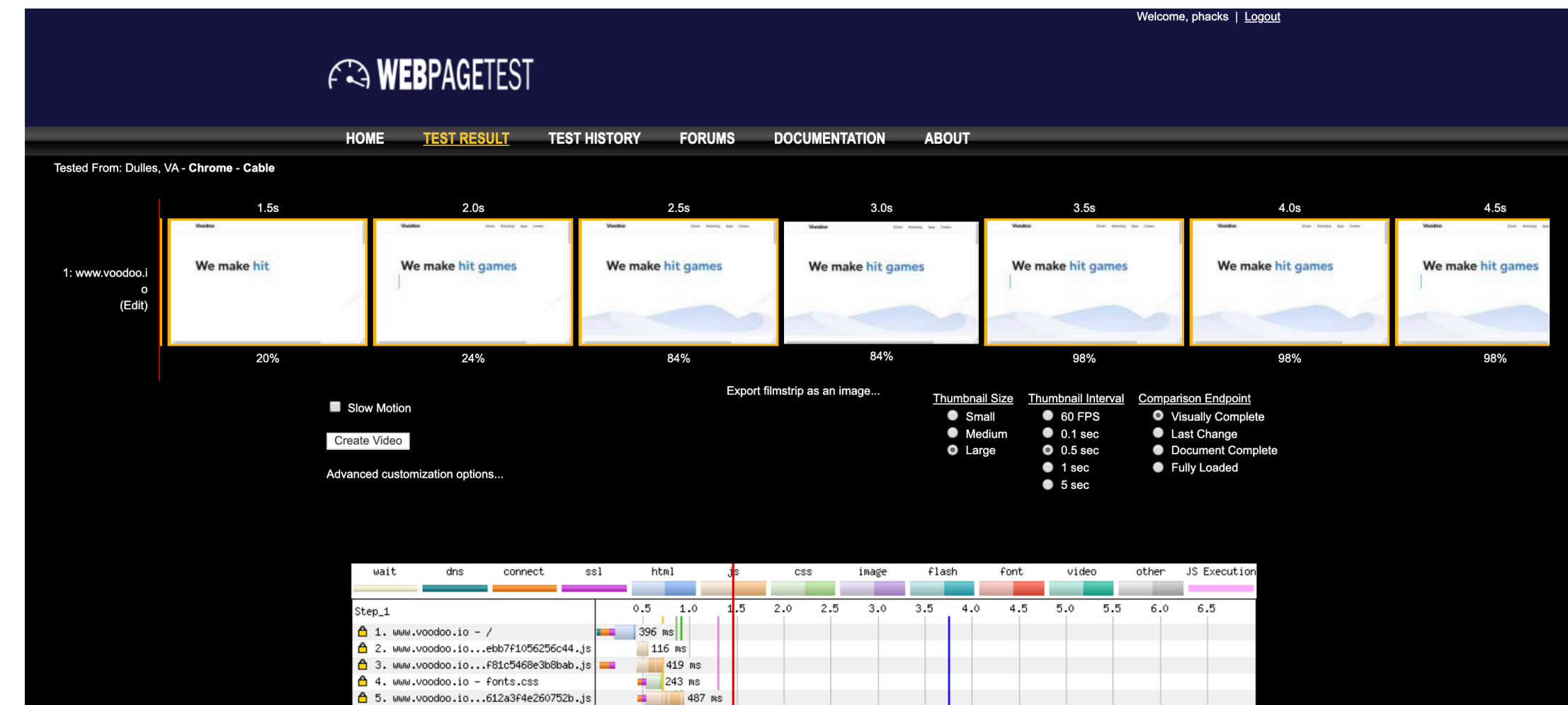
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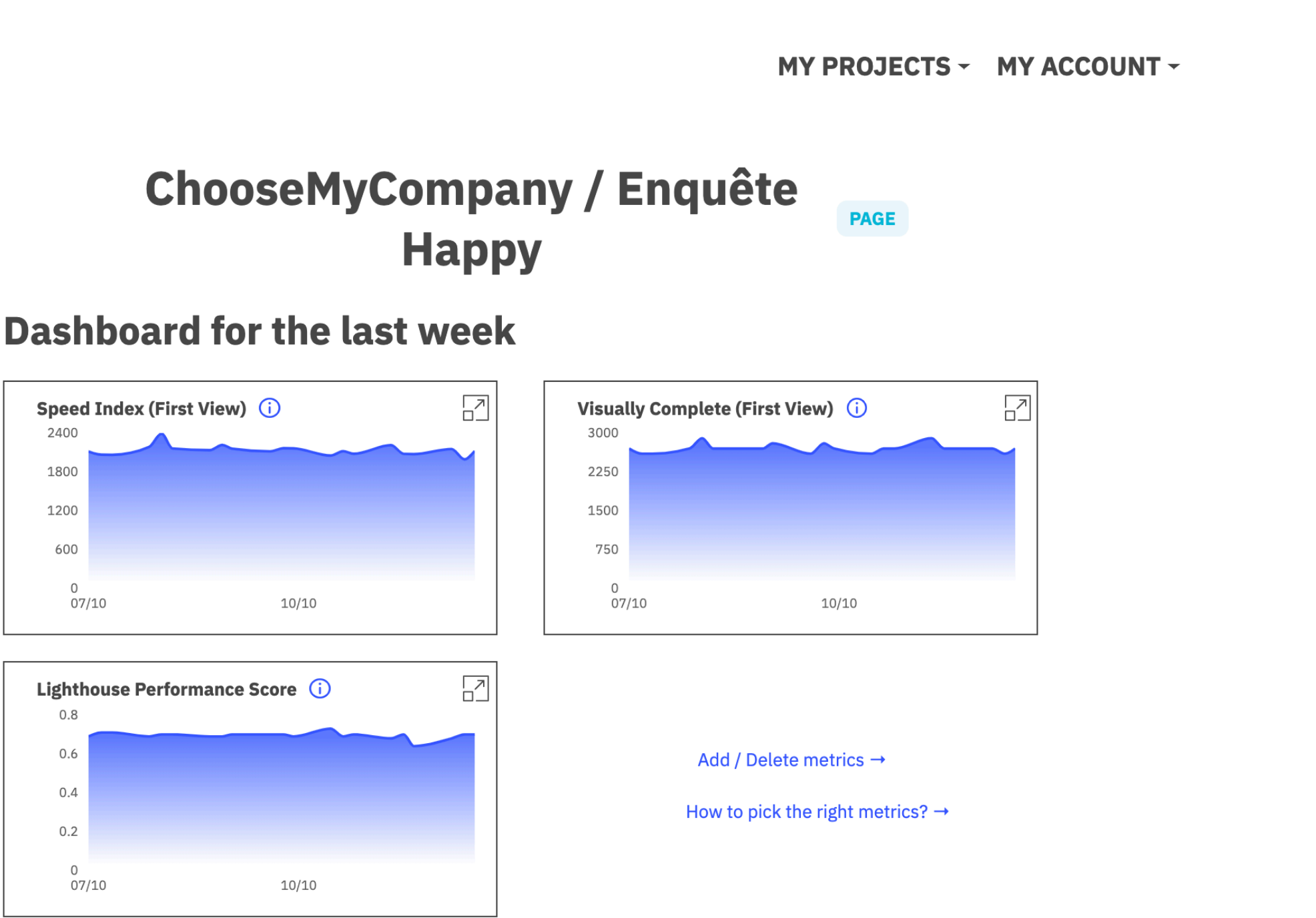
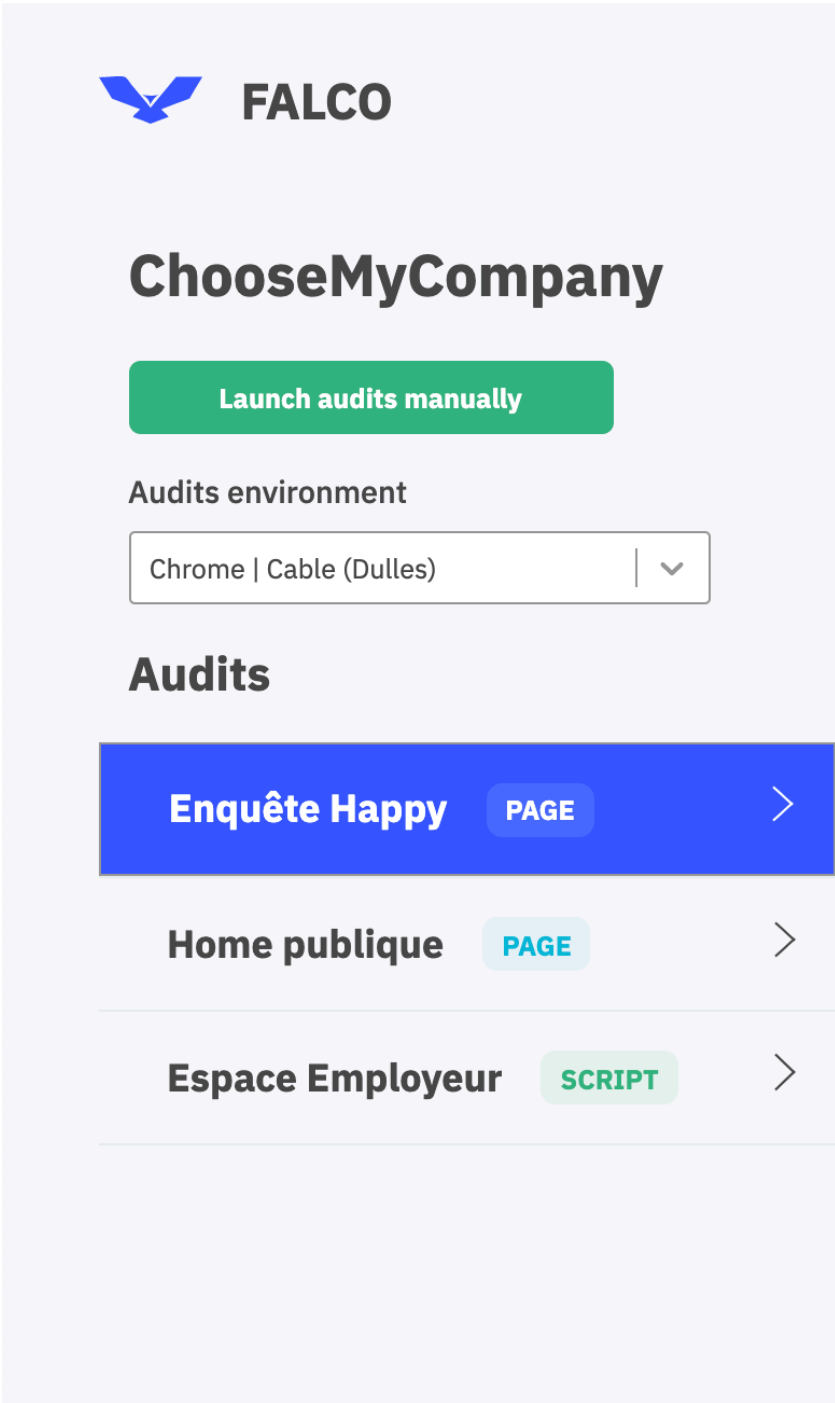


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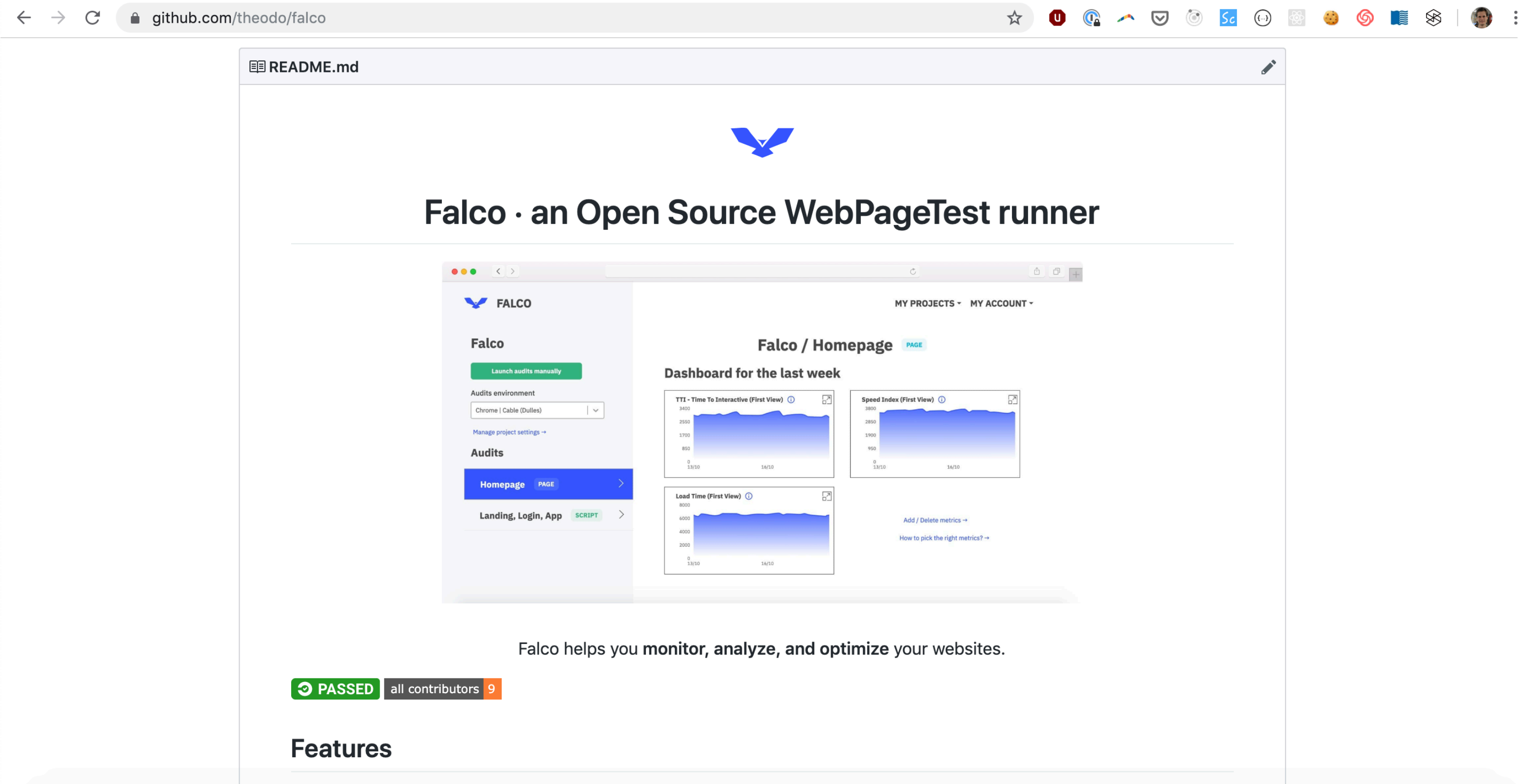
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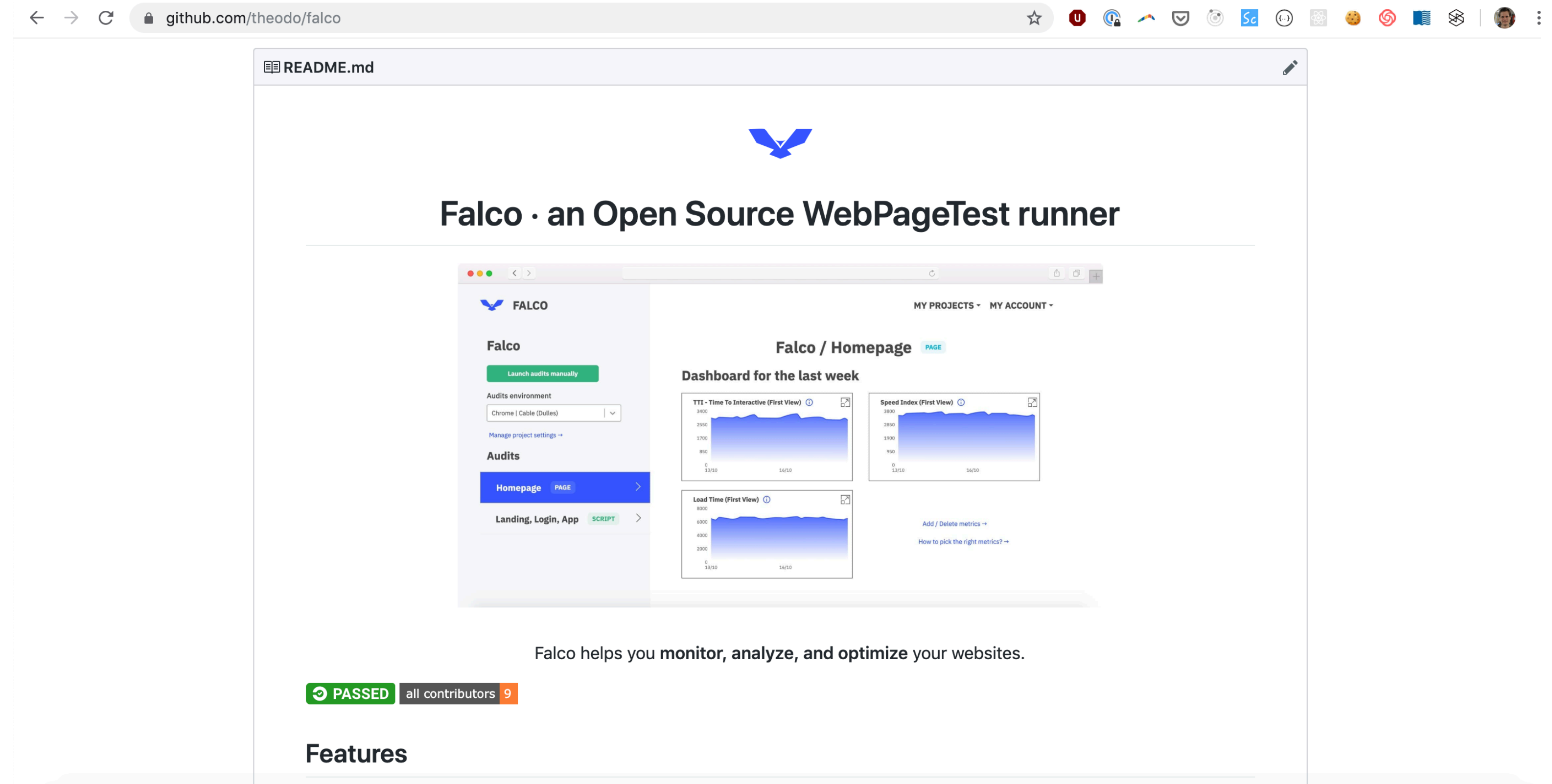
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